



SPECIAL INFORMATIVE

CMMALC

CONFEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

TRAINING SEMINAR IN COSTA RICA

We greet all the sisters, with the grace and peace of our Lord!

With immense joy, with feelings of gratitude, we are sending our Special Newsletter!

Our Seminar, held from 04 to 07 July, 2018 has been very, very special!

They were moments that will remain forever in our memories.

Surely, all of us who were participating, we must have a marked moment, that we will keep it with affection.

And, to share with all of you, this beautiful moment we lived, we prepared an informative full of photos and



descriptions of the main moments!

We invite you to enter this reading, to contemplate the photos and see how happy, special and blessed our seminar! Come on!





THE INITIAL PREPARATIONS

We thank God, because everything that was prepared had His direction and His presence.

Our president, Leila, and her Board, worked and thought about this seminar with the greatest affection.

And, we highlight the hospitality, the welcome - and the care of a good part of the preparations - of our sister President of the Women Federation of

Costa Rica, Rev. Zulay Palomo, who from the beginning offered the place, food and much more, to carry out this Seminar.

The prepared material, the folders, everything very beautiful!

And, thus, together, united in the feeling of doing what is best for our God, the day arrived!

Our Seminar was held at the Methodist Center of Alajuela, in Costa Rica,

from July 4 to July 7, 2018, with the theme "Women proclaim life".

So that it stays in the memory and everyone could receive more of the Word, more teaching, more ideas, more training to be working in their areas, sharing everything with the other women!

THE DAY CAME



And it arrived!

In the days 02 and 03, the sisters from many countries were arriving! We had the presence of 15 countries!

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Colombia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama, Uru-

guay, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Great Britain and the United States, yes, they were with us American sisters giving us moments of "Crafts".

What a joy! Expectation, rehearsals, reunions!

How beautiful to con-

template that euphoria, those feelings, sisters hugging, knowing each other, joining.

Spanish, Portuguese, English, Portuguól! Several languages, in an exquisite hubbub.

But do you know which language has united all

of them?

The most beautiful language that exists: the love of God, of Jesus, of the Holy Spirit! Understanding, speaking and changing experiences, all in the language of God!

OPENING SERVICE, WELCOME AND PROCESSIONAL

Our Seminar began on day 04, with the Opening Service, which was under the care of our hostess.

Reverend Zulay Palomo guided the Service,, where we had praises, reading of the Word, and the hymn "How great is He", beautifully sung by her!

What a voice!

What a bless! All were amazed with this gift so cute!

God bless you, President Zulay!



Preaching!

The message was ministered by Bishop Dr. Luis Fernando Palomo, who spoke of the importance of recognizing the ministry of women in the family, in the community where we are called, to serve. He emphasized that many times the woman does not have enough resources, does not have support and makes many

sacrifices to be present at the work. We are called by excellence of the love of God, to proclaim the word. Produce joy, peace, love dynamics for human beings who need so much!



GREETINGS AND PROCESSIONAL

After the Opening Ceremony, President Leila greeted everyone present and the entrance of the Banners was very exciting!

Each representative of her country, with her flag, with a smile on her face. I have absolute

confidence that they felt honored and happy to be in that place, at that time. Local and moment prepared by God.

It was just starting!





INSPIRING CONFERENCES!

The first two days we had moments of much learning with the Conferences prepared with great care and attention. The speakers, knowing the theme of the Seminar "Women proclaim life", prepared very rich and inspiring material!



Starting with the very interesting Conference with Louise Wilson, President of the Europe, Great Britain and Ireland Area, with the theme: "Managing time to Proclaim Life". We were happily advised with the translation from English to Spanish, by Rev. Andrea Reilly.

And what was marked by her message is that we all get tired. But Jesus has taught us that we can only work well, after resting.

She has also highlighted the importance of recognizing our limits and, mainly, that we must ask the Lord what He wants us to do first, which is the priority. And that is only possible when we have intimacy with God.



On the same day in the afternoon, the Conference with Rev Andréia Reilly was very dynamic. The truth was like a conversation wheel with the theme "What instruments can we have to Proclaim Life today?". Immediately she launched the questions "What women gave us life? What were the women who have protected our lives? And all those present were invited to speak, to witness.

In her word, Rev Andréia spoke of the importance of Sifra and Fúa, the midwives who were used by God as an instrument to preserve the life of Moses. And us? How can we proclaim life where we are?



Sorority is an instrument to proclaim life. The union of women, recognizing that there is no enmity, and we can walk together. All of us can proclaim life!

The Conference of Pastor Edna Valéria Barbosa, together with her daughter Késia Barbosa, on Theology and Astronomy. The theme was "Women proclaim life and the firmament the Glory of God!". How much we learned!

Pastor Edna began giving her testimony of when it was the moment that she felt touched to begin studies and try to understand the creation of God. From a vision, God brought something new to be explored in her pastoral ministry. A new vision of God, where we are called to perceive a creative, intelligent God.

Just as women prepare a trousseau to receive a child, God has prepared a cosmic trousseau. He created heaven and earth.



Pastor Edna emphasised that God is raising people to be in the middle of teams that look at things, but they do not understand that God is the Creator. God created the sun, the stars, everything! And, we were able to observe the sun, with special lenses! So cute!

Rosalind Franklin, Ida Noddack, Lise Meitner. They were some of the women quoted by Késia, in her speech. Maybe you had already heard their names spoken and others that were mentioned, but I did not! Women who made a difference in Science. So Smart, who made important discoveries!



Some were not recognized, and even their investigations were stolen, as Késia told us! We are delighted with your exhibition, Késia!



The modern woman and the multiplicity of activities", was the theme worked in the Conference of our beloved sister Carla Boyce Smith. Among many important things, we emphasize that "the woman must live the Plan of God with purpose", "How much time do we really dedicate to God?", "Prayer is a privilege, it opens the way and helps a relationship with God", "Cry every day", "Our body is to honor God", "Every woman must build her home". Expressions to write down, while Carla spoke to us about "disciplines". Being disciplined is not an easy task. We have to be fine for us to be able to help. She gave us a material with disciplines for several topics, for example, "Ten disciplines for managing your body."

And at the end of her speech, we were all invited to assume a commitment, sharing with a sister, writing on a sheet a discipline to take on in life, something that is desired and sometimes difficult. I wrote, I hope to get it, with the grace of God! Thank you Carla for the guidance and the words!



THURSDAY WE USE BLACK!

Of course! All together wearing black shirt, pins. And, we do not stop presenting our way of protesting! Our struggle continues, anywhere.



Moment in which the Presidents of the Federations that attended receive a copy of the "Voz Misionária", magazine of the Methodist woman of Brazil.

TIME OF CRAFTS

These were the moments of relaxation, learning, change, sharing!

On the two days-after lunch-we had a crafts time! Good ideas! How much creativity! The sisters Debbie Cooper, Denise Ivey, Katherine Romano and Joyce Ray, with great willingness, joy and diverse materials, invited us to use our hands, with creativity, vision, harmony. Colorful ribbons, bows, little shells, wooden cross, joy, disposition, devotional book, colored pencils, biblical bingo! Amazing!

Look at the pictures! Is it not beautiful? We also make a bracelet, with colored beads, each color symbolizing something very important! "Bracelet of Salvation! Do you know what it is about? ... Very inspiring and uplifting!

Each participant carried the works of their hands for their home as a gift and many of the materials! Generous, dedicated sisters, who provided us with unforgettable moments, all recorded in photos so that it is always recorded in the memory!

Thank you very
everything,
ce, Denise and

much for
Debbie, Joy-
Katherine!



PRAYER, DEVOTIONAL AND LOVE!

We highlight some very special moments!

Moment of prayer ... To sit down and calm the heart. Guiding that moment, shining the light of God, our sister and Vice-president, Claudia Lira, called us to reflect on carrying the light of God ... After the first day so full of content that we received, there, sittings, one at side of the other, we could feel the presence of the Creator of the lights ... And, thus, we pray for each other, placing our desires, our requests ... How good it is to be united like this, in prayer ... The light ...



Devotional ... Starting a beautiful morning on Thursday 05, our Latin America Vice President, Jéssica Solar, invited us to reflect on what is the motivation of our life. With a reading in Psalm 78.6-7, she emphasized that when we walk, we relate to each other and God wants us to form a network of women that we learn to walk. God wants us in action, praying, holding.

We are light!



SWEETIE...

Love demonstrations! That moment was in Friday, after the ride. But even the tiredness did not overshadow the affection and love of this moment. Guided by Geny Amorim, in charge of Literature of the CMMALC, all could hear the story that spoke of sharing affection and how it is needed when we do not exchange affection and love with each other. And, at the end of that story, they all received some little pieces of cotton and were invited to exchange their affections ... A moment of hugs and a lot of love!



CULTURAL NIGHT - COSTA RICA

How to describe the Cultural Night presented to us? We can only say that it was a beauty! Cute girls in typical clothes! Joy with the music and videos. Typical foods and in abundance! Beautiful decoration of the table, all full of fruits! Everything was very nice! We were able to know a little about the country that received us with a lot of love!

Just look at the pictures so you have an idea!





TRIP + WALK

On Friday 06 was booked for a walk and to know this beautiful country. Very early, we received a snack to take away! And so, we went!

We all had the opportunity to visit the Arenal Spa, where many of us took a bath in hot springs. That area, well close to the Arenal Volcano, is conducive to these baths, for its hot waters! Those who took advantage, we liked it!

Many of us wanted to see the volcano, but the sky was covered and it was not possible. But all good! Lunch right there in the SPA, it was very tasty to then go to another place and know the craft ... it is unique and very nice! The day passed quickly, but we could see nature, many bridges and buy some little gifts!

It was worth it!



CLOSURE SERVICE AND SURPRISE!



And the last day of the Seminar arrived. It happened very fast!

The Closure Service was led by the President of the CMMALC, Leila and by Latin America Vice-President, Jessica Solar.

And we were delighted with the gifts of the sisters who praised the Lord, so special! Reverend Zulay who was "summoned" to praise again and our Brazilian sister, Leda Leziria, who also touched us with her voice!

The Word was ministered by Rev. Giovana Romero from Uruguay, who had an inspiring and inspiring word!

And, by the end of the Seminar, I was well guarded ... a surprise!



President Leila counted with joy, how this special moment was prepared, to brighten hearts and bring a word of hope for someone!



Balloons! Many colored balloons! And tied in one of them, a message of faith and hope with contact information of our President and in all helium balloons, a cardboard with contact information of Rev Zulay!

The Emerita Presidents present: Jane Eyre, Zulay Palomo and Martha Vizcarra, were invited to participate at this time! Prayer, union they went with them ...



At the first moment ... we hear: ahhhhhhh!!!

The wind carried the balloons for a tree and they were stuck there.

But the super kids of the Methodist Center looked for a ladder and they went to release the balloons!



Yeah! And we saw those colored balloons in the sky, carrying the message ... Who will it be that found them? ,

And, so in a very joyful and inspiring way, our Seminary ended ...

Do any of you miss these moments?

I do, ... I miss them!!

UNIQUE MOMENTS



Within so many moments lived and shared in our memory, with security, there will be those who were part of the experience of each one of those who participated.

A hug, a change of experience, a smile ... That moment of concentration, a talk at lunchtime, a photo, a selfie, a coffee, a walk to the square where she had an ice cream together with others sisters .

The exchanged gifts, the gifts! Leaves, folders, lipstick and magazine of the Missionary Voice, the materials that we won in the time of crafts ... So many!

A dance in the presence of the Lord, in the events hall. Yes, in that interval, where one sister began to dance and others joined together.

The coexistence between sleeping time, the bathroom, the queue in the dining room ...

Are so many!

The memories remain, recorded in photos or not, but marked in the heart of each one ...

May the Lord bless each one!

May we have more times like this, with the help of God!

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