



# Newsletter of CMMALC

Confederation of Methodist Women of Latin America and the Caribbean

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**“Chosen People: Calls to Proclaim (based on Peter 2.9 and 10).**



## March, Woman's Month

We are many, we are Latin, we are Caribbean. We are strong, we are blessed.

We are in this Latin American Continent.

Different cultures, different lands more united in a single love: **God.**

United to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wherever we are, where God sends us, we serve with joy. We are women marked and chosen by God!



## EDITORIAL

We start a new month, a new newsletter to present.

As a Confederation, we appreciate this new time that God has for us, so we can know each other and get closer to each other. It will be five years of new experiences, new purposes, a constant mission. We are called to serve and work with the best leader and leader: the great I AM on our side.

And it is in this month of March, where we have the opportunity to start again, to continue with our calls and ministries. Let us keep in mind that, like us, there are other women who need to be raised, restored, sustained, loved.

We are aware that many institutions, organizations and even our churches will take time to recognize the value and greatness of women for International Women's Day. But on the other hand, what else brings us that date? It is always a moment to remember that there are still poor living conditions, poverty, job insecurity, violence, breaches of legislation on education and sexual and reproductive rights, among others.

These are some of the themes that call us, that should call us to reflection, to act; On March 8, 1908, at the factory, the workers demanded a change ... a ten-hour working day, Sunday rest and equal pay for equal work. The answer, fire at the factory. Result, death of 129 women workers.

We always hear that women are the pillar of the family, in the church, that we are drivers of change, those that transmit essential values of love, sacrifice

and responsibility, that we deserve the most admirable and constant respect. I ask myself and I ask them, how do we see the women we have closer? Is there respect, consideration, admiration, commitment, is there sorority between us? What do we do, how do we act?

I believe that commitment and respect should be everyone's and at all times. That not only must be nourished by words, but also concrete actions that allow a clear understanding of the importance of women in society. We do not believe in the tributes of a day. We build ourselves day by day, through life, emotions and feelings; We are creative, sensitive, critical, able to listen ...

We must make a firm commitment to make visible the contributions of women in all aspects of society, without neglecting to be firm in denouncing the abuses that may be committed.

Finally, I greet all the women who read these lines, receive our most sincere recognition and agape love in their day to day and let this be a beginning so that we can express and suggest initiatives and projects during this quinquennium to work.

"Do not forget to pray. And whenever you pray to God, let the Holy Spirit lead you. Stay alert, and do not give up. In your prayers, always pray for all those who are part of God's people. " Ephesians 6:18



JESSICA SOLAR MUNAYCO  
VICE PRESIDENT OF AREA

**“We are a Chosen People and we are called to Proclaim the Kingdom of our God wherever we go.”**

## CMMALC Board

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## Second Meeting of the CMMALC Board



On February 10, we had a meeting in one of the environments of CEMEC (Methodist Training Center) in Sao Paulo, a meeting of the CMMALC Board, with the objective of putting together ideas and topics for some of our scheduled work in session previous.

At the meeting there was a time of devotion, time to celebrate birthdays and the exchange of many ideas. It was good to be together, to talk, each contributing with their thoughts, their opinions, their ideas, adding value to the goal of our work.

We want to welcome, seek, support each woman, every federation, to be together in the mission.



# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN ACTION

*Sister Leila, receive an affectionate greeting on behalf of the women of the Dominican Republic, especially of our President Altagracia Marmolejos de Cancu. These photos are from the celebration of February 14, Day of Love and Friendship. We had a very nice activity between brothers and sister. Thank you for always receiving news from you.*



These photos are from a **Training Workshop** held on February 18, 2017 with the women of the church. Hugs and blessings.



# Panama

Medical Campaign  
Community Care



# Paraguay

Methodist Women with a smile on the face,  
doing God's work



# MEXICO



## VII NATIONAL MEETING OF WOMEN METHODISTS OF MEXICO

From November 18 to 20, 2016, the VIII National Meeting of Methodist Women was held at the Gran Hotel Ancira in the city of Monterrey, with the theme "WOMEN OF THE XXI CENTURY" under the direction of the National President of Missionary Societies , Araceli Vásquez Alaniz.

The women enjoyed the presence of Bishop Fernando Fuentes and his wife, the National Program President, Eng. Raúl Negrete and wife, the National President of the Christian Development Area, Lic. Tavita Gómez Palomo and her husband.

The attendance was 186 persons.

A few words from Ms. Dora Luz Vazquez Campa: "We give glory to God for what was received from her in this meeting and in which, through her grace, the two Women's Organizations of the Methodist Church of Mexico, the Women's Missionary Society and The White Legion of Christian Service, we were able to work in unity, for the King and Lord of our lives.





## COLOMBIA

The National Ministry of Women, wanting in this new year to continue advancing with the consolidation, formation and search of actions that make us visible, that allow us to continue strengthening in very specific aspects that frame the progress in the quality of life of each of our women.

All our work will be directed to the project **"Methodist Women Builders of Peace"** is aimed at promoting the integral development of women in our communities and parishes in Colombia, based on concrete actions, carrying out strategies and models of support and care.

The activities developed from the axes of action, which are framed within a vision and a broad perspective of peace and justice with the methodology of Seminars-Workshops for the training.

### First District Meeting –Barranquilla – Colombia Workshop: "More Women Like her"



Encounter of Women ICM Litoral, We take as main themes:  
Leadership, Commitment and Spirituality.

Basically they based on the word of God, taking as an example Women who intervened in God's plans for humanity. With the following objectives: To train and motivate our Local Leaders, to achieve integrity in our life and ministry; In addition to fraternizing among sisters of faith.

Encounter of Women District Valle Cali- Colombia



# URUGUAY



The **Federation of Uruguay** was working hard these months.

We recently participated in a Retreat in Colonia Valdese, Centro Emanuel, where we had several workshops, such as "**The language of hands**".

A conversation with a Geriatrician on "The elderly, their cares, encourage them, how to approach the biological, psychological, social, cultural subject "



Another workshop, "**Because you must be yourself**", we have different gifts, Romans 12: 6, how to place it in the service of the Lord, in the best way, where we are happy developing.

We had a time of recreation, where the joy appeared in our faces. We could really feel the presence of the Spirit of God in our midst.



How beautiful it is when the sisters are gathered sharing devotionals, reflections, etc. Another workshop was "**A gift from God**", which included handmade works, based on Psalm 71. It was a wonderful experience, where we reflected, laughed and made some beautiful markers. It was a workshop done with much love.

Recently we had a last meeting of the year of Federation, where we made an evaluation. It was a very profitable year, God

Accompanied us at all times. God bless us! Just thank the Lord for allowing you to share so many blessings daily, together.

"Nothing is impossible for God"  
Greetings from Federation

**Giovanna Romero.**



# BRASIL

## FORTH REGION

### LEADERS 'TRAINING MEETING IN THE DISTRICT VALE DO RIO DOCE, CITY OF GOVERNADOR VALADARES

#### Theme

**"WOMEN! WAKE UP! PROCLAIMATE MY WORD!"**

November 26, 2016

SD- Angela Maria Barcelos Munhen



A training course was held in Governador Valadares to Leaders, organized by the SD-Angela with a very rich program, having as expositor to the President of CMMALC, Leila de Jesus Barbosa and the presence of the President of the Federation of the 4th Region, Maria Olinda Filó Mazini with a very dynamic welcome.

In the afternoon, the workshops given were: "Marking lives" with the President Maria Olinda Filó; "Working our skills" with Sonia Filó and "How to be reached by the eyes of God" with Giovana Rabelo. All women had the opportunity to participate in the three workshops, there was a rotation in them.



### EIGHT REGION



The Federation of Women's Methodist Societies of the 8th Region, through its District Societies, encouraged a planned March throughout the country by the end of November in reference to the World Day of Non-Violence against Women.

On November 27, 2016, in order to express its position on the growing violence against women, the District North and South of Brasília-DF promoted the district event March - "To Violence against women, I say No !, Opportunity that allowed to deliver a document to the Government Secretariat for Policies for Women of the Federal District (DF)

And a letter sent with suggestions of to Non-Violence Sunday School, a Delegate Jun Carvalho on the theme and Family and then the North to wearing the T-shirt



wear black and I say no to and there was also the presence and

de Oliveira Alves de Souza And Afrânio Gonçalves Castro of IMEAN-906 North of the MDs Daniela Carvalho and Renato Silva of Valparaíso-GO, of the President of the Women's Federation - Magali Nicolau deOliveira Araújo and SD Women: Márcia Maria de Oli-veira Lima (DF-North District) and Edilma Silvestre (DF-South District).

to the Governor of the DF, positive actions in relation Against Women. In the talk was made by the Aurea Costa B. de (Women's Commissariat) "Panorama on Domestic Violence against Women" participants went to Eixão participate in the march, campaign "Thursdays, I violence against women," support of Pastors Euler



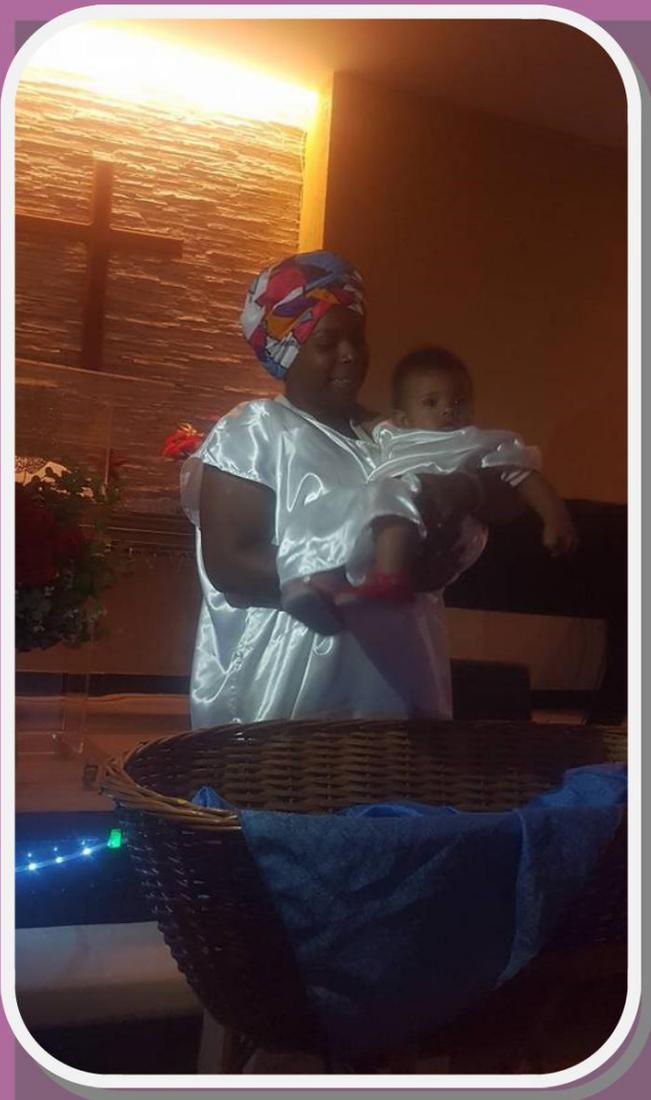
### FIRST REGION

II Seminar of Methodist Women in Action, held at the Methodist Church in Copacabana- Rio de Janeiro



Under the coordination of Heloisa Marinho, the support of Pastor Cristina and Pastor Wagner, the Confederation of Women (Ivana Aguiar García), the Confederation of Methodist Men (Marcus, President), Women's Federation of the First Region (Fatima) Federation of Youth (Christian), Confederation of Methodist Women of Latin America and the Caribbean (Leila de Jesús Barbosa), we met to say *NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN*. Shocking day. Words can not describe what we have seen and heard.

To end the day, of so much anointing of GOD about us, we sang the hymn: "Night of Peace" and as we sang, our sister walked in with her baby. We feel a tremendous emotion for the day and the fact to remember that God had loved us so much that, through a woman, brought Jesus Christ to the world. Now, Come Lord Jesus!



## CUARTA REGIÓN



In some Societies in the 4th region we have the "Little Bee Club" who teach how to craft handicrafts among other courses for women in the community.

These Little Bee Courses began in the Central Methodist Church approximately 40 years ago and continue until today.

We will be restarting our activities on March 06, 2017.

In 2016 we had approximately 80 students enrolled with a weekly frequency between 60 and 70 students. All the teachers are volunteers and a monthly fee of 7.00 reais is charged to cover the snack and transportation of the teachers, among others. Before the beginning of the activities (14:00 hs) you have a devotional in the temple, if you can with with the titular Shepherd. At the end of the activities (16:20 hs) a snack is served.



Courses offered: Painting on canvas by hand, painting on canvas with plaster moldings, painting on canvas and tiles, biscuit, cut and preparation, crochet, knit, cross stitch, macramé, embroidery with ribbons.





## COSTA RICA

The Church in Costa Rica celebrated the Centenary of Methodism in their country, on January 21, 2017. A beautiful program with the assistance of delegations from all over the country.

In the first photo, the Bishop of the Methodist Church of Costa Rica Dr. Luis F. Palomo, his wife **Rev. Zulay Palomo - President of the Methodist Women** and located at the center, the President of the Republic of Costa Rica, Mr. Luis Guillermo Solís.



### The Methodist Women's Confederation of Brazil

They organized from 03 to 05 February 2017, in Serra Negra, SP, a National Meeting of Leaders of the Methodist Women Federations as the theme **Women Marked by God, reaching lives.**

All the Directories of the Federations, District Secretaries, Regional Voice Agents and advisory Pastors, made a total of 157 women who arrived from various places in Brazil.

It was a move of God through the defiant reflections ministered by Pastor Angela Pierangeli to Women's Societies, with themes for women today. Praises, reflections in groups and training in specific areas of each of the participants led by the Confederation table and invited to this event.

I believe that we can be renewed and challenged as God-marked women and reach lives for the Lord; And make to grow the Methodist Women's Societies of Brazil for the honor and glory of the Lord.

A gentle embrace of the good perfume of Christ.



Ivana Aguiar Garcia President



## TEXT IN COMMEMORATION TO THE DAY OF THE WOMAN

### **WE ARE ONLY PETALS, WE ARE ROSES!**

It was the year 1857.  
The city: New York.  
The location: a textile factory ...  
It was March 8th ...



The protagonists of this story: 130 women ... 130 petals ...

Each one with its life history, its struggles, its difficulties. With family, husband, children ... others maybe not. Still others younger, looking for a better life ... Seeking support ... Seeking to realize their dreams ...

Women, or rather petals ... working 16 hours a day, receiving less than a third of a man's salary ...

Dreamy petals, but warriors.

Hands working without rest, weaving threads ... that become beautiful fabrics.

I imagine that one day, one petal spoke to another ... "We worked so hard, we were not valued, we won much less than men, it's not fair ..." And another petal agreed ... And another petal heard And said, "It's not even fair, we're exploited, we can fight." And another, coming in, said, "Let's fight for dignified conditions, for social, political rights." And the petals of rose scattered in that factory joined ... united feelings. Desire to fight, to be valued, to have decent working conditions.

The petals were joined ...

They made roses ... warrior roses.

On that day, March 8, they started a strike inside the factory, fighting for the rights ...

But they were repressed ... The owners closed the doors ... The police were called ... their rights were violated. "They had no right!" ...

In wire of lilac looms ... The roses torn apart ... A fire ...

The roses were burned ...

In tribute to these roses and other moments of struggle, set in history, March 8 was chosen as International Women's Day.

And the lilac color was chosen to symbolize that day ...

And how many other petals are still struggling? Many ...

Time passed ... But the struggle is always continuous ... it does not stop.

At present, we are thousands of petals, suffering many injustices, much violence ... Inequalities, prejudices, physical, psychological, patrimonial, verbal violence ...

We are black, we are white, we are fat, skinny ... We are petals!

But we are still fighting!  
We are petals, together we form roses!

Roses, flowers created by the Lord ... Lovely, beautiful, perfumed ... with the fragrance of Christ.  
Delicate, but with strong roots, affirmed in God.

Petals that unite, that will fight, that manifest.

Our shield is the Lord.  
Petals that dress in black, form roses ... in mourning for violence. Marking our step ... our history.

Every day is International Women's Day!

Day to raise, to work, to fight, to pray, to take care of family, children, life ...  
Day to observe, to say, to speak, to express, to learn, to read the word of God.

Word ... Hope ... Word ... Light to light the way ...

And we know that nothing is easy, it requires sacrifices, strength, faith ...  
But do not forget that:

**ALONE WE ARE ONLY PETALS, UNITED WE ARE ROSES!**

**Congratulations to all in your days, WOMAN!**



**Geny Amorim**  
**Encharge of Literature CMMALC**

(Note: In the investigation, we have found that there are contradictions between the mentioned dates, but the most well-known event is mentioned. What matters is the struggle ...)