



REPORT REPRESENTATIVE WORLD FEDERATION METHODIST AND UNITED CHURCHES TO CEPAL.

"The Lord who does not change and has held my hand until now, will also hold my hand in the future. Today I can assure that so far; He has helped me."

Dear sisters Matilda, Alison and the entire Executive Committee.

Grace and peace from God our Father to each one of you. Wishing that He is blessing his ministries.

I thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity to participate in events and to support groups of women in their daily events and support them. It is increasingly interesting to have this space to learn about everything that happens and share it with them.

I feel blessed by the Lord and fortunate to have this job and that makes me pose challenges to women, since there are interested federations only lack of financial resources for more than we want to avoid without them is difficult to do so.

Through email, newsletter, and topics related to international days and some places I have visited I have shared part of this ministry, and thus contribute to achieving in them participation in the development processes, promoting the formation of networks and communication and information channels that facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences of women from different countries of the world.

In my country I work with women in church and civil society to see how to contribute to these issues. There is a desire to create new spaces and workshops and to work in some way on the Millennium Goals. Women's work is fundamental for the overcoming of poverty in Latin America and the whole world and thus be able to change in the light of the Word the deep gender inequalities in terms of income, social protection and distribution of tasks. I would like to highlight the work carried out by the federations of Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Colombia and Uruguay. The last country mentioned annually holds an excellent meeting of older adults.

I thank God for this ministry. There have been innumerable testimonies and beautiful moments that remain after each participation, especially when I can share with the sisters of these challenges. I can summarize this work in the following way: Glorify God and serve men fulfilling the Great Commandment *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart*

It has been a service to God and al. Because God loved us, we must also love one another. It has been a personal testimony. I always thought that love was an emotion or an impulse. Now I understand that it is a decision. It is to make the decision to act selflessly in any situation. God wants us to love in deeds and indeed in this place I have shared the love of Jesus Christ with others. I have shared true love - the love of God - demonstrated in its totality in the selfless death of Christ on the cross for our selfish rebellion against God.

I share activities in which I have participated:

YEAR 2017

November 12, Santiago, Chile,

Sixth National Assembly for the Rights of the older adults. The meeting was attended by representatives of organizations of older persons, government institutions and CELADE-Population Division of CEPAL. Among its objectives was the analysis of the obligations of the Chile State after the ratification of the Inter-American Convention...

November 21 - 22, Santiago, Chile.

International Seminar Who cares in the city? Urban policies and economic autonomy of women

November 27- 1 December. Santiago, Chile

Eighth Meeting of the Negotiating Committee of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean

December 17, Santiago, Chile

Concausa is an initiative of CEPAL, in partnership with América Solidaria and UNICEF, which unites school youth from the Americas to highlight their vision and their proposals for concrete solutions for compliance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Objectives of Sustainable Development. This is done through a contest to identify innovative projects of young people between 15 and 17 years old committed to their communities.

Year 2018

March 7 Santiago, Chile: Commemoration of International Women's Day coinciding with an unprecedented worldwide movement in favor of women's rights, focusing on the tireless work of the leaders who have been instrumental in achieving these extraordinary movements worldwide.

With this year's theme, "Now is the time: rural and urban women transform the lives of women", events will be held around the world that reflected the intense work of women and their mobilizations for change.

Through marches of solidarity, viral campaigns in social media, cultural initiatives and a great organization, people from all over the world promoted an egalitarian future from the point of view of gender.

March 29: Seminar Second annual report on the progress and regional challenges of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Gender Affairs has an active role in mainstreaming the gender perspective in the area of regional development in Latin America and the Caribbean. It works in close collaboration with the mechanisms for the advancement of women in the region, civil society, the women's and feminist movement and other actors in charge of public policies such as the national statistics institutes.

April 18-20: Santiago, Chile.

Second Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

Before the Meeting of the countries, the parallel event "From Commitments to Implementation: Gender Equality in Sustainable Development" was held. This event addressed progress and challenges for monitoring the gender equality commitments of the 2030 Agenda. Space for constructive dialogue between responsible authorities and authorities of the Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women, responsible for the Offices National Statistics, representatives of United Nations agencies and women's organizations. One of the conclusions and agreements: - Reaffirm the commitment that no one should remain out and recognize that the empowerment of vulnerable people is crucial for sustainable development. - The diverse needs faced by countries in special situations must continue to be addressed.

August, 7 to 9 Lima, Peru.

The Third Meeting of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Among its objectives, to examine the project of the first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development; presenting the national progress of the Governments in the implementation of said Consensus; and consider a proposal for a virtual platform to monitor it.

The situation of migrants, the aging of the population, sexual and reproductive health, indigenous peoples and Afro-descendant populations were some of the central themes of the discussions during the meeting, organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL) and the Government of Peru, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the countries of the region followed up on the

implementation of the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus, the most important intergovernmental agreement signed up to now in the region in terms of population and development.

From May 7 to June 24: Virtual Course:

Violence and Gender. Conceptual perspectives, collective initiatives and contributions to the management, design and evaluation of public policies.

Course description.

What are we talking about when we refer to gender violence? What conceptual contributions do we find in the theory of gender for the construction of this notion? What are the types and modalities of gender violence? What expression do you assume in the different spaces, public and private? What is the situation in our cities and territories in relation to gender violence? What strategies can be done to prevent it? What is the femicide paradigm? What has been your evolution? What are the international, national and local public policies to confront gender violence? What scope and challenges do they entail? What has been the role of the women's and feminist movement as a driver of change? What is the movement NOT ONE LESS?

Gender violence is a scourge from the beginning of the history of humanity to our time. In particular, violence against women is experienced in all spaces, in the public and private spheres, and takes on different forms, from verbal violence to its most extreme form, femicide. Gender violence is based on a conflict built on asymmetry in power relations, based on gender. It must be understood from the social relations that give birth to it. It is a plural and historical social relationship.

Although in recent times there has been progress in the recognition of women's rights, we observe that violations of their human rights continue to be constant. The eradication of all violence and gender violence is an urgent and necessary challenge throughout the world. The course was designed to support its participants in their daily work, through theory, but also practical tools that can be implemented on a daily basis. Recognize, know and review.

September.

Workshops and Works with women in the field. (Studies, talks, workshops on the topics)

1. The values of creation care. Let's take care of our planet. Create the gift that God has given us.
2. Medicinal plants, what they serve and how to grow them. (healthy lifestyle)
3. My body, my mind and my relationship with God. The Bible tells us that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and that we must glorify God with it as well as with our spirit (1 Cor 6: 19-20).

October 22-23

70 years of CEPAL: Planning for development with a vision of the future
Organized by the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social

Planning (ILPES) of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL)

The purpose of this seminar was to offer a space for reflection and debate on global trends of change, understood as generators of long-term transformation, which propose challenges and challenges to the region, especially in the context of the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. It is organized in four half-day plenary sessions, where there will be presentations by CEPAL experts and international guests on the following topics:

- Global change trends
- The new technological revolution and its challenges
- Democratic governance and future challenges
- 2030 Agenda and Prospective: Theory and experiences.

To the Lord all honor and all Glory! A hug with the soft scent of the perfume of Christ.

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