

Mission

To empower young women to discover their potential in Christ and carry out the gospel commission.

Objectives

1. To encourage young women to develop and maintain a close relationship with God.
2. To foster a strong community among Ontario Adventist young women and a connection within Women's Ministries at the local church level.
3. To address some of the significant unique issues facing young women.
4. To train and equip young women to utilize their gifts in outreach for God's kingdom.
5. To reclaim young women who have left the fellowship of the church.



For I know the **plans** I have for you, *declares* the *Lord*, plans to **prosper** you and **not** to **harm** you, plans to give you *hope* and a *future*.

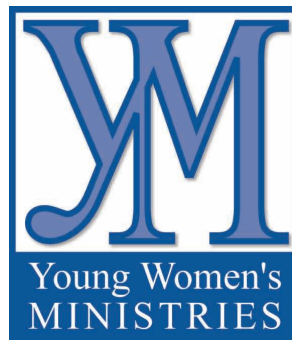
Jeremiah 29:11

Charm is deceptive, and *beauty is fleeting*; but a **woman** who fears the **Lord** is to be **praised**.

Proverbs 31:30

If *anyone* is in *Christ*, they are a **new creation**; old things have passed away; Behold **all** things have *become new*.

2 Corinthians 5:17



Women's Ministries Department
Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

young women's ministries



Beginning Young Women's Ministries (YWM) In Your Church

The needs of young women of this generation beckon the local church to develop ministries that will involve and empower. Older women appreciate the vitality and creativity of young women, while young women need the life experience and mentorship of their elders.

Developmental Steps

Preamble: Experience has demonstrated that organizing YWM is most effective when it is developed under the auspices of women's ministries.

1. Pray earnestly for God's guidance.
2. Share your vision with the local pastor(s) and women's ministry team; ask this group to pray for the process of the establishment of YWM and clarify the flow of accountability.
3. Request in writing that the pastor seek conceptual approval from the church board for the development of a YWM.
4. Form a YWM committee composed of: young women with diversity in age and ethnicity, the women's ministries coordinator and one mentor (such as a female elder or person of influence who is also a spiritual leader).
 - a) Appoint a leader, a prayer coordinator, a communication coordinator (takes minutes, creates advertising, etc), and a treasurer.
5. Conduct an interest survey among young women in your church to help assess how the unmet needs of the young women in your church may inform the mission and objectives of the organization.
6. Keep the pastoral team informed of survey results and committee progress and establish liaisons with the prayer and youth leaders.
7. Build committee consensus on the formulation of a mission statement choosing two or three strong verbs to identify your main goals (such as train, mentor, empower) and two to five objectives.
8. Develop a ministry focus that predominates in the planning cycle of the organization.
9. Establish ministries to address the selected objectives. (ie. one biweekly bible study group or support group and a monthly outreach activity such as a puppet ministry for kids in hospitals.)

2009 Events

February 15 - Women's Ministries Leadership Training
Canada Christian College, Toronto

March 7 - International Women's Day of Prayer

March 28 - Young Men/Young Women's Conference
Canada Christian College, Toronto

April 4 - Eastern Ontario Women's Conference
Ottawa Seventh-day Adventist Church

May 1-3 - Young Women's Retreat
Camp Frenda

June 6 - Ontario Women's Conference, *Toronto*

June 7 - Spa Outreach
Women's Shelters through Ontario

June 13 - Women's Ministries Emphasis Day

Sep 25-27 - NAD Women's Convention
Dallas, Texas

Visit www.AdventistOntario.org
or contact your local church's
Women's Ministries Leader
for more events to come!



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It is our dream to see Young Women's Ministries chapters developed throughout the conference at the local church level. For further information on how to start one at your church please contact Donna Jackson.

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