

Calendar 2019

- 5 February
Women in
Ministry Advisory
Committee
- 7-10 February
Mission to the
Cities Conference
- 10-13 February
Church Planting
Conference
- **2 March**
Women's
International Day
of Prayer
- 6 March
Biblical Research
Committee
- 7-14 April
New Caledonia
Youth Week of
Prayer
- 17-21 April
Tonga, TPUM
Women's Congress
- **6 June**
Women's
Ministries
Emphasis Day
- 24/6-27/9
Long Service Leave
- **24 August**
EndItNow
Emphasis Day

My First 90 Days

by Danijela Schubert

Can you believe it? I have been working in my new role for over 90 days. What a journey it has been!! True to the name of this publication, I have gone places. Melbourne, Honiara, Narrabri, Christchurch, Honiara, Auckland, Cooranbong. I've already told you about most of the places I visited and why, so let me briefly tell you about the last one.

Avondale College is in Cooranbong and the event I attended was important. I presented a report on the Development of Women in Leadership and Ministry to the South Pacific Division Executive Committee, the highest governing body for our Division, who met for the annual meetings. Delegates from all parts of our Division attend that event in person.

Just like seed that falls on the good soil in Matthew 13:8, that report also fell on good soil and produced an amazing result. A seven-minute report was overshadowed by almost an hour of discussion afterwards (which for such event is a LONG time), changes and additions to the motion culminated by a unanimous vote expressed by standing (which is also unusual). That vote has already shared with leadership at General

Conference, and has a potential to drastically change the future of our church. Read more about that on the Adventist Record website <https://record.adventistchurch.com/2018/11/16/spd-remains-committed-to-womens-ordination/>

May the floodgates be opened fully for women to equally join forces with men to change the world and make it a better place where Jesus reigns.

Thank you for your support of women!

¹ I recommend reading Michael D. Watkins, *The First 90 Days*, Boston: Harvard Business Review Press, 2013, if you are starting a new position.



DECEMBER IS HERE

Look at the year behind

What have you learned, achieved

Congratulate yourself

Thank God and friends

Pray

Look at the coming year

Take time to listen to God

to give you vision

for the new year ahead



Last Weekend Was A Thriller

by Nasoni Lutunaliwa

This is a letter from Nasoni Lutunaliwa, Discipleship Team Coordinator - Children, Women and Family Life Ministry to Mrs Miliakere Macdonald, Director Children & Women's Ministries for Fiji Mission:

"Bula Mrs Mac, I just want to say thank you for your consistent effort in empowering our women at Fiji Mission. My recent experience with you last weekend was a thriller. It was wonderful to have about 100 women go through the Women's Leadership Training certificate level 1(GC). The content of the training does align well with our emphasis on discipleship (TMI) and women involvement in our church and community. I am excited seeing our ladies engage themselves more in their gifts as we release them for a great Pentecostal harvest in 2019.

Do know that we are praying for the team and all our women who have been toiling for the gospel movement in Fiji and abroad.

Regards and blessings"



Dorolyn's Story

by Glenn Townend

Pastor Dorolyn Laloyer retired 2 years ago as the first commissioned pastor in the Vanuatu Mission. However, since retiring, Dorolyn has been very active in ministry. Straight after retirement she began the first French-speaking church in Port Vila, the capital city. Dorolyn learnt French as an adult through her husband's family. French is one of the official languages of Vanuatu along with Bislama and English. They started with a handful of people. Two years later they have 33 baptised members, 50 adults attending and more than 50 children at the weekly Sab-

bath services. All the weekly Bible studies, prayer meetings or Sabbath programs are conducted in French.

In July this year they conducted a public evangelistic program in French as part of the TPUM Pentecost harvest.



Pastor Laloyer is not just growing a church but also other women in ministry. She is mentoring 4 other ladies in ministry in the Vanuatu Mission – the most senior being Loloth Worwor, who is the Women's and Children's Ministry Director. The 2 that work around Port Vila were actively involved in the weekend programs. If God calls ladies into such ministry Dorolyn is very supportive of them.

**The South Pacific Division needs more women in leadership,
pastoral ministry and church employment.**

Glenn Townend

Calling Women

by Danijela Schubert

Is God calling you to serve in senior church administration? Perhaps you think this kind of work is reserved ordained pastors. Let me share with you some facts.

By policy the president of a conference, mission, union, division and General Conference needs to be an ordained pastor? In the South Pacific Division that means 40 employees are required to be ordained men.

There are 63 positions where that requirement does not exist. Therefore, we could have 63 women in

senior administrative positions in the church: all the secretaries, treasurers, associate secretaries and associate CFOs could be women.

Do you know how many women are currently in those positions?

Nine (9).

We could employ 54 women in senior administrative and leadership positions across our division.

We are looking for capable women who are willing to serve the church in such capacities. We are looking

for women to serve on boards of the church companies. We are looking for treasurers, secretaries and their associates.

Are you one such woman?

Are you preparing yourself by education and experience to serve in such capacity?

Is God telling you he needs you to lead the church in such places?

How will you answer God's call?

UNION	AUC	NZPUC	TPUM	PNGUM	SPD	TOTAL
Number of Division, Union, Conference/Mission senior positions (President, Secretary, CFO and associates)	29	14	21	35	4	103
By policy required number of males in these positions	10	7	11	11	1	40
Number of females in these positions	4	2	1	2	0	9
Percentage of females in positions that do not require ordination	21%	28%	10%	8%	0%	14%
Number of positions available to females not requiring ordination	19	7	10	24	3	63

Crack The Coconut

by Danijela Schubert

I have lived in Papua New Guinea, Pakistan and Philippines. All three countries have coconut trees.

While in Papua New Guinea I learned how to empty the coconut water from the husked coconut. We enjoyed drinking fresh chilled coconut water. So healthy and refreshing!

I left the country without learning how to crack open the coconut to eat the white flesh inside.

That has now changed! Hurrah!

On my last trip to the Solomons I was able to crack my

first coconum open, following the verbal and visual instruction from Beverly Maega.

Thanks Bev!



My first cracked coconut

Here are a few lessons from that experience:

1. You are never too old to learn new things.

2. You learn best when you observe other people and do it yourself.

Your turn:

1. Try something you haven't tried before in sharing the gospel with others.

2. Take someone young with you when you are sharing the gospel with others, let them learn by observing how you do it, and then let them do it while you support them.

RESOURCES



GLOBAL MISSION

"If only I knew how to connect with her!" You may be thinking like that when you see another woman who is obviously from different culture than yours.

Global Mission Centres hosts a website that help Adventists to know how to build bridges of understanding and friendship with people from major world religions and philosophies. These Centres help understand the beliefs and cultures of other world religions and equip Adventists to interact with them in social and business settings. To access all the materials, you will need to log in first. www.globalmissioncenters.org. [Link](#)

CONNECTING AND GROWING ADVENTIST WOMEN LEADERS

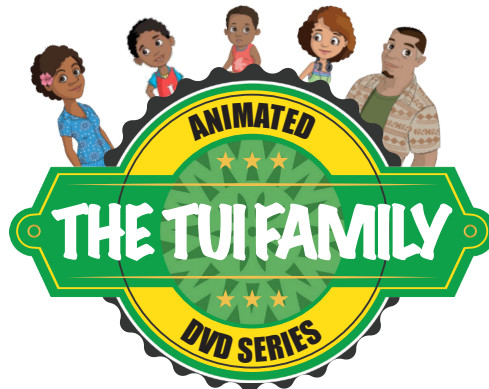
This year North American Division has started publishing fortnightly newsletter for connecting and growing Adventist women leaders. On the following website you will find the first edition. https://www.grnewsletters.com/archive/awl_newsletter/Welcome-to-the-Circle-527343304.html.

At the bottom of that website click Next to find other editions. I would especially encourage you to read about Dr Catherine Nyameino a woman leader in Kenya and her work for God. (https://www.grnewsletters.com/archive/awl_newsletter/Impossible-Not-With-Faith-542957504.html)

If you find that useful, subscribe to receive this publication.

God bless you as you find ways of using your capabilities to be an ambassador for Jesus.

Thank you for your great work during this past year.



Children's Ministry, part of the Discipleship Ministries Team is developing a brand new animated series that explore the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Every belief will have its own set of family-focused, interactive, worship resources.

The Tui family, a Pacific Island family living in northern Australia, the main protagonists of this animation series, assists parents to have a spiritual conversation with their children one belief at a time.

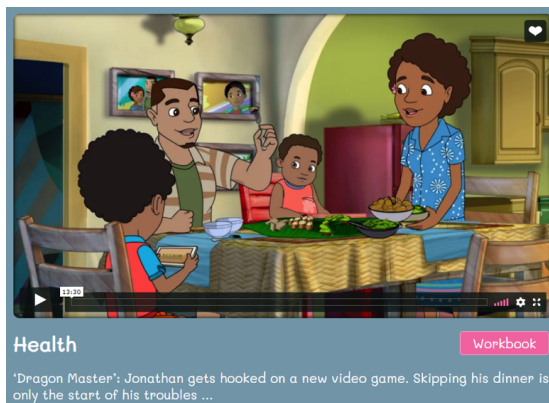
The first episode has been released!!

You can see it on the following website thetuis.tv. [Link](#)

From the website you can also download the workbook. This workbook contains various fun activities for children that explore the theme of the episode. It also has tips for parents to tackle the topic with their children. It is on purpose in black and white so that children can colour it in.

The first episode covers the topic of health.

Mark the website for the new releases!



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We are here to help women reach their potential!

