

101 Ideas for Women's Ministries

Success in the church will come only when there are more ministries than programs. People don't need more programs. They need ministries that will meet their needs where they are.

1. Check the Women's Ministries website <http://wm.gc.adventist.org> for ideas
2. Buy a current Women's Ministries devotional book
3. Plan a "Working Mothers" seminar to help women who juggle home and career
4. Be sure your church has a Women's Ministries leader
5. Encourage diversity on your Women's Ministries committee—age, race, education, affluence, and marital—single/divorced
6. Establish a mentoring program in your church
7. Write a devotional for the Women's Ministries devotional book
8. Teach women how to have personal Bible study/devotions and to give a Bible study
9. Know what skills the women in your church have to share
10. Start or empower someone to start a grief support group
11. Have a ministry for women in your community who have lost a baby—stillborn or by miscarriage
12. Take time to listen when someone is hurting
13. Begin a literacy or second language program in your community
14. Begin a women's Bible study group
15. Mentor someone personally
16. Attend a woman's retreat
17. Help with a woman's retreat
18. Be sure the Women's Emphasis Day is on the church calendar
19. Teach women to do breast self-examinations
20. Be sure all women in your church know their value in Jesus Christ
21. Know what the Church statements are in regards to women
22. Be sure the Women's International Day of Prayer is on your church calendar
23. Invite a neighbor to a Women's Ministries event
24. Make certain your pastor understands Women's Ministries
25. Start a car mechanics class for women
26. Disciple a new believer
27. Have a prayer chain—help women know how to pray when they get a request
28. Have an intentional reclaiming program in your church such as Heart Call
29. Have an intentional program for young girls regarding sexual purity such as True Love Waits
30. Ask your Conference to include women on the platform for all meetings at camp meeting
31. Be sure your church Women's Ministries leader is involved on the church board

32. Ask that the Conference and Union Women's Ministries directors are active on Conference and Union committees
33. Urge your Conference/Union to fund Women's Ministries as other departments
34. Help your church's Women's Ministries to have a realistic budget and stick to it
35. Teach a Leadership Certification seminar
36. Help fund a mission project
37. Help your Women's Ministries serve in a mission outreach
38. Receive and read the Women's Ministries newsletter available to you
39. Attend at least one yearly leadership training seminar
40. Read at least one leadership book a year
41. Support the Women's Ministries director over you
42. Tell a young woman about the scholarship program
43. Know your spiritual gifts and help other women know theirs too
44. Evaluate each program. Don't get discouraged—learn from them
45. When your church elects officers and delegates, be sure women are included
46. When your Conference/Union or Division elects leaders, suggest women to be included
47. Make sure all women have opportunities to use their ministry gifts
48. Give opportunities for women to learn to speak in public
49. Help establish a women's prayer group in your church or neighborhood
50. Help women to know the value of exercise and how to do it
51. Work closely with your pastor. Support him with your ministries
52. Fill out a data base form for the GC and invite other women in leadership to do so also
53. Educate your church board regarding all forms of abuse
54. Donate money to Women's Ministries projects
55. Share the Women's Ministries newsletters with your pastor, both those from your Division and *Mosaic*, from the GC
56. Offer *12 Things You'll Want to Know about Women's Ministries* to your pastor and church board
57. Learn/teach parliamentary procedure
58. Give women opportunities to learn sound nutrition
59. Have a gynecologist talk to women about reproduction health
60. Help see that the women in your church have the opportunity to complete the Leadership Certification seminars
61. Have a retreat for teen-age girls
62. Have a stress reduction seminar/program
63. Have a gynecologist talk to women about menopause
64. Establish a *Prayer and Loves Saves* seminar series in your church
65. Start a women's section in your church library
66. Plan and carry out a public evangelistic program
67. Prepare "Welcome Home Baby" gift baskets for new mothers in your community
68. Put the Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day on the church calendar
69. Organize a girls' night out
70. Sponsor something special for the singles in your church
71. Pray for your pastor's spouse
72. Send a report to your Conference and/or Union papers about what Women's Ministries in your church is doing

73. Acknowledge the unique accomplishments of young people in your church
74. Write a note of encouragement to someone
75. Spend time with a sick or shut-in member
76. Organize helping teams to assist elderly or shut-in members with difficult tasks like raking leaves or shoveling snow
77. Report to your Women's Ministries Conference and/or Union leader what your church Women's Ministries is accomplishing
78. Begin a women's prayer group to pray for your church leadership
79. Read stories in the Bible of how Jesus appreciated women
80. Sponsor a project to raise money to donate to the GC Women's Ministries Scholarship Fund
81. Support the Women's Ministries activities in your church
82. Have a perpetual prayer box at your church that Women's Ministries members pray over
83. Have an afternoon prayerwalk in the community with your Women's Ministries team
84. Have a self-defense class at your church and invite the community women
85. Host a fellowship meal and brainstorming session and invite all women in your church
86. Make quiet-time play sets for young children to use during the church service
87. Read a book about a unique woman who has made special contributions to women in society, in the Christian world, or in the Adventist Church
88. Teach or request a seminar on financial management for women
89. Attend a Women's Ministries seminar at camp meeting
90. Have abuse pamphlets available to your church members
91. Help your local women's shelter
92. Adopt a "sister church" in another division
93. Thank your Conference/Union president for funding and supporting the Women's Ministries director in your Conference
94. Get acquainted with a young girl in your church and tell her that she is special
95. Learn about the history of Women's Ministries and share this with someone else
96. Suggest that your church have a class on organization and time management and attend it yourself
97. Volunteer to give a Bible study
98. Offer to help your pastor with visitation
99. Help the women in your church understand that Women's Ministries is not about more programs, but is about every woman being involved in some type of ministry
100. Pray for Women's Ministries and its leaders around the world
101. Share additional ideas with us at womensministries@gc.adventist.org and we will add to this list