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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LEADERS MEET AT WORLD ADVISORY



The children's leaders participated with great passion and enthusiasm, contributing ideas and suggestions for the strategic plans of Children's Ministries for the next five years. A total of 24 actions were taken with emphasis on resources and programs that support the General Conference world initiative, *Tell the World*.

Children's Ministries directors from the thirteen world divisions together with two associate directors met at the recent Children's Ministries World Advisory, March 13-17, 2006 held at Comfort Suites, Laurel, Maryland. Such advisories are held once a quinquennium when leaders convene to lay plans for the direction of the work of the department for the next five years.

Of the thirteen division CHM directors, seven were newly elected into office. And for the first time two divisions elected associate directors to assist with the children's work. InterAmerican Division elected Dinorah Rivera and South Pacific Division chose Litiana Qiosese, both of whom have had lots of experience working with children.

GraceLink training was provided for the newly elected Children's Ministries directors to acquaint them with the new children's Sabbath School curriculum. Excellent seminars were conducted by Noelene Johnsson (NAD), Julie Weslake (SPD), Anne-May Wollan (TED), and Pat Habada and Kathy Beagles (Sabbath School Dept.). They highlighted the importance of understanding God's grace, the four dynamics of GraceLink, total hour learning, active learning, faith development of children, and understanding the learning styles of children.

Emerging from this advisory were two departmental initiatives that the leaders are committed to implement this quinquennium. The first initiative is Kids in Discipleship (KID). Plans are being developed to bring teams from each division field to KID University, Collegedale, Tennessee for training so that they can in turn set up KID centers back in their territory. In addition, other resources will be produced to help children become true disciples of Jesus.

The second initiative for the department is Involving children in missions. Plans were made to produce to inspire children to be actively involved in missions at home and abroad. Recommendations were made to the Adventist Mission Office to produce mission story cards, posters, and other learning centers ideas to help children become active members of the church's mission outreach.

All directors left the advisory with a vision and commitment to help children *Tell the World* about the love of Jesus and His soon return. In addition, the leaders also left with loads of resources for their ministry. A big thank you to Pacific Press Publishing Association, Review & Herald Publishing Association, and GC Sabbath School Curriculum Department for their generosity in giving many books and resources to the division directors.



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