Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche

Ich bete für meine Kirche 2014

20–26 July **Women's Department (Frauenwerk)**

May the Lord lead your hearts to express God's love and Christ's endurance.
(2 Thessalonians 3,5 CEB)

Spiritual Update

I was very nervous when I got my first internet connection and wrote and sent my first email. Each minute cost money, and I carefully went online and offline as needed. Nowadays, an online connection with a flat rate is normal, and the computer is constantly online. Therefore, reminders saying: "An update is available!" are regularly popping up as a protection from bad viruses.

That's a reminder I can also use in my relationship with God. I was overjoyed several years ago, when I consciously said "Yes" to God. I spent time and efforts to learn more about him. I consciously enjoyed and valued his words and signs of care for me as very special moments of happiness. But as time went by, the excitements subsided. A more unexcited, evenly contentment took their place. My relationship with God became more relaxed and habitual. That seems quite normal, and many members of our congregations feel that way. – Are we still aware of God's love? Do we live consciously under his guidance and experience positive changes? I need a spiritual "update" now and then, a new orientation and confirmation of my relation with God:

- Stop the operating program = stop the daily humdrum, turn all attention to him and be still.
- Shut down = put disturbing things aside and pray.
- Clean the hard disc = find out, where I did wrong and ask his forgiveness.

That makes me feel free and fills me with joy!

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I give thanks

- For the valuable encounters and impulses for the services for women at the Annual Confences.
- For workshops, services, women's meetings and all the other possibilities for new orientation and mutual encouragement.

My prayer ist

- For the upcoming camps of women for women in Plön, and the wellness days at Teuchelwald in Freudenstadt.
- For Gods creative influence in all activities of EmK to let them become a source of power.
- For careful and patient cooperation in our congregations that God's love can be felt.
- For God's blessing on those responsible that they can do their work with wisdom, perspective and patience.

The Frauenwerk /Women's Mission/ encourages women to structure their lives by relying on God's abundant grace.

Means to reach that goal are the encouragement of personal faith and spiritual living in our congregations and our church. Women are led to see themselves as God's beloved individuals who can create positive relationships with others.

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