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Ich bete für meine Kirche 2014

19 to 25 October **Mission for Women (Frauenwerk)**

So be careful to live your life wisely not foolishly. Take advantage of every opportunity.
(Ephesians 5, 15-16a CEB)

Stopped on Track

Mrs. W. was admitted to our hospice, where I work as nurse and specialist for terminally ill patients. She was a 54 years old industrial engineer, who one night had suddenly had severe abdominal pain. Two weeks later she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and after four more weeks, she died in our hospice. Abruptly uprooted out of her routine, her marriage (her husband had been in retirement for one month, and she had also planned to slow down in her job), her professional responsibilities with friendly colleagues, her friends and many private projects she found herself suddenly and completely unprepared on her deathbed. Stopped on track. Her life was over. Her head and heart could not cope with the speed in which the aggressive cancer developed. Severe pains and difficulty in breathing had to be treated. In addition, she had to cope with the visits of her desperate partner and shocked friends. She was completely overwhelmed. But she accepted her way. She did not fight against her fate but accepted it, on some days better than on others. “I have learned more in these few weeks in the hospice than in all my life”, she said in one of our conversations. Her most important realization was “to make careful use of our lifetime, not to postpone anything, and to enjoy every moment”. And I had to promise in her hand to practice that in my life with my husband, and to live every day with utmost intensity.

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I give thanks

- For all women who are active in our church in many ways and offer time and abilities for God with ideas and creativity.
- For all partners who support their companions in this service with understanding.
- For all families who can combine participation in the congregation with their family lives.

My prayer ist

- For all young women who feel called into the clerical service, and who arrange their lives accordingly.
- For all our full-time pastors to have sufficient time for their families besides their vocational and professional duties.
- For all who need God’s special assistance, because they have to cope with difficult decisions or blows of fate.

The Frauenwerk / Mission for Women wants to encourage women to form their lives out of God’s fullness.

This goal is aimed at by promoting personal faith and spiritual living in congregations and church, and by helping women to understand themselves as God’s beloved persons, and by developing positive human relationships.

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