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Women on the move:



Her story

Name:	Mercedes Garcia-Bachmann (Rev., Dr.)
Country of origin:	Argentina
Date of Birth:	March 14, 1963
Church:	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and Uruguay
Period of Mandate:	Member of the LWF Council 1990-1997: youth delegate

Short biography: From her time as member of the LWF Commission on Studies (1985-1990) to her current involvement in the Hermeneutics study and Windhoek assembly Bible studies group, she has a vast experience in LWF activities and governing bodies. For instance, the Rev. García Bachmann preached at the closing service of the Curitiba assembly and was part of the study group “The Authority of the Bible in the Life of the Churches” (2004-2006). She participated at the LWF assembly in Curitiba (1990) as a youth delegate and was elected as one among seven youth delegates (1997) to the Council, taking part of the Hong Kong assembly (1997). While she was on sabbatical in Germany, she participated at the Stuttgart assembly (2010) as volunteer, helping with translations. She was the second female to be ordained pastor of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and Uruguay and served in several different congregations before doing graduate studies. She taught Bible at the ecumenical theological school, Isedet, 1999-2016. She has recently been appointed Director for the *Instituto para la Pastoral Contextual*, the organization of her church responsible for lay leadership training.

Mercedes García Bachmann feels the privilege of having studied and of so many experiences must be put to the service of the church at home first, then in the region and more globally if possible. Currently, she is the only Lutheran female professor with a doctoral degree in Old Testament teaching at a theological institution in the region. She tries to bring feminist biblical input into the region’s Lutheran debates and struggles, especially into the women’s network.