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Women on the move: Her Story

Name: Sonia Skupch

Country of origin: Argentina

Date of Birth: 23rd January 1976

Church: Evangelical Church of Río de la Plata

Period of Mandate: 2003 – 2010 Council member

Short biography: Rev. Sonia Skupch is an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Church of Río de la Plata, a united Lutheran-Reformed Church in the Rio de la Plata region, Southamerica. The church serves in three countries: Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. She studied theology at the Instituto Superior Evangélico de Estudios Teológicos (ISEDET) in Buenos Aires. During those years at ISEDET, she took part of an exchange program with the Faculty of Theology at the University of Leipzig, Germany. After graduating from ISEDET, Rev. Sonia Skupch served as vicar in a circuit of five rural parishes in the Argentine Patagonia. She was ordained there and at the same time it was her first pastorate. Once she finished with her first appointment, she was called to serve as a pastor in the city of Paraná in the province of Entre Ríos. Since 2011 up to the present day, Rev. Sonia Skupch is serving as the General Secretary of the Evangelical Church of Río de la Plata and as an Ecumenical Officer at the Headquarters of the Church in Buenos Aires. In 2003 Rev. Sonia Skupch was elected as a Council Member of the Lutheran World Federation during the Tenth Assembley in Winnipeg, Canada. During her mandate, which finished in 2010 in the Eleventh Assembly in Stuttgart, she served as a member of the Committee of Theology and Studies. Her commitment with the Lutheran Communion continues to the present day as a member of the International Worship Planning Committee which prepare the 2017 LWF Assembly and the Anglican-Lutheran International Coordinating Committee. She is forty years old, married to Rev. Carlos Amarillo and has two children.

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