



WOMEN IN
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From the LWF Institutional Memory

Women on the Move – Her Story



Country of origin: Brazil
Date of birth: 15 March 1938
Church: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brazil
Period of mandate: Executive Committee/Council member 1990 - 1997

Short biography: *From Women: a publication of the LWF WICAS, June 1990, No 34:* I was the first child of a truck driver and a housewife. My father's prolonged absences meant that my mother had to assume the command of the family. When I was 17 years old, I began to work with my father in a little transport company. Later my husband came to work with us. The love for my church began very early. Until I was 7 years we lived near the church. I remember that I was very unhappy that I was not able to read and sing the hymns. My confirmation day was very important in my life. Until today, I sing in the choir, and participate in the youth group, in the women's group and in the church council. I was elected president of the national women's group (OASE) and I am a member of the Council of the IECLB. Since we must be the salt of the earth, I have become involved politically. I was elected to the City council for 6 years (1982-1986) and now help as volunteer in women's and social organizations of my town. I think that it is very important to help women and people to be free and independent and to help them to develop their full potential. I have been married for 30 years and have 2 daughters. I am happy for and afraid of having been elected to the Council of the LWF, but as a Lutheran I believe that because God is with me I can do all things. The faith in Jesus Christ helps me to overcome my weakness.