



Some stories of things learned by attendees at the Commission on the Status of Women 2018



Mydea is on the far right with others who were with the Baptist Women's Contingent to the Commission. This was taken after chapel service one day.

Mydea Simmons is the president of Baptist Women's Union of Western Africa. 2018 was her first time attending the Commission on the Status of Women. She was very grateful for the experience.

Here are some of the things she appreciated and learned:

- Israeli women in politics were a challenge. Such support for each other
- Enjoyed the chapel services put on each morning by Ecumenical Women
- FGM story moved me to tears to encourage me to step outside of my box

- Awareness and sensitization of issues women with disabilities have that cause isolation, marginalization and lack of basic services especially for rural women
- Speaking out, standing up, supporting each other. Stop encouraging other women to accept abuse
- Strategies... outsmart rather than fight. God has given women a special ability to do this with men. Strong, confident men lift up women.
- Kenya women sharing about the amount of legislation passed ... with the help of their men
- "The power of one." Each one plus God! Go and make a difference. If you see a need, do something!



Gertrude and Charles Chiweshe attended the event

Charles and Gertrude pastor a church in Zimbabwe. So great to have men involved in this event as well as many times, the answer to women's issues lies in the hands of the men as much as women.

Gertrude was thankful to be able to attend this event for the second time. One of the many things that struck her this time was the example that many women showed of supporting each other and building each other up as they worked together, rather than having competition and jealousy.