

VictorianWomens Retreat, April 1 – 3, 2011

Sixty women from Victoria, N.S.W., South Australia, W.A. and Qld, as well as one from N.Z. gathered together for fun and fellowship, for inspiration and refreshing, for laughter and sharing at the bi-annual Women's' Retreat, held for the 8<sup>th</sup> time at the beautifully picturesque surrounds of Adanac Christian Camp in Yarra Junction, just north east of Melbourne.

This year's theme was "Safe in the Arms of God", with the key scripture from Matthew 11.28-30 (Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest"). Our Presenters were Jenny Klein-Boonschate, who spoke on "Coffee with God", Daphne Sydney, who gave three presentations on our Theme, (S.A.F.E.; Loving Jesus to Living Jesus – Using your Gifts; and Moving Forward – with Love, Courage and Hope) and Helen Callaghan, who led us in Communion.

Each session began with Worship (accompanied by the band). Saturday night is traditionally a fun social occasion and this year we enjoyed learning some fancy bootscooting steps, by one of attendees who is a teacher, and one of the ladies attending gave free foot massages during the evening!

Once again, we all enjoyed this special time to praise and worship together, to listen, reflect, pray with and share our lives and be renewed in our walk together.

Past Retreats and themes held at Adanac have been: 2002, "Women of Influence" (68 attending); 2003, "Building Bridges", (84); 2004 "Growing in God's Love" (90); 2005 " A Life Unleashed – Step Out and Find Out " (84); 2006 "God's Love in Action" (63); 2007 "Beautiful in God's Sight" (58); 2008 "Peace in Trusting" (58).