



WOMEN IN
CHURCH AND
SOCIETY

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Women on the move- Her Story:

Dr RAMIARAMANANA RALIVAO Marthe was the first female Medical Doctor. She was educated woman and fervent Lutheran. She loved to serve her own country and the church. She promoted the charity work service to empower her Malagasy fellows. She was women's Association. She was a president of North Synod and vice president at Women National Board committee. Promoting idea of good work to help people was her passion.

In August 1957, The Malagasy Lutheran church had four people to attend Lutheran World Federation's Gathering; Dr. RALIVAO Marthe was one of them. This meeting held in Minneapolis

*LWF's meeting
in Minneapolis*



When she came back, she did report to the Malagasy Lutheran Church General Assembly in Manakara 1958. She wrote a request letter to the General Assembly that women should have one Department to unite women's Association. She worked hard with her colleagues to make her dream to be true. Razanalisoa Christine help out for paperwork for National status for the women's Department

In 1964, they named the women's Departement Antanimieran' ny Fikambanam-Behivavy Loterana (AFBL). The Malagasy Lutheran church encouraged each synod to have women representatives to join AFBL. In 1969, she elected to be a president of AFBL.



AFBL: (Women Department) supported the Lutheran Theological Seminary 60.000 Fmg /year.

After having the first triennial women's gathering (1974), she decided to give up her position as president because she was too busy for health reason. Also LWF asked her to a board member and work with church department

Dr Ralivao Marthe's vision:

- Preaching and making Christ known as savior.
- Making women to be a Jesus's disciples
- To unite women's heart to have one vision.
- .To create network between Christian women not only Lutheran women.
- Preparing female student to study theology

They are four but and Dr RAZIVELO Mariette was preparing as future of women General secretary.



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Her vision became true women theologians are around 200 today

MANANATO Toromare collected her story