



Dr. Ksenija Magda  
BWA Women's Department President  
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Dr. Ksenija Magda was elected as President of the BWA Women's Department in Johannesburg, South Africa in July of 2015 for a term of five years. Dr. Magda is a New Testament scholar and a published author with her specialty in the teachings of Paul. She holds a tenured position of Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Protestant Theology Studies at the University of Zagreb. Her doctoral work took place at the London School of Theology.

Ksenija (pronounced Kseenya) has been very active in women's ministries on the local, regional, national and international levels. As a result she has a wide variety of experience and connections. She is fluent in Croatian, German, and English and has reading ability in French, Italian, Spanish and Russian Cyrillic. She spent some of her childhood living in Germany.

Ksenija's gifts of leadership, wisdom, strategic planning and administration have been such a gift to the Women's Department in this time of transition and change.

Ksenija is married to Toma whom she met when they studied theology at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Croatia. They are pastoring a church in Osijek, Croatia. She has four children: Spearanca and her husband live in London, Kristian and his wife are in Houston, Texas, Tamara and her husband live in Zagreb and Ela is in Osijek.

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Ksenija's story:

Since I can remember (and my mom claims even before that) I have wanted to become a pastor's wife. And that's what I got! Toma and I have been in ministry together since 1982, at first as lay youth leaders in Belgrade and later as a ministry couple in the Baptist Church of Osijek, Croatia. I have come through all stages of ministry – from cleaning the church and decorating to children's and youth work to

women's work, preaching and teaching. They even elected me the first woman Executive member in the Baptist Union for a term, and then also president of the Croatian Baptist Women and kept me there for 16 years. Toma and I initiated and organised all sorts of events and have been active in many projects of the Baptist Union of Croatia. We even served the European Baptist Family at times. Looking back, it is all too amazing.

In my free time (or is it the other way around – sometimes it is difficult to tell) I hold a tenured position of Professor of the New Testament at the University of Zagreb (Protestant Theology). I love the work with students. They challenge me and keep me humble. Sometimes I even think I try to make up to them what I missed doing with our own children! However, God has been gracious and Speranca, Kristian, Tamara and Ela have grown up to be wonderful adults with ministries and faith of their own. They have brought us more great young adults into the family: Andrej, Elaine, Ian and Elvis – and all of them are of different nationalities! You can bet it is the best of times to have all of them around our dining table!

If that is not possible, I find my joy in books. Finding a quiet spot and reading novels is my favorite relaxation; That and spending time at the Baptist Camp Cinta on the island of Ugljan, Croatia. There is no place more peaceful than Cinta!