

Call for Papers

Women and Ordination in the Christian Churches: International Perspectives

12-14 July 2006

The growth of women's ordained ministry has been amongst the most remarkable and significant developments in the recent history of the Christian churches. This international conference aims to bring together leading contributors from both academic and church contexts to explore Christian experiences of ordaining women in theological, sociological, historical and anthropological perspective. Short papers of 20 minutes are invited on the following themes:

- How have national, denominational and ecclesial cultures shaped the different ways in which women's ordination is debated and/or enacted?
- What differences have women's ordained ministry, and debates on women's ordination, made in various church contexts? What 'unfinished business' remains (in both congregational and wider ministry) and how might this be addressed?
- How have Christians variously conceived ordained ministry which includes both women and men?
- How do ordained women and men work together in practice? What have been the particular implications for female clergy? And for male clergy?
- What distinctive issues are raised by women's entry into senior ordained/leadership positions?
- How do episcopal and non-episcopal traditions differ in this?

Contributors are encouraged to relate their findings either to one particular national, regional, denominational or ecclesial context, or to draw comparisons between different cultures. A number of bursaries are available. Papers will be considered for publication.

Please submit an abstract of your proposed paper (max. 200 words, by 10 March 2005) to:

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