

Ordination Of Women In Seventh Day Adventist Theology

Three related essays by experts on the diaconate that examine the concept of women deacons in the Catholic Church from Thistorical, contemporary, and future perspectives.

How can a movement founded on the prophecies and visions of one woman, and reliant in its early stages on the pastoral leadership, teaching, and proselytizing of many others, come to define women’s roles in ways that exclude them from active public participation and leadership in the church?

Seventh-Day Adventism in Crisis

Biblical & Historical Perspectives

Women in Ministry

Must We Be Silent?

Receiving the Word

Taking a Stand on a Defining Issue (Women’s Ordination)

The Ordination of Women in the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Women and Ordination: Biblical and Historical Studies is a careful review of both ministry and ordination in Scripture and in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This book explores what it means to be “called” to the ministry and how ordination, as we know it, came to be practiced. The book stands as the culmination of an extensive conversation. It is poised to begin the next conversation on ordination and women in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. --back cover.

Can you understand algebra if you have never learned basic addition? Can you write a book if you have never constructed a simple sentence? In order to understand complex things, we must go back to the beginning and learn the basics. The same principle can be applied to our understanding of biblical truths. When looking at the complex issue of women’s ordination, it is important to examine the beginning of God’s Word. Pastor Jan Voerman’s analysis of the Genesis account of Creation and the fall of Adam and Eve more than strengthens an unpopular argument for the restoration of the traditional roles of men and women in society. In addition to studying the Old and New Testaments in regards to this topic, Pastor Voerman also draws from the writings of the early church fathers and Ellen G. White. The Ordination of Women: The Priesthood of All Believers and Other Aspects presents a surprisingly refreshing outlook on a complex subject that encourages readers to return to their biblical roots as “people of the book.”

Issues Dividing Our Church

An Analysis of the General Conference Decisions on Women’s Ordination, 1881 to Present

The Ordination of Women in Seventh-day Adventist Policy and Practice, Up to 1972

Sacred Texts and Social Conflict

Gender and Sectarian Change in an Emerging Religion

A Biblical and Theological Analysis and Synthesis of the Debate with Special Attention to Hermeneutical Matters

The Bible and the Debate Over Women’s Ordination in the Seventh-day Adventist Church

B. T. Roberts saw the exclusion of women from ordination as analogous to racism. His ability to see the new community made possible by Christ offers Christians today a prophetic vision of the difference Christ makes. Roberts’s 1891 Ordaining Women takes seriously the scriptural promise that Christ has unmasked the false distinctions and repaired the damaged social arrangements of this world. Like the abolition of slavery, the ordination of women becomes yet another obvious sign of the world made new in Christ. With careful attention to biblical interpretation, church tradition, and empirical evidence, Roberts exposes the biases that have long held captive the Christian imagination. In this new edition, Benjamin Wayman offers an updated and fully annotated version of Roberts’s original work and demonstrates the breadth and depth of his analysis. Roberts’s vision of the gospel challenges the traditional and still-dominant view of the global church, and invites Christians to reimagine the inclusion of women in ordained ministry. If Christians had for so long been wrong about race, might we today be wrong about gender?

Foreword by Dr. Paul Yeboah. To the Reader. Acknowledgments and Dedication. I. BACKGROUND OF THE CRISIS: 1. Crisis Over the Word 2. Trusting the Word 3. Doubting the Word II. NATURE OF THE CRISIS: 4. Quarreling Over the Word 5. Departing from the Word I. Sole or Primary Authority? II. Fully or Partially Inspired? III. Fully or Partially Trustworthy? IV. Progressive Revelation or Progressive Ideas? V. Literal or Principle Approach? VI. Adventism for a New Generation: Perception or Deception? 6. Contending for the Word III. RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS: 7. Upholding the Word 8. Liberating the Word 9. Rightly Dividing the Word 10. Wrestling with the Word 11. Testifying About the Word 12. Living by the Word IV. APPENDICES: A. “The Authority of Scripture” B. “The Use of Scripture” C. “Methods of Bible Study” Glossary

Towards a Seventh-Day Adventist Theology of Ordination

A Response to Women in Ministry

Mary and Early Christian Women

31 Popular Arguments & Biblical Answers. A Seventh-day Adventist Perspective

Over 200 Questions Regarding the Ordination of Women Or Another Way to Review and Critique the Seventh-Day Adventist (SDA) Literature on the Subject

How New Approaches to the Bible Impact Our Biblical Faith and Lifestyle

Religious Experience and Journal of Mrs. Jarena Lee, Giving an Account of Her Call to Preach the Gospel. Revised and Corrected from the Original Manuscript Written by Herself.

The Ordination of Women in the Seventh-day Adventist ChurchThe Ordination of Women in Seventh-day Adventist Policy and Practice, Up to 1972Women and OrdinationBiblical and Historical Studies : Seventh-day Adventist Leaders and Scholars Explore an Important Issue Facing the Church

The present thesis is the first of its kind in attempting to produce a comprehensive systematic analysis and synthesis ofthe biblical, theological and hermeneutical aspects of the ongoing debate about the role of women in Adventist theology. While studies have investigated already the sociological aspects of the debate no study has yet systematised and investigated in depth the debate with special attention to hermeneutical matters. This thesis is divided into four chapters. After an Introduction which defines the basic elements of the study and provides a literature review, Chapter One provides a historical introduction into the topic of women’s ordination in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Particularly historical and ecclesial developments are reviewed from the perspective of the early Adventist situation and the modern context. Chapter Two and Chapter Three are two parallel chapters which analyse and synthesise opponents’ (Chapter Two) respectively proponents’ (Chapter Three) biblical, theological and hermeneutical positions. The analysis in both chapters also specifically investigates the hermeneutical rationales of each side by examining their theories of biblical inspiration, interpretative method and functional aspects of their hermeneutics. The last chapter of the dissertation takes the hermeneutical conclusions from the previous two chapters and assesses them on a meta-hermeneutical level from the conclusions from the perspective of modern hermeneutical developments. The thesis ends with a summary and conclusion which summarises all the main findings of the study. Overall, the thesis not only systematises the ongoing ordination of women dispute but in addition provides an insight into the operation of the Adventist hermeneutical mindset by examining and assessing the theoretical bases on which Adventist hermeneutical thinking operates. This research therefore will be primarily valuable in the field of Adventist studies but non-Adventist scholarship intending to know more about Adventist theology and hermeneutics may also find the thesis helpful.

Daughters of God

The Feminine Perspective

The Use of Bible in the Debate Over Women’s Ordination in the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Historical Dictionary of the Seventh-Day Adventists

Women and the Church

Perceptions on Women in Leadership and Women’s Ordination Within a Seventh-day Adventist Community

Prove All Things

This book is open access under a CC BY-NC-ND license. This book reveals exciting early Christian evidence that Mary was remembered as a powerful role model for women leaders—women apostles, baptizers, and presiders at the ritual meal. Early Christian art portrays Mary and other women clergy serving as deacon, presbyter/priest, and bishop. In addition, the two oldest surviving artifacts to depict people at an altar table inside a real church depict women and men in a gender-parallel liturgy inside two of the most important churches in Christendom—Old Saint Peter’s Basilica in Rome and the second Hagia Sophia in Constantinople. Dr. Kateusz’s research brings to light centuries of censorship, both ancient and modern, and debunks the modern imagination that from the beginning only men were apostles and clergy.

"A complementation response to the book women in Ministry, examining whether women should serve in the headship roles of elder and pastor in The Church."

Fast, Present, Future

New Edition with an Introduction and Notes

Women and Ordination

Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual.

7 Reasons to Say No to the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood

The Ordination of Women and the Role of Women in the History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Women Deacons

The question of women’s ordination is a defining issue for the Christian Church, especially the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The issue is more than merely whether or not women can legitimately serve as elders or pastors. More importantly it concerns the basis upon which that decision is to be made and how the outcome of that decision is likely to affect the identity, message, mission, and unity of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. This is why the decision of the Church, based on the following question, ordain women as elders or pastors?_What are the key issues in the debate? _How did the Church’s pioneers address the matter_and why that way?_How did recent General Conference sessions decide the issue_and why?_Are the biblical arguments for or against it strong enough to stand the test of time?_What does the issue say about gender equality and gender role-differentiation in both the home and the church? _What is the connection, if any, between this issue and that of homosexuality? _What was_and is_the women’s COURAGE: Taking a Stand On A Defining Issue_Women’s Ordination is a provocative book that seeks to peel off layers of evidence_for and against the issue_and unearth God’s distinctive guidance for His end-time Church. In an engaging, easy-to-read style, the author navigates through key biblical passages and practices, crucial Spirit of Prophecy statements, significant Adventist historical accounts, hidden secular philosophies, as well as through the examples of some other Christian churches. COURAGE distills emotions to present a compelling case for Biblical integrity, godliness, and service. Whether you’re currently for, against, or neutral on the issue, this COURAGE book will force you to declare or take a stand_and will challenge you to defend your position. It is arguably the clearest and most enlightening treatment of the subject in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Discover why.

The Roman Catholic leadership still refuses to ordain women officially or even to recognize that women are capable of ordination. But is the widely held assumption that women have always been excluded from such roles historically accurate? In the early centuries of Christianity, ordination was the process and the ceremony by which one moved to any new ministry (ordo) in the community. By this definition, women were in fact ordained into several ministries. A radical change in the definition of ordination during the Reformation and the Protestant movement led to the ordination of women in the 19th century. The Roman Catholic Church, however, has not only refused to ordain women, but also attempted to eradicate any memory of women’s ordination in the past. The debate that accompanied this change has left its mark in the literature of the time. However, the triumph of a new definition of ordination as the bestowal of power, particularly the power to confect the Eucharist, so thoroughly dominated western thought and practice by the thirteenth century that the earlier concept of ordination was almost completely erased. The ordination of women, either in the present or in the past, is a complex issue that has been debated for centuries. The issue is not only a matter of theology, but also of social and cultural norms. The Roman Catholic Church, however, has not only refused to ordain women, but also attempted to eradicate any memory of women’s ordination in the past. The debate that accompanied this change has left its mark in the literature of the time. However, the triumph of a new definition of ordination as the bestowal of power, particularly the power to confect the Eucharist, so thoroughly dominated western thought and practice by the thirteenth century that the earlier concept of ordination was almost completely erased. The ordination of women, either in the present or in the past, is a complex issue that has been debated for centuries. The issue is not only a matter of theology, but also of social and cultural norms.

Female Clergy in the Medieval West

Women’s Ordination

Messages Especially for Women

Women’s Role and Ordination in the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Biblical and Historical Studies : Seventh-day Adventist Leaders and Scholars Explore an Important Issue Facing the Church

An Essay on the Office of Christian Ministry

Women’s Ordination and the Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Why does a denomination prohibiting women clergy support parishes run by women? Why does a denomination opt to ordain women when there are few women seeking to join that clergy? And why have some denominations ordained women so much earlier than others? In a revealing examination of the complex relationship among religion, social forces, and organizational structure, Ordaining Women draws examples and data from over 100 Christian denominations to explore the meaning of institutional rules about women’s ordination. Combining historical and sociological perspectives, Mark Chaves deftly shows that formal institutional rules about ordination often diverge from the actual roles of women and are best understood as symbolic gestures in favor of—or in opposition to—gender equality. Ordaining Women concludes that external pressures from the women’s movement and ecumenical pressure expressed through interdenominational organizations such as the National Council of Churches influence ordination practices. At the same time, internal factors such as having a source of religious authority that is considered superior to modern principles of equal rights also explain why some denominations ordain women much earlier than others. Surprisingly, “the Bible forbids it” does not account for policies even among fundamentalists and other biblical inerrantists. Chaves’ historical and comparative approach offers a revealing analysis of how the internal denominational debates have changed over time, becoming more frequent, more politicized, and more contentious. The skillful delineation of forces affecting debates and policies about women’s ordination makes this book an important contribution to our understanding of religious organizations and of gender equality.

The completely revised second edition further explores one of the most successful of America’s indigenous religious groups. Despite this, the Adventist church has remained largely invisible. Seeking a Sanctuary casts light on this marginal religion through its socio-historical context and discusses several Adventist figures that shaped the perception of this Christian sect.

The Ordination of Women

Seeking a Sanctuary

Culture and Conflict in Religious Organizations

The Silent Church

Human Rights and Adventist Social Ethics

Ordination of Women in Seventh-day Adventist Theology

Scholarly Seventh-day Adventist Scriptural Research Relating to Women’s Ordination

This book originally submitted as a doctoral dissertation, is the first of its kind to provide a complete systematic evaluation of the biblical, theological and interpretative aspects of the ongoing debate about the role of women in Adventist theology. The author not only presents all biblical and theological arguments used by opponents and proponents of women’s ordination but also provides an examination of the underlying interpretative models of both camps. In its final part, the book offers an insight into the operation of opponents’ and proponents’ mindsets by scrutinizing the theoretical bases on which the Adventist hermeneutical thinking operates. This research therefore will be of primary interest to those reading or researching in the field of Adventist studies. However non-Adventists scholarship intending to understand better Adventist theology and hermeneutics may also find the book insightful.

Compromise is necessary within society when there are competing interests at play. However, certain concessions simply delay the inevitable. When the United States lawmakers attempted to stave off conflict over the subject of slavery with the Missouri compromise, the effect was only temporary. The Seventh-day Adventist Church may be facing a similar situation over a compromise that was intended to respond to competing interests in the church regarding women’s ordination. Guided by the principles of biblical interpretation that helped to found the Seventh-day Adventist Church, veteran New York pastor, Dr. Michael G. Coleman, finds in Scripture the basis for resolving the standoff that exists within Seventh-day Adventism over women’s ordination. He proposes a biblical solution to avoid the trend that has overtaken other Protestant churches. His response is a thoughtful, biblically faithful, and user-friendly resource. He encourages administrators, pastors, and laypersons to consider the evidence prayerfully and thoughtfully.

Hidden Leadership

A Systematic Analysis in the Light of the Order of Creation and Redemption

Women Work & Worship

Ordaining Women

Courage

Route to the Ordination of Women in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Two Paths

The 28 Doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church Bible texts and Descriptions of each doctrine.

‘Upon it’s publication in 1975, Man As Male and Female, a study of Scripture in which Paul Jewett argues that man and woman are properly related only when they accept each other as equals, received much critical acclaim.Now, in The Ordination of Women, Jewett argues that on the basis of the Christian ideal of the partnership of the sexes, women ought to share fully with men the privileges and responsibilities of church ministry.

The Hidden History of Women’s Ordination

Seventh-day Adventism and the American Dream

A Study in Biblical Interpretations

Seventh-Day Adventists Believe

Women in the Priesthood?

A Bibliographical Guide to Sources in the Pacific Union College Library

Women ’s Ordination and the San Antonio Compromise

This second edition covers its history through a chronology, introductory essay, appendixes, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary includes over 600 cross-referenced entries on key people, cinema, politics and government, sports, and critics. This book is ideal for students, researchers, and general readers.

The relationship between the Adventist church and society at large has always been ambiguous. One reason for this has been the church’s inarticulate social ethics. While the church upheld the concept of human dignity, promoted religious liberty and sided with the poor, nationalism and racism developed among its members. Women in the church were also unfairly treated. Zdravko Plantak confronts this problem head-on. He begins by looking at the church’s history, theology and ethics in order to discover reasons for the inconsistencies in its approach to human rights, and then moves on to propose a more comprehensive approach to its social ethics.