

Questions and Answers About Women's Ordination

Nampa, Idaho (October 6, 2014) — The question of women's ordination has passionate proponents on both sides of the issue who are more than happy to state their opinion - without being asked. But there is a third group. Perhaps intimidated by the intensity, and too often, the animosity found in both camps, they remain largely silent. Or, they may simply choose not to comment on issues they're not sure they fully understand.

Pacific Press® has published a book specifically created to help church members get to the heart of what has become a contentious subject. Questions and Answers About Women's Ordination, edited by Martin Hanna and Cindy Tutsch, is a clear and concise presentation on the subject of women's ordination that provides solid, biblically-based answers to 151 key questions.



Pastor Dwight K. Nelson, who served on the Theology of Ordination Study Committee, had this to say, "While church commissions and committees have already invested hundreds of hours in this study, Questions and Answers About Women's Ordination is concise and clear, and will be an invaluable aid to all of us who seek God's will for our third millennial church."

With Annual Council set to begin October 9, the 338-member committee will determine whether the question of women's ordination will be sent to the General Conference Session in July, 2015, for a vote by delegates of the world church. Adventist Church President Ted N. C. Wilson has asked for members throughout the world to make this topic a matter of deep prayer. He said in a recent interview with the Adventist Review, "I would encourage each church member...to prayerfully review [the studies on ordination] and then ask the Holy Spirit to help them know God's will."

Questions and Answers About Women's Ordination will help readers understand the challenges as they answer the call to study and pray over this matter. Gordon Bietz, president of Southern Adventist University says, "Sometimes complicated issues of a theological nature can result in more heat than light. I believe that a thoughtful reading of this book will contribute to the light that many are searching for on the issue."

Questions and Answers About Women's Ordination Ordination is available at AdventistBookCenter.com and at local ABCs. It is also available as an eBook.



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Questions include:

- What is the official position of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on women as pastors?
- Why were women excluded from serving as priests?
- Why were there no women among Jesus' twelve disciples?
- Isn't church unity jeopardized if only some parts of the world ordain women?
- How does Ellen White view the headship of God?

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