

WOMEN AND THE CHURCH
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Books, Articles and Scholarly Papers

- 1-A **Ordination of Women: A Hermeneutical Question**, John C. Brunt, Ministry, September 1988, pp. 12-14. (\$.65)**

How literally should we apply Scripture? Should women no longer lead out or teach in the Sabbath school? Brunt explores biblical evidence and concludes that God wants the doors to ministry open to all. Brunt is dean of the School of Theology, Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington.

- 2-A **Attitudes Toward Women in Ministry by Pastors in North America and Religion Teachers in Adventist Higher Education: A Report of Two Research Studies Commissioned by the Office of Human Relations of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists**, Roger L. Dudley, professor of Christian ministry, director, Institute of Church Ministry, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, March 1987, 39 pgs. (\$3.00)

Dudley gathered data revealing that a majority of both groups support the role of women in ministry, including ordination of women. This item organizes responses to each question by percentage for both groups and is accompanied by an explanation of what these figures mean.

- 3-A **Longing for the Pastorate: Ministry in 19th Century Adventism**, Bert B. Haloviak, 1988, 40 pgs. (\$4.25)

Would Ellen White today counsel the Adventist Church to ordain qualified women to the pastoral ministry? Haloviak's study examines the intimate relationship between the central theological focus of 19th-century Adventism and the definition of ministry. Haloviak is director of research in the General Conference department of archives and statistics.

- 4-A **Galatians 3:28, 29--Its Significance For The Role Of Women In The Church**, William G. Johnsson, 1988, 14 pgs. (\$2.00)

In a study prepared for the General Conference, Adventist Review editor Johnsson discusses the difficult question on which Adventists today differ: What does Paul's meaning in Galatians infer and imply for the ordination of women? When barriers are erected against women in the church, are we walking straight according to the truth in the gospel?

- 5-A **The Church and Feminism: An Exploration of Common Ground**, Iris M. Yob, Winsen Publications, Englewood, Colorado, 1988, 76 pgs. (\$7.00)

A native of Australia, Yob has served the South Pacific Division as a distinguished educator and administrator in positions which include director of education and chairperson of the education department of Avondale College. She holds a B.A. from Avondale, an M.Ed. from the University of Newcastle, New South Wales, an M.A. in religion from Andrews University, and is now completing her dissertation for the Ed.D. degree at Harvard University. While there, Ms. Yob has taken a keen interest in feminist scholarship as it relates to religion and religious education. Her book gives both fresh and reliable perspectives by which to make your own judgments on this issue pressing our church today.

- 6-A **The Adventist Pastor and the Ordination of Women**, Arthur N. Patrick, Ministry, April 1989, pp. 9-12. (\$1.00)

The ordination question is examined addressing the biblical and historical implications comparatively with other denominations. The author calls Adventists to learn from these and to let their example guide leadership to carefully incorporate this aspect of church growth. Patrick serves as registrar of Avondale College, Cooranbong, New South Wales, Australia.

- 7-A **Survey on the Status of Women Elders in the North American Division**, Carole L. Kilcher and Gan Theow Ng, Institute of Church Ministry, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, October 1988, 35 pgs. (\$4.00)

Commissioned by the NAD officers to learn the effect of a previous decision to allow women to serve as local church elders, ICM developed a questionnaire which helped determine the following: the number of female elders in NAD and in each church in comparison to the number of male elders; the size, type and predominate culture of churches where female elders serve; the number of years women have served as elders in each church; attitudes of churches toward female elders; and the values and problems female elders have brought to the local church. With a 73% return rate, the report findings suggest a positive influence on the affected churches--significant information when discussing the role of women in pastoral ministry.

- 8-A **Jesus and the Role of Women**, Charles Scriven, Adventist Review, February 2, 1989, pp. 12-14. (\$.75)

"In a society in which women were expected to be on the sidelines, Jesus brought them onto the playing field." Offering a new lesson using the Mary-Martha story, Scriven proposes that all are invited into a "discipleship of equals by Jesus." He is the senior pastor of Sligo Church in Takoma Park, Maryland.

- 9-A **The Theology of Sexuality in the Beginning: Genesis 1 & 2**, Richard M. Davidson, Andrews University Seminary Studies, Spring 1988, Vol. 26, No. 1, pp. 5-24.

The Theology of Sexuality in the Beginning: Genesis 3, Richard M. Davidson, Andrews University Seminary Studies, Summer 1988, Vol. 26, No. 2, pp. 121-131. (\$4.00)

Did a hierarchy of sexes exist before and/or after the fall? Davidson's interpretation of the theology of biblical sexual roles using these critical passages refutes arguments that limit a woman's role in the church. He chairs the department of Old Testament Exegesis at the SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

- 10-A **Adventism's Lost Generations: The Decline of Leadership Positions for Seventh-day Adventist Women**, Bert B. Haloviak, 1990, 6 pgs. (\$1.00)

NEW!

Based on a study requested by the NAD Office of Human Relations of Haloviak (director of research, General Conference Archives and Statistics), this paper explores the reasons for the decline in administrative positions held by women in NAD since 1890. The study provides some important conclusions which involve the impact of the ordination question.

Statements of Support, Position and Analysis, Editorials

- 1-B **Women In Pastoral Ministries and Ordination**, Charles E. Bradford, 1988, 10 pgs. (\$1.50)

An important statement by the President of the North American Division written to the NAD members' Role of Women Commission. The paper includes important passages throughout, including: "The appointment to special ministry. . . on behalf of the total church rests on the selection of the Holy Spirit, the call of God and the gifts which empower the minister for service. The church. . . becomes a part of the process as it observes in the one called the development and exercise of the gifts and results of his or her labors. . . ."

- 2-B **Musings On Authority**, Roger L. Dudley, Administery editorial, Summer 1988, pp. 2 and 15. (\$.50)

Dudley, editor of Administery and director of the Institute of Church Ministry at Andrews University, ruminates on the nature of the authority granted to those called upon to be leaders in the church and derives a relation to the role of women in ministry.

- 3-B **A Biblical Position Paper: The Role and Standing of Women in the Ministry of the Church**, Willmore D. Eva, January 1985 (revised 1988), 19 pgs. (\$2.00)

Eva, Columbia Union Conference ministerial secretary, was asked by Union president Ron Wisbey to write this paper. The work was presented to NAD's Role of Women Commission that same year for review. Includes an extensive bibliography.

- 4-B **A Statement of Support for the Ministry of Women as Local Elders at PMC**, forward by Dwight K. Nelson, Senior Pastor, Pioneer Memorial Church, Andrews University, Berrien Spring, Michigan, Spring 1987, 12 pgs. (\$2.00)

A statement submitted to the membership of Pioneer Memorial Church supporting "the election and ordination of candidates to the ministry of local church elder based upon the evident fruits of the Spirit rather than upon race or gender."

- 5-B **The Two Party Trap**, an edited version of Dwight K. Nelson's April 4, 1987, sermon explaining his personal change of opinion now in favor of the ordination of women; published in the March/April 1987 issue of Michiana Newslite, the official newsletter of the Michiana chapter of the Association of Adventist Women located in Berrien Springs, Michigan. (\$1.50) Also available on audio cassette. (See 1-C)

- 6-B **Documentary Analysis of the Role of Women in the SDA Church**, compiled by Bert B. Haloviak, Assistant Director, General Conference Archives, 28 pgs. (\$3.00)

This chronological listing of documents which discuss women and ministry is a must for students of the ordination issue.

- 7-B **Contemporary Women's Issues Survey Summary**, Arlene Taylor, 1989, 75 pgs. (\$6.00)

Consultant and educator in health care and women's issues, Taylor summarizes the findings of a questionnaire completed by more than 400 Adventist women in 1988, which focused on the needs, concerns, and hopes for the future.

- 8-B **Outline of the History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Ordination of Women Issue**, Viviane Haenni and Kit Watts, 1989, 11 pgs.

More Than 200 Questions Regarding the Ordination of Women, Viviane Haenni, 1989, 22 pgs.

Seventh-day Adventist Bibliography Regarding the Ordination of Women, compiled by Viviane Haenni and Kit Watts, 1989, 11 pgs. (\$4.00)

"The issue of ordination of women may be compared to an iceberg whose underwater portions have been ignored or only partially considered," writes Haenni in an introduction to these compilations no student of ordination should be without. The questions express concerns frequently shared by church members and SDA scholars with whom Haenni has engaged in open dialogue and were put together to attempt to do two things: First, to show the scope of the ordination of women issue (the need to place it within the framework of SDA ecclesiology). Second, to stimulate further and more focused discussion in preparation for General Conference Session in July, 1990.

Viviane Haenni of Bienne, Switzerland, is a doctoral candidate at the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Kit Watts is an assistant editor at the Adventist Review. She was periodicals librarian at Andrews University in 1986 when she first prepared the historical outline.

- 9-B **Biblical Texts Used to Oppose The Ordination of Women in the Professional Ministry of the Adventist Church**, James Cox, 1989, 14 pgs. (\$2.00)

This is a transcript of the presentation Dr. Cox gave at a TEAM-sponsored equality in ministry seminar at Sligo SDA Church in Takoma Park, Maryland, on October 15, 1988 (also available on video and cassette—see items 9-C and 1-D). Texts covered include Galatians 3:26-29, Genesis 1:26 and 3:16, Colossians 3, Ephesians 5, 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 and 14:34, 35. Provides an excellent guide for further study. Cox was serving as the vice president for the Washington Institute of Contemporary Issues (WICI) when this presentation was made.

- 10-B **Is It Time For Equality In Adventist Ministry?: The Biblical Basis For Ordaining Women**, TEAM, June 1990. (up to 10 copies FREE; a suggested contribution of \$2 for every 10 copies thereafter*)

NEW!

TEAM's statement (English, Spanish, Portuguese and French translations side by side) that Scripture, when taken in its totality, teaches the equality of women and points in favor of ordination. Ten points are highlighted with biblical references. This brochure is a must for serious study on the issue.

- 11-B **Questions and Answers About Women's Ordination and the Seventh-day Adventist Church**, TEAM, June 1990, 12 pgs. (up to 5 copies FREE; a suggested contribution of \$4 for every 10 copies thereafter*)

NEW!

Scores of thoughtful Adventists have studied women's ordination during the past 17 years. What do they think? What actions do they recommend? Read their own words on the subject--church leaders, scholars,

administrators, lay people and organizations that represent some of these groups.

Cassettes

- 1-C **The Two Party Trap**, Dwight K. Nelson, Senior Pastor, Pioneer Memorial Church, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. (\$5.00)

Nelson's April 4, 1987, sermon at PMC explaining his personal decision to change from a position of nonsupport to one now in favor of the ordination of women.

- 1-CC Tape with transcript (see 5-B): (\$6.00)

- 2-C **Our Stories**, 67-minute tape with accompanying booklet sponsored by the Association of Adventist Women. (\$8.00)

Hear ten Adventist women from six countries tell how--against some difficult odds--God has led them into chaplaincy, evangelism, and pastoral ministry.

- 3-C **How To Ordain Women**, Charles S. Scriven, Senior Pastor, Sligo SDA Church, Takoma Park, Maryland. (\$5.00)

Scriven's Sabbath sermon at Sligo on the occasion of the 5th National Conference of the Association of Adventist Women in October 1987.

*Tapes 4, 5 & 6-C are portions of a presentation made to members of the Pioneer Memorial Church (Berrien Springs, Michigan) in February 1986, in support of women elders serving the church. Many of the principles, if not all of them, are applicable to the ordination question and the broader issue of equality facing the church today.

- 4-C **The Role of Women in the Old Testament**, Richard M. Davidson, Professor of Old Testament Exegesis and Chair, SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. (\$5.00)

Focusing on passages from Genesis which he describes as the "touchstone on biblical teaching of the role of woman before sin and after the fall," Davidson then outlines how the "foundational divine ideal" is assumed and applied in the rest of scripture. He ends by giving the crucial implications of these passages for Christians today.

- 5-C **The Role of Women in SDA History and Ellen White's Writings**, Patricia Mutch, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. (\$5.00)

Mutch sites historical evidence of women ministering in the early Christian church and examines Ellen White's views on the subject. She further

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challenges Adventists to consider that God may be calling the church to recover this element of early apostolic christianity and demonstrates its effectiveness in these last days.

- 6-C **Society, Culture and the Role of Women**, Russell L. Staples, Chair, World Missions Department, SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. (\$5.00)

From the point of view of the social scientist, Staples takes a look at the impact of women adopting significant roles in society and the church and compares the effect on Adventism with other denominations.

*Tapes 7, 8 & 9-C are portions of a symposium about the ordination of women in Adventist ministry sponsored by TEAM at Sligo Church, Takoma Park, Maryland, on October 15, 1988.

- 7-C **Did Ellen White Favor Ordaining Women ?**, Bert B. Haloviak, Assistant Director, General Conference Archives. (\$5.00)

Reviewing the history of the Adventist Church in the 19th century and the counsel and ministry of Ellen White, Haloviak illustrates that women were indeed serving as "priests and ministers of the Lord." He urges Adventists to recognize that heritage today.

- 8-C **Reclaiming the Lost Love in Relationships**, Iris Yob, educator and author with an interest in feminine scholarship now completing an Ed.D. at Harvard University. (\$5.00) Side A

Yob uses the Song of Solomon to show how God reveals His loving nature to us in the restoration and reparation of relationships. She compares the Genesis account of separation by sin with the renewal of closest intimacy in the Songs, and illustrates what relationships can and should be like in the fullness of God's plan.

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts, a panel discussion moderated by Kit Watts, Assistant Editor, Adventist Review. Side B

How does one embark on this exciting journey? According to the panel, through a group process. Individuals' spiritual gifts build the church and enable it to fulfill its mission to the world. Emphasis is given to the need for the church to create more opportunities for members to recognize and exercise these God-given talents.

- 9-C **When God Calls Women, How Do We Answer ?**, program coordinated by Elisabeth Wear, Chair, TEAM equality in ministry project. (\$10.00) 2 tapes

This series of short presentations cover the theological, historical,

experiential and ethical angles of the ordination question. Featured are:

"Women in Ministry-1844 to Now," Bert B. Haloviak, Assistant Director, General Conference Archives

"My Experience in Ministry," Marsha Frost, Pastor, Fairfax SDA Church, Fairfax, Virginia

"The Biblical Perspective," James Cox, Vice President, Washington Institute of Contemporary Issues (WICI)

Questions and Answers, moderated by Betty Howard, Assistant Academic Dean, Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Maryland

- 10-C **Women's Ordination**, WGTS-FM's Saturday Seminar broadcast of June 9, 1990. Hosted by Dr. Gerald Fuller with guests Trina Magi, Doug Dunbein and Charles Scriven, Senior Pastor, Sligo SDA Church, Takoma Park, Maryland. (\$5.00)

NEW!

This program profiles one couple's personal struggle with the ordination controversy. Their story is enhanced by their pastor's discussion about matters of conscience and some options Christians may decide to employ in protest of church policies which conflict with what one believes is right.

- 11-C **Ordination of Women**, WGTS-FM's Saturday Seminar broadcast of October 7, 1989. Hosted by Dr. Gerald Fuller with guests Harold Camacho (secretary, Southeastern California Conference) and Susan Harrington (ACE: Adventists Concerned for Equality). (\$5.00)

NEW!

This lively discussion was taped during the Fall Council of 1989 when a decision on the ordination question was being voted as a recommendation to delegates at General Conference Session in Indianapolis, July 1990. Camacho and Harrington urge Adventists to think about the "practical" reasons for ordination as well as the biblical support for equality.

Videos

- 1-D **When God Calls Women, How Do We Answer?**, a symposium about the ordination of women in Adventist ministry sponsored by TEAM at Sligo Church, Takoma Park, Maryland, on October 15, 1988. The project was coordinated by Elisabeth Wear, chair for the equality in ministry project. (\$19.95) 2 hours

**See item 9-C for featured speakers and topics.*

- 2-D **Women in Ministry: Possibilities and Pitfalls**, a group discussion sponsored by the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the Association of Adventist Women (AAW), March 9, 1987. (\$15.00) approx. 90 minutes

Four women in ministry discuss their experiences in getting involved in pastoring and give their opinions of how to develop more opportunities for women in ministry. The speakers include: Susan Willhop, Minister of Education, Foundry Methodist Church, Washington, DC; Ruth Minter, Associate Conference Minister, United Church of Christ; Hypeth Williams, Associate Pastor, Sligo SDA Church, Takoma Park, Maryland; and Marty Adams, Pastor, Silver Spring Presbyterian Church, Maryland.

- 3-D A Celebration Of Equality**, an historic event held on October 7, 1989, at Sligo Church, Takoma Park, Maryland, which demonstrated broad grass-roots support for biblical equality--especially for women in pastoral ministry. Sponsored by TEAM in cooperation with the North American Division and the Columbia Union Conference. (\$19.95) 2 hours

NEW!

Relive that powerful afternoon of speech, story and song with Charles Bradford, singer Pat Taylor, actor Clifton Davis, and many others who raised their voices together in support of women in ministry and challenged the Adventist Church to move ahead with official recognition of their calling. Share the good news! Perfect for Sabbath School and Sabbath afternoon programs. (Words to the litany recited by the audience and the original theme song are included.)

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