New Apostolic Church
International

Ordination of women

Basic questions

- Why is the concept of ministry changing?
- What ministerial designations apply to women in ministry?
- Where in the world is it possible to ordain women into ministry?
- Are women only being ordained because there are too few men available to serve as ministers?
- Why only now?
- Why did God not already call women to ministry sooner?
- Why did this take so long?
- Why is the Church adapting itself to the spirit of the times?
- Does the Church have to pursue gender mainstreaming?
- Why was there no exchange with women during the consultation phase?
- Was it wrong that we haven't had women in ministry up until now?
- How will we be informed about the first ordinations of women?
- I would like to learn more, preferably in dialogue. Where can I do so?

Theological questions

Why shouldn't there be any distinctions made between man and woman?

If Eve was created from Adam's rib, doesn't this mean that she is subordinate to him?

Did Eve bring sin into the world?

Didn't Jesus deliberately call only men, and not women, to be Apostles?

In what ways were women active in the New Testament?

What does Apostle Paul have to say about the responsibilities of women in the congregation?

Why is it that the commandment from 1 Timothy for women to be silent does not apply?

Organizational questions

We see some very competent and capable women in the congregations. Will all of them be ordained in the near future?

Are there recommendations in dealing with proposals for ministry, for example, will there be any quotas with respect to women?

Will a woman be proposed based on the need in the congregation or district, or on the basis of her competencies?

When will we have our first female Apostle?

Can a woman be directly ordained to the Priest ministry?

Can members choose whether they want to be served by a male minister or a female minister?

What are the implications for balance within the family if both partners serve in a ministry?

What personal prerequisites must a woman fulfil in order to be ordained?

What demands does a ministry place on personal lifestyle?

What is the age limit for ordaining a sister into ministry?

Will the ordination also be received while kneeling in the case of women?

Will specific training courses be offered to female ministers?

What rules apply with respect to attire in a divine service?

What rules apply in the event of pregnancy?

Personal questions

I find it difficult to accept a woman in ministry. What should I do?

Male and female clergy working together can increase the risk of violating boundaries. How will the Church deal with this?

Where can a woman make a complaint if she feels discriminated against, harassed, or degraded by men?

How will women candidates find support if they actually want to say “no”, but find it difficult to do so?