



## FAQ Frauenordination

### Basic questions

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

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

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What demands does a ministry place on personal lifestyle? ↓

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

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

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Will specific training courses be offered to female ministers? ↓

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

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What rules apply in the event of pregnancy? ↓

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## Personal questions

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

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

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

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

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