



WATCH TRAINING DAY

Women and the Episcopate

Questions

1. Does the Church of England have the authority to make a decision about the ordination of women as bishops?
2. If, for the sake of mission, women were excluded from positions of oversight in the past, what might be the most mission-driven decision for the Church of England to take now?
3. Who are we in creation, baptism and in the on-going life of the Spirit?
4. What does it mean to be a 'new creation' in Christ? (see 2 Corinthians 5:17ff)
5. Does the Gospel of Jesus Christ carry a gendered message?
6. By what criteria does the Holy Spirit give gifts?
7. What is the nature of our unity in Christ?
8. What was Paul's overriding goal and passion? How might that have influenced some of his advice?
9. If reference to selected Biblical passages or to tradition are not enough to determine the issue of ordaining women, by what criteria should the Church decide?
10. Does God have a special relationship with men as men?
11. What are the most pressing challenges for the Church in our culture? How might having both men and women exercising the ministry of Episcopal oversight help or hinder these challenges?
12. What is the core communication of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

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