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Various views

- Beck, James R. & Craig L. Blomberg, eds. *Two Views on Women in Ministry*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001. **262.14082 T974 2001**
Provides a clear and thorough presentation of the two primary views on women in ministry to better understand each one's strengths, weaknesses, and complexities. J. Beck is professor of counselling at Denver Seminary, C. Blomberg is professor of NT at Denver Seminary, C. Keener is professor of biblical studies at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Linda Belleville is professor of biblical literature at North Park Theological Seminary. Ann Bowman is professor of biblical studies at International School of Theology.

- Clouse, Bonnidell, and Robert G. Clouse, eds. *Women in Ministry: Four Views*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1989. **262.14 W872 1989**

This book contains views of four deeply committed evangelicals. Robert Culver argues for what might be called the traditional view that women should not exercise authority over or teach men. Susan Foh suggests a modified view which would allow for women to teach but not to hold positions of authority. Walter Liefeld presents a case for plural ministry that questions ordination as a means of conferring authority. Alvera Mickelson defends the full equality of men and women in the church. Editors Bonnidell and Robert G. Clouse are professors at Indiana State University, Bonnidell in educational and school psychology and Robert in history.

- Mickelsen, Alvera, ed. *Women, Authority and the Bible*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1986. **261.8344 W872 1986**

Twenty-six evangelical leaders share their viewpoints regarding women in the church. The scholars deal with questions such as: Why are we here?, Biblical Authority, Changing the Church and What have we Accomplished? Editor Alvera Mickelsen is a former professor of journalism at Wheaton and Bethel Colleges and is the author or editor of several books.

- Swartley, Willard M. *Slavery, Sabbath, War, and Women: Case Issues in Biblical Interpretation*. Scottdale, PA. ; Kitchener: Herald Press, 1983.

220.6 01 S973 1983.

Swartley shows how commentators have used the bible both negatively and positively to support their own predispositions. He critiques the hermeneutical principles behind both the hierarchical and feminist views. Willard Swartley is director of the Institute of Mennonite Studies and associate professor New Testament at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries at the time of writing.

- Toews, John E., Valerie Rempel and Katie Funk Wiebe. *Your Daughters Shall Prophesy*. Winnipeg: Kindred Press, 1992. **262.1 4973 Y81 1992**

Presents the church's struggle in understanding the Bible correctly in the midst of changes in society and in the context of diverse interpretations of biblical texts. The intent of the book is to stimulate Bible study and discussion about the role of women in church ministry. Each of the authors, both men and women, are teachers within the larger Mennonite Brethren Church.

Egalitarian

- Belleville, Linda L. *Women Leaders and the Church: Three Crucial Questions*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2000. **262.1 082 B442 2000**.
This book answers three of the most important questions surrounding the issue of women as leaders in the local church and in society. In which ministries in the church can women be involved? What roles can women play in society? Can women hold positions of authority in the church? Linda Belleville holds a Ph.D from the University of Toronto. She is an ordained minister of the Evangelical Covenant Church and associate professor of biblical literature at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois.
- Bilezikian, Gilbert G. *Beyond Sex Roles: A Guide for the Study of Female Roles in the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1985. **261.8 344 B595 1985**
Bilezikian uses the creation-fall-redemption model for interpreting scriptures. Gilbert Bilezikian taught Biblical Studies at Wheaton College.
- Bristow, John Temple. *What Paul Really Said About Women*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1988. **227.08 3054 B861 1988**
Bristow challenges the traditional understanding of St. Paul's epistles and offers solid evidence that Paul not only championed equality both in the church and in the home, but proposed a radical new model for marriage. John Temple Bristow is a Disciples of Christ Pastor at the Lake City Christian Church in Seattle, Washington.
- Brown, Judy. *Women Ministers According to Scripture*. Kearney, NE: Morris Publishing, 1966. **261.8 344 B878 1996**.
Brown's chapters include God's Gender, Jesus's Treatment of Women, Women in the Early Church, The New Testament view of Ministry, Questions re 1 Corinthians 11, 14, and First Timothy 2. Judy Brown, Ed.D has many years of teaching experience, pastoral and foreign missions experience and is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God.

- Cunningham, Loren and David Joel Hamilton. *Why Not Women?: A Biblical Study of Women in Missions, Ministry, and Leadership*. Seattle: YWAM, 2000. **261.8344 C973 2000**.

Cunningham writes: “when we look back on what Jesus did to release women and what the Holy Spirit has done in periods of revival and missionary fervour, we must determine to do everything in our power to release those whom God is calling today.We must remove the obstacles so that this new generation can follow God’s leading.....we also need to see women in the church set free to obey God in their gifts and callings” L. Cunningham is founder (and teacher) of the interdenominational international mission Youth With A Mission.

- Fee, Gordon D. *Listening To the Spirit in the Text*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000. **230.0415 F295 2000**

This book contains twelve studies covering a wide range of relevant topics including gender issues. Gordon D. Fee is a professor of New Testament studies at Regent College in Vancouver.

- Fleming, Joy Elasky. *Man and Woman in Biblical Unity: Theology From Genesis 2-3*. St. Paul, MN: Christians for Biblical Equality, 1993. **222.11 06 F597 1993**

Fleming’s exploration of Genesis 2 and 3 discusses the intrinsic value that the first man and woman shared and the grace that their creator extended to them. Joy Elasky Fleming holds a M. Div. And Ph.D. She has been a missionary with the Evangelical Free Church and has taught in at the Banqui Evangelical School of Theology in Africa.

- Giles, Kevin. *The Trinity & Subordinationism: The Doctrine of God & the Contemporary Gender Debate*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2002. **231.044 G472 2002**.

Giles states “all texts that imply the equality of the sexes speak of God’s ultimate eschatological ideal; all texts that speak of the subordination of women are culturally limited, time bound, practical advice to women living a culture that took for granted the subordination of women and do not apply in our age”. Giles is vicar of St. Michael’s Church (Anglican) in North Carlton, Australia.

- Grenz, Stanley J., and Denise Muir Kjesbo. *Women in the Church: A Biblical Theology of Women in Ministry*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1995. **262.14 G828 1995**.

This book carefully considers the biblical, historical and practical concerns surrounding women and the ordained ministry. Grenz takes the egalitarian position in which male-female mutuality best serves the practical needs of God's people. Stanley J. Grenz was professor of theology and ethics at Regent College in Vancouver, B.C. and the author of many books.
- Groothuis, Rebecca Merrill. *Good News for Women: A Biblical Picture of Gender Equality*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1997. **261.8343 G876 1996**

A woman's desire to serve has often been met with restrictions. Groothuis believes that the church's traditional teaching needs to be scripturally re-examined and replaced with the view that "gifts and ministries [affirm] the fundamental equality of women and men in Christ." Rebecca Merrill Groothuis is a free-lance writer and editor.
- Gundry, Patricia. *Woman, Be Free!* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1977. **261.8 344 G975 1977**

Gundry digs into scripture to determine what God really says about women and their place in society and church. Patricia Gundry is a professional writer and speaker.
- Gundry, Patricia. *Neither Slave Nor Free: Helping Women Answer the Call to Church Leadership*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1987. **262.0082 G975 1987**

Gundry believes that the all members of the church (including women) need to work together as equals for the body to remain healthy. Patricia Gundry is a professional writer and speaker.
- Hancock, Maxine, ed. *Christian Perspectives on Gender, Sexuality, and Community*. Vancouver: Regent Publishing, 1996. **261.8 343 C555 H235 1996**

Several Christian scholars approach the topic of gender and sexuality using various disciplinary approaches including biblical, theological, cultural and historical.

Maxine Hancock is Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and Spiritual Theology at Regent College.
- Hull, Gretchen Gaebelein. *Equal to Serve: Women and Men in the Church and Home*. Old Tappan, NJ: Fleming H. Revell, 1987. **261.8 344 H913 1987**.

Hull looks at women of the Bible and the men they lived and served with. She also describes the attitudes that God wants Christians to have about service and church traditions. Gretchen Gaebelein Hull is the daughter of the late Frank Gaebelein, noted evangelical theologian. She is married to a practicing attorney and is the mother of three married children.

- Keener, Craig S. *Paul, Women & Wives: Marriage and Women's Ministry in the Letters of Paul, Women, and Wives*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1992. **261.8 3442 K26 1992**

Keener examines the historical, cultural and exegetical details behind Paul's words about women in the home and ministry. Craig S. Keener holds a Ph.D. in New Testament and Christian Origins, Duke University. He is an Associate Minister at Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church, Philadelphia (NBC). He is also a frequent lecturer and teacher in New Testament, New Testament Background and Biblical Interpretation, in ministry and academic settings in the U.S. and Nigeria.

- Kroeger, Catherine Clark. *More Paul and women*. 1990. Videocassette. N.p: n.p., 1990. **VID 270.082 K93 1990**

- Kroeger, Catherine Clark. Beck, James R. *Women, abuse, and the Bible: How Scripture Can Be Used to Hurt or to Heal*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1996. **261.8 32 W872 1996**

Kroeger believes that the main reason why spouse and child abuse are so frighteningly common in the church is because of the misuse and misunderstanding of the Bible's teachings on headship and submission. Catherine Clark Kroeger is an associate professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. She hold a Ph.D. in classical studies fro the University of Minnesota. James R. Beck is professor of counseling at Denver Seminary. He holds a Ph.D in clinical psychology form Rosemead Graduate School of Psychology, Biola University.

- Kroeger, Richard Clark. *I Suffer Not a Woman: Rethinking 1 Timothy 2:11-15 in Light of Ancient Evidence*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1992. **227.83 06 K93 1992**
This book uses the passage in 1 Timothy 2 to interpret the ministries of Christian women. Richard and Catherine Clark Kroeger founded the Institute for Lay Training.

- Kroeger, Richard. *Women Elders . . . Called By God?* Louisville, KY : The Office of Women's Advocacy, Women's Ministry Unit, 2001. **262.1 082 K93 2001**
A careful study of several passages in the Bible with questions addressing the issue of whether women should be ordained to church offices such as elder, deacon or trustee.
- Lancaster, Sarah Heaner. *Women and the Authority of Scripture: A Narrative Approach.* Harrisburg: Trinity Press International, 2002. **220.13 L245 2002**
Lancaster offers a new perspective, arguing that Scripture informs, forms and transforms. This book affirms the authority of the Bible without denying the authority of women to speak truly about the problems that the Bible present for them. Sarah Heaner Lancaster is Associate Professor of Theology, Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio. She is an ordained elder in the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- Osiek, Carolyn. *Beyond Anger: On Being a Feminist in the Church.* N.Y.: Paulist Press, 1986. **262.0082 082 1986.**
Osiek addresses primarily women of the Roman Catholic Church in North America. Her chapters include: the process of awareness, ways of coping, choosing life without being unfaithful to deeply held convictions, developing a theology of the cross as a response to the traditional belief in the possibility of redemptive suffering. She notes that women of all denominations can resonate with the painful experiences of frustration. Carolyn Osiek was associate professor of New Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.
- Pierce, Ronald W., and Rebecca Merrill Groothuis, and Gordon D. Fee, eds. *Discovering Biblical Equality.* Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2004. **261.8344 D611 2004**
Ronald W. Pierce and Rebecca Merrill Groothuis (general editors), with the aid of Gordon D. Fee (contributing editor), have assembled a distinguished array of twenty-six evangelical scholars firmly committed to the authority of Scripture to explore the whole range of issues--historical, biblical, theological, hermeneutical and practical. While dispelling many of the myths surrounding biblical equality, they offer a sound, reasoned case that affirms the complementarity of the sexes without requiring a hierarchy of roles.
- Scanzoni, Letha and Nancy A. Hardesty. *All We're Meant To Be: Biblical Feminism For Today.* 3rd Rev. ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992. **261.8 344 S283 1992.**

The authors state that they call themselves “biblical” feminists because they believe that the Bible, correctly interpreted, does have good news for women. They indicate that they take the Bible as their authority too; it is not simply the book of the patriarchal elite. They represent the evangelical wing of the church for which the Bible has particular authority.

- Sumner, Sarah. *Men and Women in the Church: Building Consensus on Christian Leadership*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2003. **262.1 4 082 S956 2003**
Sumner encourages Christian women to “go forward” like Queen Esther – to walk in obedience without fighting for her rights or fleeing from her dire situation. She desires to affirm women leaders in the church without becoming a feminist. Sarah Sumner holds a Ph.D from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. She is chair of the Department of Ministry and Associate Professor of Ministry and Theology, Haggard School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University.
- Strauss, Mark L. *Distorting Scripture?: The Challenge of Bible Translation & Gender Accuracy*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1998. **220.5 2 S912 1998**
Strauss debates whether gender-inclusive language helps or distorts God’s word. Strauss is associate professor of New Testament at Bethel Theological Seminary and is also the author of several books.
- *Study Bible For Women: The New Testament New Revised Standard Version, 1995*. Eds. Catherine Clark Kroeger, Mary Evans, and Elaine Storkey
Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1995. **REF 225.5 209 B582 S933 1995**
The volume begins with a number of articles discussing issues relating to the inspiration, authority and interpretation of Scripture. Other sections include general comments on the text of the New Testament plus short articles, and longer articles on matters of Christian doctrine in particular as they relate to women.
- Swartley, Mary and Rhoda Keener, eds. *She Has Done a Good Thing: Mennonite Women Leaders Tell Their Stories*. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1999. **289.7 092 2 S542 1999**
Influential women tell how they were propelled by circumstances, peers, and the Holy Spirit into positions of leadership as theologians, pastors, educators, and administrators. Through struggles and opposition these women found grace and support from Jesus. Mary Swartley has been a business educator and educational administrator at various Mennonite Institutions. Mary has also been on the board for

Church Community Services in Elkhart. As a leader in the Belmont Mennonite Church, she has served in various capacities and now is congregational administrator.

- Webb, William, J. *Slaves, Women & Homosexuals: Exploring the Hermeneutics of Cultural Analysis*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2001. **220.601 W368 2001**
At one time or another, slaves, women and homosexuals have been regarded at less than human. Webb uses a hermeneutical approach to distinguish that which is merely cultural in Scripture from that which is timeless. William J. Webb is a professor of New Testament at Heritage Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Ontario.
- Webb, Val. *Why We're Equal: Introducing Feminist Theology*. St. Louis, MO:Chalice Press, 1999. **230.082 W368 1999**
Using Galatians 3:28 as her scriptural base, Webb introduces feminist thought, not as a departure from tradition, but as an affirmation of the early church's commitment to the equality of all believers. Webb has a Ph.D in systematic theology from Luther Seminary, and is on the adjunct faculty of the University of Minnesota.
- *The Women's Bible Commentary*. Carol A. Newsom and Sharon H. Ringe, eds. London: SPCK, 1992. **REF 220.7 082 W872 1991**
Women scholars, writing on each book of the Bible, comment on sections that are relevant to women and enable readers to understand the significance of the presence or absence of women in the scriptures.

Online resources

- [Christians for Biblical Equality](#)

Gender hierarchalist (also referred to as: traditional or complementarian)

Grudem, Wayne., ed. *Biblical Foundations for Manhood and Womanhood*/ Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2002. **261.8 343 B582 2002**

Writers include John Piper, Bruce Ware, Richard Hove, Daniel Doriani, Daniel R. Heimback and Peter Jones. They argue that “egalitarian views destroy God’s ideal for

relationships, marriage, and life purposes". Some chapters include: "Does Galatians 3:28 negate gender-specific roles?", "The meaning of "Head", "The Myth of Mutual submission as an Interpretation of Ephesians 5:21", "Tampering with the Trinity: Does the Son Submit to his Father?" The Danvers Statement (overview of core beliefs of the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood prepared in 1987) is included. Wayne Grudem is Research Professor of Bible and Theology at Phoenix Seminary.

Doriani, Daniel M., *Women and Ministry: What the Bible Teaches*. Wheaton, IL.: Crossway Books, 2003. **262.1 4 082 D696 2003**

Doriani argues that "women may do all sorts of things but not everything. As kings, priests, prophets, and apostles bore responsibility in the past, so male elders bear final responsibility to proclaim and defend the church's teaching." Doriani also suggests that women may join any ministry except those that are distinctive to elders or deacons. Some chapters include: "The Roles of Women in the Ministry of Jesus", "Foundations for Male-Female Roles: Genesis 1 and Ephesians 5", "1 Timothy 2", "The Gifts of the Spirit and the Roles of Women". Dan Doriani is Professor of New Testament at Covenant Theological Seminary.

Grudem, Wayne A. *Evangelical Feminism & Biblical Truth: An Analysis of More Than One Hundred Disputed Questions*. Sisters, OR. : Multnomah Publishers, 2004. **270.082 G885 2004**

Grudem responds to 118 arguments that evangelical feminists have made re: women in the church and in church leadership, roles in marriage, theology and the concepts of equality, and biblical interpretation. Grudem argues that any unique leadership role is reserved for men in marriage or in the church. He also states "that the egalitarian arguments reveal a dismaying trend to deny the full authority of the Bible." The book contains policy statements of selected denominations and parachurch organizations regarding women in ministry.

- Hutcheson, Peggy G., and Susan M. Hunt. *Leadership For Women in the Church*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1991. **262.0082 H943 1991**.

Hutcheson and Hunt creatively address the issue of how women function within a church where male headship is the accepted position. Susan M. Hunt is the Women in the Church Consultant for the Presbyterian Church in America. She has degrees from

the University of South Carolina and Columbia Theological Seminary. Peggy G. Hutcheson is a partner in Atlanta Resource Associates. She holds a Ph.D from Georgia State University and has published numerous articles on human resources training.

- Köstenberger, Andreas J., Thomas R. Schreiner, and H. Scott Baldwin, eds. *Women in the Church: A Fresh Analysis of 1 Timothy 2:9–15*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1995.

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Various authors provide the traditional analysis of the text of 1 Timothy 2:9-15.

Andreas J. Köstenberger is assistant professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Thomas R. Schreiner is professor of New Testament at Bethel Theological Seminary. H. Scott Baldwin, a missionary with the Evangelical Free Church, teaches at Singapore Bible College.

- Piper, John, and Wayne Grudem, eds. *Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood: A Response to Evangelical Feminism*. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 1991. **261.8 343 R311**

1991

Twenty-two men and women respond to “evangelical feminism”. The book combines systematic argumentation with popular application.

John Piper is senior pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis. He has a Dr. Theology from University of Munich. He taught Biblical Studies for six years at Bethel College in St. Paul before coming to the pastorate. Wayne A. Grudem holds his Ph.D in New Testament from Cambridge University. He is an associate Professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois.

- Poythress, Vern S., and Wayne A. Grudem. *The Gender-Neutral Bible Controversy : Muting the Masculinity of God's Words*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, **220.5**

P892 2000.

Poythress and Grudem discuss whether the age of political correctness is altering the meaning of God’s words. Vern S. Poythress holds a Ph.D in mathematics, a Th.D in New Testament, a M.Litt in New Testament, a Th.M in apologetics, a M.Div and a B.S.

He is Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Westminster Theological Seminary. Wayne A. Grudem holds a Ph.D, a M.Div and a B.A. He is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Biblical and Systematic Theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

- Saucy, Robert L. and Judith K. TenElshof, eds. *Women and Men in Ministry: A Complementary Perspective*. Chicago: Moody Press, 2001.

Chapters include: “Woman and Man in the Old Testament,” “Woman and Man in the New Testament,” “Femininity and Masculinity,” “Woman and Man in Human History”, “Woman and Man in Church Ministry. The authors states that as in the Christian family where husband and wife work together under the headship of the husband, helping each other in most areas, so the church needs to consider the ministry of men and women together in all areas of church life, including teaching and leadership within God’s design of order. Robert Saucy is Distinguished Professor of Systematic Theology at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University. Judith TenElshof is Associate Professor of Christian Ministry and Leadership and Director of the Intentional Character Development at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University.

Online resources

- [The Council of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood](#)
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Articles from Mennonite publications (including journals and books)

- Anderson, Cora. “Shall Women Preach?: Principles and Practices in the Salvation Army and in the Methodist Church in Ontario 1882-1900.” *Conrad Grebel Review* 8 (Fall 1990): 275-288.

Anderson contrasts the attitudes towards women in a “sectarian” Christian movement- the Salvation Army- with those of a mainstream denomination – the Methodist church in Ontario. Cora Anderson is a student in the Doctor of Theology program, Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology.

- Bergen, David. **Response**. “A Pauline View of Women.” By Howard Loewen. *Direction* 6.4 (1977): 20.

Bergen writes “the fact that women can exercise their gifts of the Spirit together with men is an emphasis and interpretation that is needed not so much because of the movements in society but because it is a teaching of Scripture.”

- Boschman, Ed. “**Women’s Role in Ministry in the Church.**” *Direction* 18.2 (1989): 44–53.

Boschman says that we need to recognize, affirm and celebrate the God-given equality and differences between men and women. Ed Boschman is senior pastor of Willow Park Mennonite Brethren Church at Kelowna, British Columbia.

- Driedger, Leo; Friesen, Dorothy Nickel. “Mennonite Women in Pastoral Leadership.” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 69. 4 (October 1995): 487-504.

Based on the recent experiences of Mennonite Women in the pastoral ministry, this study explores the extent to which modern Mennonites in North America accept the idea of women serving in church leadership and examines whether these attitudes vary according to upward social mobility. Leo Driedger was Visiting Professor at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Fall 1993), and is Professor of Sociology at the University of Manitoba. Dorothy Nickel Friesen is pastor of First Mennonite Church, Bluffton, Ohio.

- Epp, M. “Nonconformity and Nonresistance: What Did It Mean to Mennonite Women?” *Changing Roles of Women Within the Christian Church in Canada*. Toronto : University of Toronto Press, 1995. **277.1 08 082 C456 1995**

A history of the women of the Mennonite Conference of Ontario who upheld nonconformity and nonresistance in theory, but in practice were affected in different ways. The theme of headship was a constant in the many discussions on the head covering that occurred over the years in the Mennonite community.

- Epp, Marlene. “Carrying the Banner of Nonconformity: Ontario Mennonite Women and the Dress Question.” *Conrad Grebel Review* 8 (Fall 1990): 237-257.

Epp writes on the head covering controversy in Ontario Mennonite Churches.

Marlene Epp has been research associate for the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada from 1983 to the present. She was a doctoral candidate in history at the University of Toronto at the time writing (now Academic Dean Associate Professor of History at Conrad Grebel University College).

- Epp, Marlene. "A Selected Bibliography of English-Language Writings on the History of Anabaptist/Mennonite Women." *Conrad Grebel Review* 8 (Fall 1990): 321-323.
A compilation that points to a variety of secondary sources for readers interested in the history of Anabaptist/ Mennonite women.
- Erb, Betti. "Reading the Source: Menno Simons on Women, Marriage, Children, and Family." *Conrad Grebel Review* 8 (Fall 1990): 301-319.
Erb examines Menno Simons' writings that deal with women, the institution of marriage, children and family life in order to compare attitudes in Reformation Europe with that of current culture. Betti Erb is communication coordinator at Conrad Grebel College.
- Geddert, Timothy J. "**The Ministry of Women: A Proposal for Mennonite Brethren.**" *Direction* 18.2 (1989): 54–71.
Geddert uses a Mennonite Brethren perspective to clarify which church ministries may be appropriately and Biblically carried out by women.
Dr. Timothy J. Geddert is Assistant Professor of New Testament at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, California.
- Harder, Lydia Neufeld. "Discipleship Re-examined: Women in the Hermeneutical Community." *The Church as Theological Community: Essays in Honour of David Schroeder*. Winnipeg : CMBC Publications, 1990. 199-220. **289.7 C561 1990**
Harder states that the "purpose of this paper is not to outline a conclusive definition of discipleship or of the hermeneutical community, but rather to analyze the process itself. This study seeks to examine the way we search for truth as part of the ongoing journey of life. It is to challenge past formulations by giving a central place to women's reality".
Harder examines the historical context, women and the biblical story, Mark in historical perspective, and Mark's view of discipleship for women. Lydia Harder was a doctoral student in theology at the Toronto School of Theology at the time of writing.
- Harder, Lydia Neufeld. "The Mutuality of Ministry : A Dialogue with Mark."
Understanding ministerial leadership. Elkhart: Inst of Mennonite Studies, 1995. 70-81.
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Harder writes that the dialogue with Mark has pointed readers to the need for mutual ministry. Lydia Neufeld Harder wrote this paper during which time she served as an interim faculty member at Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

- Harder, Lydia Neufeld. "Singing a Subversive Song of Hope." *Conrad Grebel Review* 19.3 (Fall 2001): 13-32.

The title uses the "imagery of music to help readers envision service in a different key". She writes that "it seems that many Mennonite women have learned to sing a song of service that affirms subservience and submission or else duty and guilt. ...perhaps the predominant models of service can yet be disrupted and transformed." Harder was adjunct faculty at Conrad Grebel University College and taught at the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre.

- Isaak, Jon M. "**Hearing God's Word in the Silence: A Canonical Approach to 1 Corinthians 14.34–35.**" *Direction* 24.2 (1995): 55–64.

Isaak uses Brevard S. Childs' canonical approach to provide a way of reading and confessing the Bible as authoritative, which cuts through the modern vs. traditional "gridlock" regarding how women should relate. Jon M. Isaak is a graduate of McGill University in Montreal and Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary. He also taught at St. Petersburg Christian University in Russia under Mennonite Brethren Missions.

- Janzen, Jean. "**The Church Can Help Women Choose.**" *Direction* 9.1 (1980): 3–6.

Janzen's article discusses ways in which women need the support of the church in the midst of the new opportunities they are given to serve. Jean Janzen is a board member of the Fresno Pacific College. She participates in a local writers group and edits the College Community Church Newsletter.

- Loewen, Howard. "**The Pauline View of Woman.**" *Direction* 6.4 (1977): 3–20.

Loewen's examinations of scriptures stress the mutual interdependence of men and women on one another and in kingdom work. Dr. Howard Loewen is Assistant Professor of New Testament and Theology at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College and College of Arts, Winnipeg. He is the Managing Editor of *Direction*.

- Martens, Hedy L. "God's Word: To Women as to Men." *Direction* 5.1 (1976): 11–26.

Martens discusses the victory that women have as the Holy Spirit speaks to them.

Hedy Martens studied Honors English at the University of Manitoba. She has written articles for the Mennonite Brethren Herald and Rejoice.

- Neufeld, Yoder T. "Paul, Women, and Ministry in the Church." *Conrad Grebel Review* 8 (Fall 1990): 289-299.
Neufeld explains how our common identity as women and men in Christ, rather than concession to culture should move us in the direction of full and equal participation of women in the life of the church. Tom Yoder Neufeld is assistant professor of Religions Studies and Peace Studies at Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo, Ontario.
- Penner, Carol. Reply. "Paul, Women and Ministry in the Church." By T. Yoder Neufeld. *Conrad Grebel Review* 9 (Winter 1991): 78-80.
Penner, while largely agreeing with Yoder's interpretation of the Pauline texts, comments briefly on ways in which the article could have been made more effective.
- Plett, Sandra. "**Attitudes Toward Women as Reflected in Mennonite Brethren Periodicals.**" *Direction* 9.1 (1980): 13–24.
Plett reviews the opinions regarding the changing role of women represented in Mennonite Brethren periodicals between 1960 and 1980. Sandra Plett is a graduate of Fresno Pacific College.
- Redekop, Gloria Neufeld. C"The Understanding of Woman's Place among Mennonite Brethren in Canada : A Question of Biblical Interpretation." *Conrad Grebel Review* 8 (Fall 1990): 259-274.
By analyzing articles from Mennonite periodicals, Redekop's discussion focuses on developments from the 1950's to the present, bringing to light biblical texts which have been used to define woman's place. Gloria Neufeld Redekop is a doctoral candidate in the department of Religious Studies at the University of Ottawa. Prior to coming to Ottawa, Gloria served the Thompson United Mennonite Church in Manitoba as co-pastor.
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