

The Accession of Women to Priesthood in the Context of Contemporary Ecumenical Dialogue

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Abstract

This article addresses the ordination of women in today's society. For that purpose, we have initially analyzed the general assemblies of the World Council of Churches (Amsterdam, Switzerland, Montreal, Nairobi), during which Protestants and Neo-Protestants were confirmed to be in favor of ordaining women, whilst the Orthodox Church representative members, supported by the Roman Catholic Church, have absolutely and unanimously rejected their proposals. Further, we paid attention to the discussions between the Anglican Church and Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches, in the context of the Commission's inter-theological dialogue between Anglicans and Orthodox. Finally, we considered important to emphasize the Romanian Orthodox Church's position on this subject, a position strongly supported by Professor Nicolae Chițescu.