

**The Official Debate on the Ordination of Women in the Anglican
Communion:
An Orthodox approach**

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Abstract

The issue of the ordination of women as deaconesses in the first place and as priests and bishops later on troubles the Anglican Communion since the previous century. Developments in England, Hong Kong, USA and elsewhere challenge the Anglican unity and its relations with Orthodox, Roman-Catholic and Old-Catholic Churches. Going through Resolutions of the Lambeth Conferences, we critically examine the way the conflict on the ordination of women was developed and the way the Anglicans handle it. There is no doubt that the whole issue is a theological one and it is greatly linked to Anglican theology and ecclesiology. An evaluation from an Orthodox point of view concerning the debate itself and its consequence on the bilateral Anglican-Orthodox theological dialogue follows.