

Women Entering Ministry

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Let us be realistic. More than half the active church members are women. Yet much less than half the full time paid ministerial staff is female.

Every year a large percentage of the seminary graduates are female. The numbers of female graduates from conservative seminaries has increased in the last decade much faster than the openings on staff at the local churches. Many women have gone into counseling and missions.

The Bible gives women the mandate to minister to other women in the books of Titus and Timothy. And for millennia women have done wonderful ministry among children.

Let us notice that the high divorce rate leaves our society with the byproduct of millions of single mothers. These precious parents need the inputs and encouragement of those of their gender.

In recent years more women have come on to the radio and TV who are teaching. At the regional and local levels there will always be a need for gifted female speakers to address women's luncheons, seminars and workshops.

The facts are the women have entered into every profession that had always been male dominated. This includes doctors, lawyers, judges, politics, business, management, etc. There have been many liberal denominations that have ordained women.

Four Bridges does not advocate compromising any verse in the Bible, period. There are heated debates going on in some circles about women in church leadership. As an organization we will maintain a neutral position on this and any disagreement that falls inside of biblical orthodoxy.

So let us think outside of the box. What are innovative and creative ways to harness the many amazing communication technologies that will connect these well trained Christian workers with their harvest fields and support partners? What are the best ministries that are doing that today (that are led by a either man or a woman)? How can we scale that down to the level of a seminary student or graduate entering the ministry? How can we synergistically offer PDF files, streaming audio, download MP3, audio CD, DVD, etc. There is successful company that is offering a wonderful service that we could hire or imitate www.christianity.com

Unfortunately parachurch organizations have a terrible reputation in some circles. However often they are boldly going where the local church fears to tread. On the links page of Four Bridges you will find dozens that are doing a great work <http://www.fourbridges.org/Links.html> And every single one of them had a beginning and infancy that required much prayer, love and support.

Four Bridges will work with the seminary students, graduates, faculty and staff to design services tailored to women entering ministry. We will adapt what Four Bridges is offered to international students, future missionaries, church planter and graduates as needed.

We totally trust that God will guide and provide as we work together with Him and each other in pioneering this vast new frontier.