

The Big List:

***An Introduction to Resources
about & for
Women Leading the Church***

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Notes:

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*No “generative AI” tools were used in this endeavor.
This is my own work. I take responsibility for any errors, but you will not find
“hallucinated”/made-up sources or citations here.*

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Introduction

This introductory compilation of books by and about women in church leadership is not exhaustive, nor is it the only resource. It's a partial overview (yet is 60+ pages long). Hopefully, you'll find it insightful and, when desired or strategic, even printable.

Why this resource?

Quite simply: I got very frustrated trying to navigate search algorithms online. Then, I grew increasingly surprised the larger my Zotero research library ballooned with my finds; but those finds took effort and persistence.

Most of you don't have that time.

Academic libraries and databases are tricky as well; not everyone has access, and those sources don't always include congregational or denominational resources. I value liberal arts/multidisciplinary engagement and believe it's helpful for church and academy to dance every once in a while: for those publications to mingle and keep each other lively.

A few hurdles faced by those searching for resources on women in church leadership:

- Finicky search rankings, sources that pay for boosted visibility, algorithm challenges
- Books go out of print
- A lot of research is tucked away in denominational, linguistic, or geographical “silos”
- Many existing scholars and mentors studied resources that omitted women from historical surveys and interpretation; syllabi and lectures often omit women
- Archival digitization projects are uneven but have increased rapidly
- Statistically women are less likely to be cited (or included as course required reading)
- Online searches now require “long tail keywords” to be useful, which means searchers need to have an idea of what they're looking for *before* you begin! (Example: if you search “women pastors” online, half the results will be content *against* women pastors; but searching “women ordained Canada 20th century” or something similarly specific will yield better results – but it's time-consuming).
- Diversification of information channels: text, audio, video, visual - websites; e-books, downloads; subscription course platforms, micro-certifications; podcasts, audio books, short-form and long-form video; social media apps; open-access academic archives, etc
- Not everyone has access to academic libraries or online academic databases or can afford college or grad school; that doesn't mean they can't read or think or learn. It's valuable to *make as much as possible as accessible as possible to as many people as possible*.

I have found the compilation process helpful in clarifying my own perception of the broad sweep of women's voices across centuries and continents. You may appreciate some of the following:

- *Bridging denominational silos* makes it easier to appreciate just how strong a shared heritage there is for women's preaching, leadership, and even ordination as elders.
- *The surge in open-access, online digitized archives* is wonderful – even though they are just a fraction of physical archives – but it's challenging to keep up with what content is now available online, especially given quirks of search algorithms. This is one aid that may introduce you to some resources, though I do not list many of the searchable archives available online (many via universities or museums).
- *CBE International offers a deep wealth of online archives on women leading in the church. It doesn't delve into denominational specifics, and every website, of course, requires internet and stable electricity/infrastructure to access it.* Although this "Big List" is limited by being in English, it's downloadable or even printable.
- *Not everyone likes or uses Zotero*, so I pulled most of this from my Zotero library (though without handy Zotero category tags, using a digital version of this doc will require you to "Ctrl+F" to search keywords, and physical copies require visual browsing).

This resources lacks:

- *A lot of historical information found almost solely in reliably sourced articles, whether from websites, magazines, academic journals, or so on.* This document represents just a portion of my Zotero library because I include very few articles (simply to keep scope manageable). *Some women or topics may be unevenly represented in a document like this that lists published books but few articles.*
- *A catalogue of multimedia finds like archival footage, video, or audio; oral history or interview audio or video; public domain or limited-use photos, artifact/archeology/tomb images, illustrations, or paintings; and more.*
- *Women who were missionaries, unless they also regularly preached and led in their countries of origin.* (Here is a quote to honor the robust work done by women missionaries. Rev. Kukiko Yamamoto, editor of *Grace Abounding* described a woman who led a school: "Seikyo Jogakko was started in Yokohama in 1884. Caroline Van Petten was its first principal...highly educated herself, Van Petten taught New Testament, hymnology, preaching, and practical theology.")

This resource includes:

- *Some bibliographies, sites, and organizations for women leading the church or academy*
- *Books advocating for women in church leadership to some or all degrees post-Protestant Reformation, around the world, in multiple languages, from multiple Christian traditions, cultures, denominations, experiences, and theologies.*
- *Autobiographies, memoirs, and biographies* by or about women who preached, led in strong or unusual ways for their contexts and sometimes were licensed or ordained.

- *Some denominational materials – both practical/congregationally oriented as well as academic research or histories*
- *Academic work on themes of women's leadership in church history around the world.*
- *Some books on unfolding iterations of feminist, womanist, and mujerista theology*
- *Just a small token sample of dissertations and theses on subjects related to the pastoral and/or preaching leadership of women.*
- *Titles in multiple languages, from multiple places, including in Czech, English, French, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, and more, and resources published in or written by authors from Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, England, France, Ghana, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, the United States, Wales, Zambia, and more, plus works on regions broadly, like Latin America, Africa, and Asia.*
- *A few archival photos, for fun, when there was a bit of space at the end of a section.*

Please note:

- Listings are often *representative samples* of a writer or scholar's entire body of work. Users are encouraged to research other publications by the authors listed.
- Listings are not endorsements. You'll find *an ecumenical array*.

Those who support women's leadership in the church approach it from different theological postures, experiences, and goals. Over centuries, arguments of varying strengths have been made; women of differing times, cultures, and theologies vary on the degree to which women should lead equally with men in the church, marriage, or society.

Across global Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christians, there are and have been varying theologies of gender and sexuality. (For example, work by the late Rev. Pauli Murray is included in this resource, which is consistent with the National Museum of African American History & Culture practice of referring to figures as they referred to themselves, regardless of how Rev. Murray might identify were she alive now.)

Finally, not all historians who research women preachers and pastors are themselves people of faith, and people of faith owe a great deal to them for their work.

- Listings include materials from traditions and denominations including but not limited to:
 - Anabaptist
 - Baptist
 - Church of England/Episcopal Church
 - Church of Sweden
 - Congregational
 - Evangelical Covenant Church
 - Lutheran
 - Orthodox
 - Pentecostal/Charismatic
 - Presbyterian

- Quaker
- Reformed
- Roman Catholic
- Uniting Church in Australia
- Wesleyan/Methodist, including mainline UMC; the GMC; historic Black Methodist denominations like AME, AME Zion, and CME; and holiness/revivalist traditions like Free Methodist, Nazarene, The Salvation Army, Wesleyan, etc

When possible, I've included open access resource links – *not* to disrespect the hard work of researchers or authors (if your work is free on archive dot org and shouldn't be, for instance, please file a complaint!), but rather to boost access and voices.

This compilation includes citation inconsistencies, undoubtedly contains errors, and obviously contains omissions. It is incomplete but hopefully helpful.

Regarding citations, Zotero does not pull information flawlessly, and I have made corrections but I'm sure inconsistencies persist.

Regarding errors, please be kind, I am finite and created this resource without grant funding or institutional support. Regarding omissions, see note on finitude.

My apologies if I have neglected to include your work: no offense is intended, and I am thankful for your research.

A note on history and the illusion of the recent:

It would be tempting to assume that the ballooning number of resources as one proceeds from earlier centuries to recent decades represents a historical increase in writing by or about women over time. Certainly the printing press and increased literacy made a difference. The value of the ecumenical research of the past fifty years can't be overstated.

But humans and technology both favor the recent in our individual and collective recollection, bookshelves, and archives.

A huge number of archives have not been digitized; oral tradition has at times held prominent value; and meanwhile, we're still finding material stuffed onto forgotten shelves (Mary Astell's hand-written marginalia) or folded up in old family Bibles (the only known copy of one article was found in just such a way) or re-assessing old, problematic dismissals or interpretations of inscriptions, paintings, sculptures, tombs, etc. It took centuries just for Hildegard of Bingen's sermons to be translated into English. Yes – *her sermons*.

The frequent failures to preserve women's articles, sermons, photos, letters, documents, libraries, and more should not be mistaken for a lack of output in earlier centuries or decades.

Sometimes, those materials were not valued or preserved – especially, in my country, if the woman was a woman of color.

(God bless Zechariah Taft and Junia Mowry – both were preacher’s husbands who worked to preserve accounts of women’s ministry. And yes, apparently Junia’s parents assumed Junia must be a male name if it referred to an apostle...)

The records, art, inscriptions, documents, artifacts, and so on that we *do* have show that women spoke, preached, wrote, traveled, led, founded religious orders, and taught.

Do not mistake American ease of access to recent work, digitized work, English work, or Global West work as dominance of any of those.

We have a lot of catching up to do.

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Research: Archives, Bibliographies, & Resourcing Sites

Barfoot, Charles H. *Bibliography on Clergywomen and Laywomen*. PDF available upon request; formerly available at this link:

<https://hrr.hartfordinternational.edu/research/clrgywmnbiblio.pdf>

Blevins, Carolyn DeArmond, ed. *Women in Christian History: A Bibliography*. Mercer University Press, 1995. <http://archive.org/details/womeninchristian00blev>

Center for Women and Religion (ATLA)

<https://dl.atla.com/collections/center-for-women-and-religion?locale=en>

Christians for Biblical Equality Int'l (CBE International): Multi-lingual, cross denominational resources, radio programs, and archives

<https://www.cbeinternational.org/>

Mutuality magazine (from CBE International; accessible)

<https://www.jstor.org/site/cbe-international/mutuality/>

Priscilla Papers (from CBE International; academic journal)

<https://www.cbeinternational.org/publication/priscilla-papers-academic-journal/>

Christian Feminism Today

<https://ewc.com/>

Consortium of Pentecostal Archives: pentecostalarchives.org/

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<https://cranfordville.com/BiblioOrdinationWomen.pdf>

Dictionary of African Christian Biography: Women

<https://dacb.org/sort/stories/women-index/>

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<https://cynthiahale.org/images/DIGGING-HARD-GROUND-2.pdf>

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<https://production.nazarene.org/sites/default/files/2019-09/wcbib.pdf> or
<https://nazarene.org/sites/default/files/2019-09/wcbib.pdf>

International Society of Hildegard von Bingen Studies. *Bibliography*.
<http://www.hildegard-society.org/p/links.html>

Junia Project: Resources on women in church leadership
<https://juniaproject.com/>

Lausanne Movement international resources: women leading
<https://lausanne.org/?s=women>

Library of Medieval Women
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/series/library-of-medieval-women/1BA2C651ABFA8E2EA0092C44E8FC969B>

Logia Women Scholars Database (via St. Andrew's)
<https://logos.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/logia-resource-database/>

Lutheran Women's Works in Religion
<https://learn.elca.org/lwwr/>

Marg Mowzko: Biblical & early church history resources on women's leadership;
multi-lingual archives
<https://margmowczko.com/>

Missio Alliance: Resources on women in church leadership
<https://www.missioalliance.org/>

"Recommended Books on the History of Women in United Methodism.Pdf." Accessed
January 30, 2024. <https://s3.amazonaws.com/gcah.org/READING.pdf>

"Researching Women in Methodism," including bibliography. University of Manchester
John Rylands Research Institute & Library.
<https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands/special-collections/subject-areas/methodist-archives-and-research-collections/using-the-collections/researching-women-in-methodism/related-collections/>

Sacred Alliance: Resources on women in church leadership
<https://www.thesacredalliance.org/>

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Swan, OSB, Laura. *History of North American Benedictine Women: A Bibliography*. iUniverse, 2001.

Visual Museum of Women in Christianity: Women in sacred art history and architecture of church history

<https://www.visualmuseum.gallery/>

Women in Ministry Archives Guide & Bibliography, The Salvation Army International Heritage Centre.

https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/2020-10/6.%20Women%20in%20Ministry_0.pdf

Warrick, Susan E., Ed. *Women in the Wesleyan and United Methodist Traditions: A Bibliography*. General Commission on Archives and History, 2003.

https://s3.amazonaws.com/gcah.org/UMC_History/Bibliographies/Bibliography.pdf
(150+pages)

Wijngaards Institute for Catholic Research

www.womenpriests.org

Wil Gafney: Womanists Wading in the Word: Womanist theology, Hebrew Bible; lectionary resources, preaching and academic archives

<https://www.wilgafney.com/>

Women Biblical Scholars

<https://womenbiblicalscholars.com/>

Women & Theology, curated by Dr. A.M. Hackney

womenandtheology.com



Via Nazarene Archives (retired archivist Stan Ingersol is a saint):

Left to Right –

Rev. Elliot Sheeks, Rev. Mary Lee Cagle (seated), Lay Preacher Donie Adams Mitchum.

(Sometimes when I encounter nonsense, I mentally aim Cagle's expression at it.)

Connect: Organizations & Groups for Women Leading Church & Academy

Association of African American Clergy Women

<https://aaacw.org/>

Association of Theological Schools Research: Women in Leadership (U.S.)

<https://www.ats.edu/Recent-Ats-Research-On-Special-Topics-In-Theological-Education>

Center for LGBTQ & Gender Studies in Religion (Pacific School of Religion)

<https://clgs.psr.edu/>

Center for Theology, Women, & Gender (Princeton Seminary)

<https://www.ptsem.edu/academics/ctwg>

Center for Womanist Leadership (Union Presbyterian Seminary)

<https://www.upsem.edu/cwl/>

Christian Latina Leadership Institute

www.christianlatinaleadershipinstitute.org/

International Association of Women Ministers

womenministers.org/

Leadership Conference for Women Religious

<https://www.lcwr.org/about>

Misogynoir to Mishpat Research Network

<https://misogynoir2mishpat.wordpress.com/>

PANAAWTM (Pacific, Asian, and North American Asian Women in Theology and Ministry)

<https://www.panaawtm.org/>

Propel Women (Christine Caine): Practical leadership and mentoring resources

<https://www.propelwomen.org/index.php>

Society of Biblical Literature Women Scholars

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064815817957>

The Honor Summit: A conference for Asian American women in leadership

<https://www.thehonorsummit.com/>

The Well for Women Scholars and Professionals

<https://thewell.intervarsity.org/>

WATER (Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, & Ritual)

<https://www.waterwomensalliance.org/history-and-mission/>

Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy

www.whwomensclergy.org

Woman Preach! Inc (in association with Methodist Theological School)

<https://www.womanpreach.org/>

See also Jarena Lee Preaching Academy:

<https://www.womanpreach.org/jarenalee>

Women Speakers Collective (Cheryl Nembhard, Danielle Strickland)

<https://www.womenspeakerscollective.com/>

Wynkoop Center for Women in Leadership (Nazarene Theological Seminary)

<https://www.nts.edu/wynkoop/>



Dr. Mabel Ping-Hua Lee, Suffragist, Economist, and Long-Time Baptist Pastor in New York City. So far, she's the only woman preacher I'm aware of [who had a post office named for her](#). Image via Library of Congress; public domain.

Connect: Geographical Organizations for Women Leading Church & Academy

Asian Women's Resource Centre for Culture and Theology
<https://awrc4ct.org/>

Association of Theologically Trained Women of India
attwi.in/

Australian Church Women, Inc.
www.acw.org.au/

Australian Women Preach
<https://australianwomenpreach.com.au/>

Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians
<https://circle.org.za/>

European Society of Women in Theological Research
<https://www.eswtr.org/en/publications/books>

See also: Via European Council for Theological Education - Europe and Middle East Women Leaders in Theological Education Gather for the First Time, 2023:
<https://evangelicalfocus.com/europe/21172/europe-and-middle-east-women-leaders-in-theological-education-gather-for-the-first-time>

See also: Via Mennonite World Conference – Indian and Asian Women Theologians Form Two Networks, 2012:
<https://mwc-cmm.org/en/stories/indian-and-asian-women-theologians-form-two-networks>



Rev. “Tillie” Khaalyát’ Kinnon Paul Tamaree (ca.1863-1952) was the first Native American woman ordained an elder in the PCUSA; after decades of ministry, she was ordained in 1931 in Wrangell, Alaska. Photo: We Are Alaskans by Mary Lee Davis.

Bridge: Denominational Resources on Women in Pastoral Leadership

American Baptist

American Baptist Women in Ministry:

<https://www.abc-usa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2016-ABWIM-ACCESS-Booklet.pdf>

Anglican Church of North America (ACNA – varied stances on women priests; no women bishops)

<https://nextgenanglican.com/womens-leadership-network/>

Assemblies of God

Network of Women Ministers

www.womenministers.ag.org/

African Methodist Episcopal (AME)

AMEWIM: amewim.org/

African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AME Zion)

<https://www.starofzion.org/stories/zion-honors-zion-women,19373>

Baptist

Baptist Women In Ministry (multiple denominations, including Cooperative Baptist Fellowship)

bwim.info/

Church of the Brethren

<https://www.brethren.org/ministryoffice/women-in-ministry/>

Church of the Nazarene

<https://www.usacanadaregion.org/ministry/women-clergy>

Church of England

Women in Ministry:

www.churchofengland.org/resources/diocesan-resources/ministry-development/vocations-and-planning/women-ministry

Church of God, Anderson

<https://anderson.edu/theology-christian-ministry/women-in-ministry/>

Christian Women Connection:
christianwomenconnection.org/

Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME)
<https://thecmechurch.org/commission-on-concerns-of-women-in-the-ministry/>

Christian Reformed Church North America (CRCNA)
<https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/position-statements/women-ecclesiastical-office>

EKD (German/Deutsch)
Equality Atlas: Gender in Germany's EKD
<https://gleichstellungsatlas.gender-ekd.de/>

The Episcopal Church
Interactive Timeline of Women's Ordination
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2014/07/28/ordination-timeline/>

Evangelical Covenant Church
Women in Ministry: covchurch.org/topic/women-in-ministry/

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA)
Gender Justice and Women's Empowerment
<https://www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/gender-justice>

Free Methodist Church USA
History of Women in Ministry: <https://fmcusa.org/women-in-ministry>

Foursquare Church
<https://resources.foursquare.org/link/women-in-ministry-leadership-resources/>

Global Methodist Church
<https://globalmethodist.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/GM-Church-Global-Diversity.pdf>

Mennonite Church USA
<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/women-in-ministry/>

Orthodox Church
Axia Women axiawomen.org/
St. Phoebe Center for the Diaconess: orthodoxdeaconess.org/

Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA)
Presbyterian Historical Society Archives: Women
<https://digital.history.pcusa.org/islandora/object/islandora:women>

Reformed Church in America

<https://www.rca.org/es/equipar-a-las-congregaciones/liderazgo-transformador-de-las-mujeres/apoyo-a-la-llamada-de-las-mujeres-al-ministerio/>

<https://www.rca.org/equipping-congregations/womens-transformation-leadership/>

Roman Catholic advocates for the ordination of women deacons or priests (women are already lay preachers in some contexts)

Women's Ordination Conference: <https://www.womensordination.org/>

Women's Ordination Worldwide: <https://womensordinationcampaign.org/>

Wijngaards Institute for Catholic Research: <https://womenpriests.org/>

Excommunicated/Unrecognized Catholic Women Ordinand Groups:

Association of Roman Catholic Women Priests:

<https://arcwp.org/about-us/>

Roman Catholic Women Priests USA:

<https://www.women-churchconvergence.org/index.php/roman-catholic-women-priests-usa-rcwp-usa>

Roman Catholic Women Priests:

<https://www.romancatholicwomenpriests.org/meet-the-ordained/>

Salvation Army

<https://www.thewarcry.org/articles/5-women-who-shaped-salvation-army-history/>

Society of Friends (Quakers)

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/>

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/2018/03/04/women-ministry/>

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/quakerism/branches/>

United Church of Canada

<https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/gender-trans-timeline.pdf>

United Methodist Church

<https://www.gbhem.org/ministry/clergy-leaders/clergywomen/>

Vineyard

Vineyard Women's Association:

vineyardusa.org/associations/womens-association/

Women In Leadership Pastors' Small Group Study:

<https://vineyarddigital.org/item/one-in-christ-women-in-leadership/>

Asociación de Mujeres — Para Mujeres que Lideran. - Viña EE.UU.

<https://vineyardusa.org/es/associations/womens-association/>

Wesleyan Church

Women in Ministry/English: <https://www.wesleyan.org/ecd/women-in-ministry>

Mujeres en el Ministerio/Español:

<https://www.wesleyan.org/ecd/women-in-ministry/mujeres-en-el-ministerio-y-liderazgo>

Read Old Books: Historic Autobiographies, Memoirs, Period Biographies

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<https://www.abc-usa.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Edith-Hill-Booker.pdf>

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https://snu.whdl.org/sites/default/files/resource/other/EN_Bodas_Oro_Guide_0.pdf?language=en

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<http://archive.org/details/alabasterspikena0000bowi>

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<http://archive.org/details/memorablewomeni01croogoo>
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<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015038775915?urlappend=%3Bseq=1>.
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*This resourcing guide is lovingly dedicated to the late Rev. Lois White Glass, 1952-2025.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.*