

Baptist Churches of Tasmania

Ordination of Women

Assembly acknowledges that the weight of Scripture, the meaning of the Gospel, and the experience of the contemporary universal church of Jesus Christ indicate that God gifts and calls both men and women to exercise leadership amongst His people.

Assembly approves in principle the ordination of women, subject to all other conditions as applied to men, and with no conditions which do not apply to men.

The Baptist Union of Tasmania and its officers shall make no distinction between men and women when considering an application for training towards ordination; and that a pastoral concern for and counselling of all prospective applicants shall include a consideration of what reasonable prospect there appears to be for an appropriate appointment to be made upon completion of training.

The Baptist Union of Tasmania and its officers shall make no distinction on the basis of sex when identifying with a member church in the matter of making and/or recognizing an appointment to the pastoral staff of that church; this shall apply both in the case of an appointment of a non-ordained person and in the case of an ordained person.

The Baptist Union of Tasmania and its officers shall be open to the appointment to its staff of any ordained person and shall recognize such ordination with no distinction based on sex.”

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