FOUNDATIONS OF WOMENS ORDINATION

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**Rationale**

This module is designed to give a multi-disciplinary view of the ordination of women in the Church of the Nazarene. Broader biblical, historical, and theological issues will be explored, with specific emphasis given to the Wesleyan Holiness heritage. Practical issues such as power dynamics, the importance of inclusive language, and modeling gender mutuality, as well as the practical aspects of mixed gender pastoral teams, co-pastoring, and family issues for women clergy are also discussed.

**Required Text**

Emboldened by Tara Beth Leach

* Available on Amazon and IVP Books (both softcover and Kindle)
* <https://www.ivpress.com/emboldened>
* It is less expensive on Amazon!

**Topics to Cover (Will be spaced out over 5 weeks)**

Lesson 1: The Need for Ordained Women Clergy

Lesson 2: Overview of Recent History and Hermeneutical Principles

Lesson 3: Creation and Fall

Lesson 4: Women of the Old Testament

Lesson 5: Jesus and the Early Church: the Gospels and Acts

Lesson 6: Paul and Gender Mutuality

Lesson 7: Women of the New Testament and Obscure Passages

Lesson 8: Women Church Leaders: Early and Medieval Period

Lesson 9: Women Church Leaders: Wesley through the Modern Period

Lesson 10: Wesleyan Theology & Gender Mutuality

Lesson 11: Gender Roles and Liberation in God

Lesson 12: Power Dynamics

Lesson 13: So That All Can Hear; So That All Can Speak

Lesson 14: Pastoral Teams, Co-Pastoring, Staff and Family Issues

Lesson 15: Mentoring Decision Makers and Modeling Gender Mutuality

**Assignments**

\*Weekly Reflection

Submit a minimum 500 word reflection on key items addressed during the week and how they apply to your education, life, or ministry.

\*Book Report

On the book, Emboldened

\*Rationale Paper

Write a paper discussing the following rationales for Ordained Women Leadership in the Church of the Nazarene

It is to include and Introduction. Biblical Rationale, Historical Rationale, Theological Rationale, Practical Rationale and Conclusion