



Anglican Diocese of the Carolinas Policy for Women in Orders

From the time of its inception as a 'diocese in formation' in 2010, The Diocese of the Carolinas has supported the ordination of women as deacons and priests in the church, with the provision that women may not serve in the office of rector. This provision grew out of our engagement with Scripture which is silent on who may preside at the Table and celebrate Holy Communion while it is not silent on who may assume the teaching/overseeing office of a congregation.

This policy was clearly re-articulated when Southeast PEARUSA churches joined the Diocese of the Carolinas in 2016, along with its provision that no parish will be required to ordain, hire, or conform to a position on the ordination of women that is contrary to their belief or conscience on this matter.

In response to the ACNA College of Bishops' meeting in Victoria, British Columbia in 2017, ADOC commissioned a task force to consider how we might better equip and facilitate the ministry of women in the Body of Christ as the priesthood of all believers. The task force's paper can be found on our diocesan website's resource page.