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TITLE: Women in Church & Society**TERM:** Fall 2025-2026**PROFESSOR:** AnneMarie Mingo**CREDIT HOURS:** 3**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO: _____
AUDITORS: 3UNLIMITED X
NO AUDITORS _____**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The scope of the course includes the feminist and womanist positions for women's clergy and lay leadership in churches; the conditions extant within society which brought about liberation movements and the extent to which it influences church women. History of the church's attitudes towards women past and present. Special attention is given to the needs of women in ministry and to the ideational and political stance(s) which inform them. Exploration of biblical and theological themes in relation to women's leadership roles in ecclesiastical institutions and other spaces for Christian ministry. While this course will primarily engage a North American perspective, women's leadership in the church and society will be embraced globally.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

To create an awareness of the attitudes of and toward women, both ordained and laity, within the contemporary church. To demonstrate a pragmatic basis for cooperative ministry among ministry leaders from all backgrounds. To understand contemporary hurdles that women encounter in the twenty-first century and to provide them with techniques to overcome such hurdles. To provide a basic awareness of the new literature in the field.

PREREQUISITES: None**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READINGS:**

Texts are TBD but will include books along these themes and others:

- Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, *If It Wasn't for the Women: Black Women's Experience and Womanist Culture in Church and Community* (Orbis Books, 2000) ISBN: 978-1570753435, \$26.00
- B. Diane Lipsett and Phyllis Tribble, *Faith and Feminism: Ecumenical Essays* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2014), ISBN: 978-0664239695, \$31.70
- Anna B. Morgan, *Growing Women in Ministry: Seven Aspects of Leadership Development* (Baker Press, 2024), ISBN: 978-1540967190, \$25.46
- Monique Moultrie, *Hidden Histories: Faith and Black Lesbian Leadership*, (Duke University Press, 2023) ISBN: 978-1478019114, \$21.36
- One book selected by the student in relation to their own interest/experiences.

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING

Active participation in online class sessions. Completion of readings and course assignments. Submission of papers and projects.

ATTENDANCE: Required.