

Here is what is already the truth in the Seventh-day Adventist Church today:

- Women as pastors are here to stay — and are blessing the church wherever they serve.
- Our theology of ordination does not specify gender.
- The GC TOSC concludes that there is no light from the Bible regarding women's ordination that our church agrees upon.

Therefore, to maintain the unity of the church please consider these THREE LETTERS: **Y - E - S**

Y is for Youth. Our children and grandchildren are listening for us to embrace our mothers, sisters, and daughters as equal partners in the work of servant leadership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church mission. **YES IS FOR OUR YOUTH!**

E is for Evangelism. 7 billion men and women on this planet call out for us to utilize every spiritual gift and every ministerial calling for mission. The Holy Spirit does not distinguish between women and men in the giving of the gifts and the call to ministry. Therefore, we cannot be a faithful church unless we are obedient to the Spirit's work in our midst. **YES IS FOR EVANGELISM!**

S is for Submission to one another in love. This is the time for us to reach across the aisles of this 60th General Conference session and ask, What will assist my brothers and sisters in another territory to fulfill our Remnant Church mission? Our addition of a 28th fundamental belief in 2010 is one splendid example of this spirit. **YES IS FOR TRUE UNITY!**

Y - E - S is the path forward, the key to unity, The way to the finished work.

Bradford C. Newton, D.Min.
Executive Secretary/Ministerial Secretary
Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists