



Receptive Space

Themes from an ecumenical workshop

What can Baptists learn from the experience of women ministering in other denominations and traditions?

SEEKING to UNDERSTAND the OBSTACLES WOMEN MINISTERS FACE



16 WOMEN

1 woman of colour

Meet OTHER WOMEN to
COMPARRE
RECEIVE

JOY THRIVING
o Each other
o Curiosity
o Share experiences

Expectations
FIT IN? FORMATION
Male stereotypes

LEADERSHIP
RELATIONAL rather than POSITIONAL

ROLE MODELS & ALLIES
HISTORIC and CONTEMPORARY
and includes MEN

EMBODIMENT
Appearance
Personal Issues
Physical Changes

MINISTRY and MARITAL STATUS
"How is your HUSBAND COPING?"
SINGLE assumed to AVAILABLE

Mutual Support



Structural acceptance of WOMEN & INCLUSIVITY



Dean of women's ministry

Collaborative decision making



Ecumenical Gifts for Baptists to receive

Majority of Ministers are WOMEN
Expect opportunities



Enabled to live out VOCATION as DISCIPLES



Requests for CHANGE

Remain open to ecumenical learning
EDI training cascaded

CONGREGATIONS REVIEW & PUBLICISE their position on WOMEN in MINISTRY

LOCAL CHURCHES should give OPPORTUNITIES to develop & try NEW THINGS

COLLEGES
Review Reading Lists
do they reflect theology written by
o women
o black & brown people

MALE MINISTER allies
WHITE MINISTER allies