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The debate in the Church of England

In 1962 the Church Assembly debated a paper, Gender and Ministry, CIO. This report recorded the opinion:

'We think that the various reasons for the withholding of the ordained and representative priesthood from women, reasons theological, traditional, instinctive, anthropological, social, emotional, should be much more thoroughly examined.'

This led to a resolution asking for a thorough examination of 'the various reasons for the withholding of the ordained and representative priesthood from women.'

A Commission was duly set up by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York 'to examine the questions of women and Holy Orders.' The Report Women and Holy Orders was published in 1966 (CIO) and debated in 1967. Following this debate a working party was set up to report on the position of women in ministry.

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