

Closing Phase of Women's Ordination Issue in the Seventh-day Adventist Church Graphically Represented				
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists				North American Division
<i>YEAR</i>	<i>GC Spring Meeting (April)</i>	<i>GC Session (July)</i>	<i>GC Annual Council (October)</i>	<i>NAD Year-end Meeting (YEM) and fruitage (YEM occurs about 3 weeks after GC Annual Council)</i>
2009			Model constitution "should/shall" wording debate	--- NADCOM votes E-60 change to "should" and "ordained/commissioned," rescinds at request of GC president Jan Paulsen, with his promise they could bring it up at 2010 YEM if the question were not addressed at 2010 GC session
2010	GC decides not to send WO question to 2010 GC session	Ted N.C. Wilson elected GC president. GC promises WO study		--- Before YEM, GC president's counsel sought, and "noted." --- NADCOM votes E-60 change to "should" and "ordained/commissioned" again. Also votes to ask 2011 GC Annual Council to approve a variance for NAD from the model constitution
2011			NAD asks variance from required model constitution. GC refuses	--- NADCOM votes 163-61 to reaffirm the E-60 change voted in 2010, rejecting the authoritative decision of 2011 GC Annual council. Jackson claims NAD "did not reject or rebel against the authority of the General Conference" (NAD president Dan Jackson, Dec. 8, 2011 letter).
2012			GC votes 264-25 its disapproval of Union actions, with its refusal to recognize the unauthorized actions. TOSC launched.	--- NAD president Dan Jackson, January 31, 2012 letter acknowledges that NAD exceeded its authority and removes "commissioned" from E-60 wording. But in same letter NAD unions and conferences are prompted to "become practical in [their] application," and "The North American Division and its Unions and Conferences (as local circumstances permit) must become more intentional in the development of pathways to ministry for female pastors." Within NAD this triggers the following break-away actions: --- Mid-America Union votes 36 days later to "ordain without regard to gender," (later backtracking).

				--- North Pacific Union Ex Com votes study committee and then special constituency session (delayed to winter 2015). --- Columbia Union votes to ordain “without regard to gender” on July 29, 2012. --- Pacific Union votes to ordain “without regard to gender” on August 19, 2012.
2013				--- SECC constituents vote Sandra Roberts president (practical culmination of E-60 rebellion). --- NADCOM joins itself to the rebellion of NAD units, illegally including SECC president Sandra Roberts in 2013 NAD YEM.
2014			GC to decide what motions with respect to WO for 2015 GC session	--- NPUC to decide immediate future course
2015	GC final decisions about 2015 GC session	GC session---ultimate decision on WO		--- Possible NPUC special constituency session ~February 2015

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NOTE: Read chart year by year, left to right. Items in the rightmost column from 2012 onward are listed chronologically top to bottom through the year.

NOTE: This chart is based largely upon General Conference News items, along with December 8, 2011 and January 31, 2012 letters by NAD president Dan Jackson. Compiled by Larry Kirkpatrick. Please forward any suggested corrections to pastorlarry@runbox.com.

NOTE: This chart is a companion document to “E-60 and the WO Endgame” published on OrdinationTruth.com.

Abbreviations used

GC = General Conference
 NAD = North American Division of the General Conference
 NADCOM = North American Division Committee
 WO = Women's Ordination
 YEM = Year-end Meeting of the NAD