

South West Ministry Training Council

**Policy for those who cannot in conscience accept the
ministry of women priests**

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The present policy of SWMTC for those who cannot in conscience accept the ministry of women priests is as follows: all candidates are asked to respect the views of others, and to use the opportunities of the training to explore and understand these. The Course respects the position of those who cannot accept the ministry of women as priests, and therefore seeks to work within the reality of impaired communion. As far as teaching and staff tutorial provision are concerned, no allowance or distinction is made. As far as Eucharistic worship is concerned, all candidates are encouraged to be present at the Sunday communion service, but where conscience forbids it, they should not receive communion.