

1. Brief Overview of the Mennonite Brethren Journey regarding Women in Ministry Leadership
 - < 1957
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 - i. BFL conversations
 - ii. BFL position papers
 - iii. BFL recommendations
 - 2003-2006
 - i. Research
 - ii. Listening & Learning
 - iii. Provincial Consultations
 - iv. Research Questionnaire
 - v. Emails/Phone Calls/Letters/Personal Conversations
 - vi. Approach
 1. Biblical Theological – Limitations of Textual Study
 2. Systematic Theological
 - a. Christological/Trinitarian
 - b. Missiological
 - c. Eschatological
 - d. Ecclesiological
 - e. Ethics/Justice
 - f. Theology of Human Nature
 - vii. The Calgary Resolution – The Significant Shift
 1. The Convention Discussion
 2. The Vote
 - 2006
 - i. Gifted, Called and Affirmed
 - ii. Congregational Discernment Processes
2. WIML – Polity or Confessional
 - Remains at the Level of Polity
 - i. Does not deal with Sin / Salvation / Core Historical Christian Tenets
3. Shifting Epistemologies – Changes in Theories of Knowledge and their Missiological Applications in the Church
 - Epistemology: the branch of philosophy that studies the nature of knowledge, in particular its foundations, scope, and validity
 - i. Positivism
 - ii. Instrumentalism/Idealism
 - iii. Critical Realism
 - Implications for WIML Discussions