

## **To Discuss What Is Not Discussed: Orthodox–Lutheran Dialogues and Alternative Anthropologies**

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If receptive ecumenism is about learning from another's tradition and not so much about keeping one's own conviction on the stage in ecumenism, would it be useful to learn how difficult topics are tackled in other traditions behind official communiques and discussions in bilateral dialogues? One of the not-discussed topics, which will not easily end up in communiques, is the ordination of women. Examining this issue, one notices that it has a great deal to do with anthropology – a theme discussed in ecumenical dialogues but avoiding the difficult topics of sex and gender.

This presentation sets two monographs in a discussion to show how the questions of sex, gender and anthropology have been discussed in Orthodox and Lutheran theologies and ponders how these alternative interpretations could be used in ecumenical dialogues. What similarities and differences do the discussion of gender and sex include as part of anthropology? Questions focusing on anthropology have consequences for how ministry is understood. The chosen monographs provide the possibility of seeing common aspects behind the ecumenically controversial theme of anthropology.

The monographs are Carrie Frost: *Maternal Body* (2019) and Else Pedersen (Ed.), *Alternative Luther* (2019).