



The Susanna  
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Foundation  
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## A forthcoming conference

Thursday 18 June 2015  
and Friday 19 June 2015

The Susanna Wesley Foundation  
at  
Southlands College  
The University of Roehampton  
London  
80 Roehampton Lane  
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# Gender Diversity Leadership

**During 2014, we marked the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women to the presbyterate by the Methodist Church. The Church of England marked the 20th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood, and decided to allow the ordination of women as bishops. Pope Francis stated this year that “women must have a greater presence in the decision-making areas” of the Catholic Church.**

To aid our reflection on the significance of these notable anniversaries and ongoing developments, the Susanna Wesley Foundation is hosting a major residential conference in 2015.

Our focus will be **contemporary**, exploring the interplay between gender, diversity and leadership within the life of the churches in the United Kingdom today.

Our focus will also be **ecumenical**. The University of Roehampton is a unique ecumenical federation of four colleges - including Southlands College (established by the Methodist Church), Whitelands College (an Anglican foundation) and Digby Stuart College (a college of the Catholic sisters of the Society of the Sacred Heart). True to this history, the conference will be ecumenical, drawing speakers from across the Christian traditions.



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Trust and the University of Roehampton

Southlands College's founding mission was the education and formation of Methodist women as teachers. True to these pioneering and practical roots, we also hope that the conference will allow **emerging leaders** within the churches to reflect on very contemporary challenges in ways that will nurture and support their ministry, and to enable this we will be offering bursaried places to ordinands and recently ordained ministers.

To register your interest in attending the conference, email [SWF@roehampton.ac.uk](mailto:SWF@roehampton.ac.uk)