

Synod, Assembly PWF and NEICC, interacting with other ethnic groups would be negligible.

## 2:4 Theological Education

Not only in secular area of concern, the church needs active involvement of women in the mainstream of the Church. Further to motivation of women in general education, they should be encouraged to undergo theological education. Many capable women in advanced countries have come up to make feminist theology, liberating themselves from androcentricism and build up their status to the full womanhood. Encouraging women to undergo theological studies will definitely promote them to raise up their status, some would become lecturer in theological seminaries, teachers in formal educational institutions and even join the church ministry at various capacities including ordained ministry. We can see in the Old Testament stories that women were instrumental in saving Israelite nation from their enemies.<sup>49</sup> During the time of Jesus women were the first to witness his resurrection.<sup>50</sup>

During the Old Testament times and Jesus' times, the involvement of women was the living witness that God wanted women to become instrumental to accomplish his will and purpose. In today's world, women are as well industrious, creative, capable and far sighted. Enhancing their talent, they also need motivation, guidance, and education. In order to maintain a proper balance of humanity in the society, to restore the full stature of humankind as designed by God, women should not be barred from education in all spheres of life.

## 2:5 Ordained Ministry

To speak about entering into ordained ministry, women are not yet delegated to any important meetings of the Church except in PWF of their own. Right from local

<sup>49</sup> Judges 4.4ff; Esther 5.1ff etc.

<sup>50</sup> Jn. 20.10ff