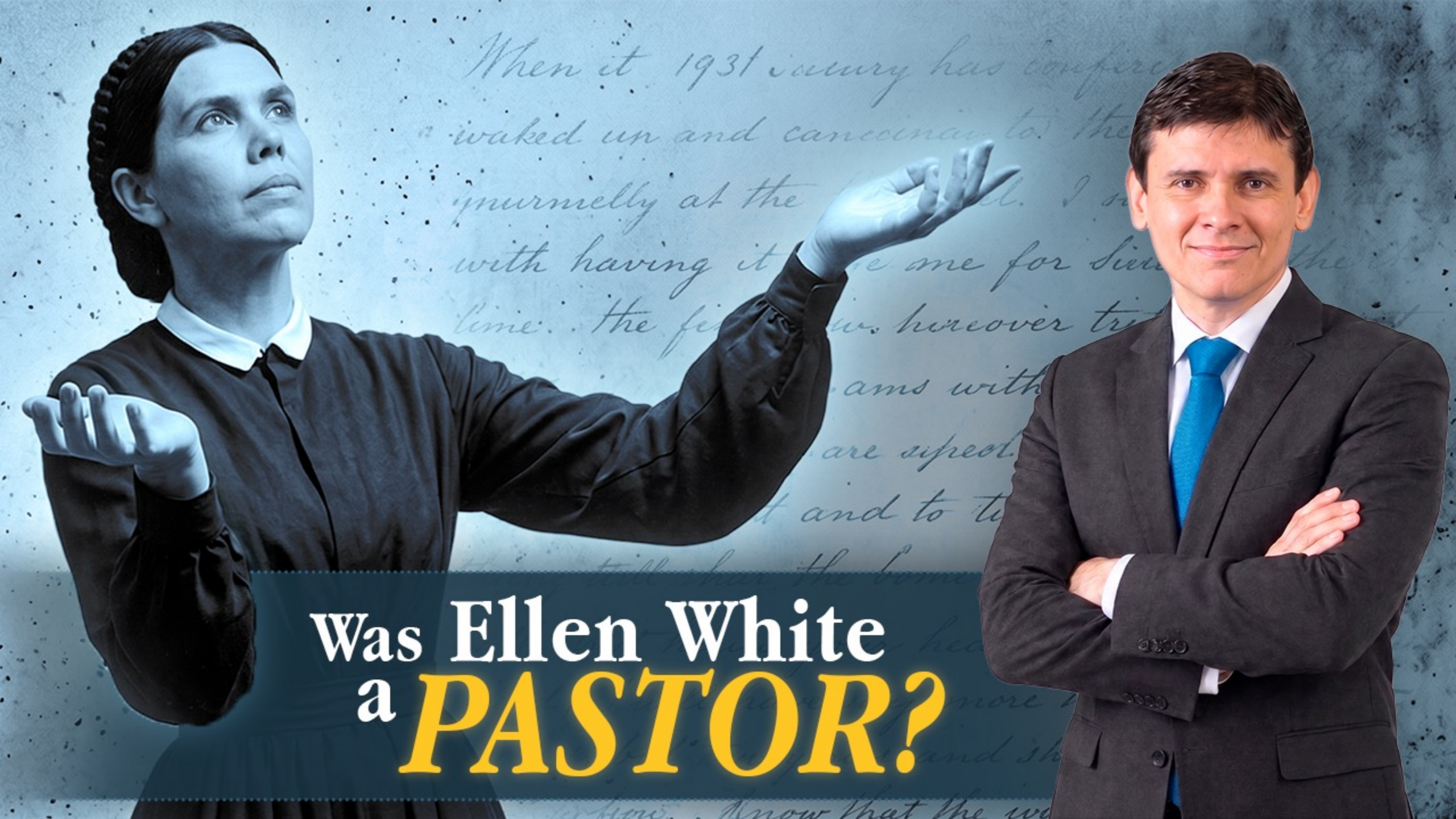

Was Ellen White
a PASTOR?

# QUESTION 1: CAN WOMEN BE PROPHETESSES?

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**Exodus 15:20**

20 And Miriam the **prophetess**, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

**Judges 4:4**

4 Now Deborah, a **prophetess**, the wife of Lappidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

**2 Kings 22:14**

14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went unto Huldah the **prophetess**, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second quarter); and they communed with her.

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**Luke 2:36-38**

36 And there was one Anna, a **prophetess**, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher (she was of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity, 37 and she had been a widow even unto fourscore and four years), who departed not from the temple, worshipping with fastings and supplications night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks unto God, and spake of him to all them that were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

**Acts 21:9**

9 Now this man had **four virgin daughters, who prophesied**.

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**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRIES:**

- Those in which the calling is supernatural.

**ORDINARY MINISTRIES:**

- Those in which the calling is not supernatural.

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**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRIES:**

- E.g.: apostleship and prophecy.

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**APOSTLE:**

- Witnesses of Christ's resurrection who were called directly by Him to proclaim the Gospel to the world, establish communities, teach the Christian doctrine, and exercise authority in the fledgling church.

**PROPHET:**

- A messenger or spokesperson of God, called directly by Him to convey special messages.

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**PRIESTHOOD:**

- Ordinary ministry of the Old Testament.

**PASTORSHIP:**

- Ordinary ministry of the New Testament.

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**1 Corinthians 11:5**

5 But every **woman** praying or **prophesying** with her head unveiled dishonoreth her head; for it is one and the same thing as if she were shaven.

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**1 Timothy 2:12-15**

12 But I permit not a woman to teach, **nor to have dominion over a man**, but to be in quietness.

13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve;

14 and Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled hath fallen into transgression:

15 but she shall be saved through her child-bearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with sobriety.

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**1 Corinthians 4:6**

6 Now these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes; that in us **ye might learn not to go beyond the things which are written**; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other.

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**1 Corinthians 11:8, 9**

8 For **the man is not of the woman**; but the woman of the man:

9 for **neither was the man created for the woman**; but the woman for the man:

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**1 Corinthians 11:11, 12**

11 Nevertheless, neither is the woman without the man, nor the man without the woman, in the Lord.

12 For as the woman is of the man, so is the man also by the woman; but all things are of God.

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**Judges 4:4-6**

4 Now Deborah, a **prophetess**, the wife of Lappidoth, she judged Israel at that time.
5 And she dwelt under the palm-tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el in the hill-country of Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.
6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not Jehovah, the God of Israel, commanded, saying, Go and draw unto mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

**Judges 4:10**

10 And **Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh**; and there went up ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

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**APOSTLE:**

- Extraordinary ministry that involves **governance** of the Church. Only men were appointed as apostles.

**PROPHET:**

- Extraordinary ministry that **DOES NOT** involve **governance** of the Church. Men and women were appointed as prophets and prophetesses.

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**Genesis 3:16**

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy pain and thy conception; in pain thou shalt bring forth children; and **thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee**.

# NEW TESTAMENT PROPHETS

**1 Peter 5:1-3**

1 The elders therefore among you I exhort, who am a fellow-elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, according to the will of God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

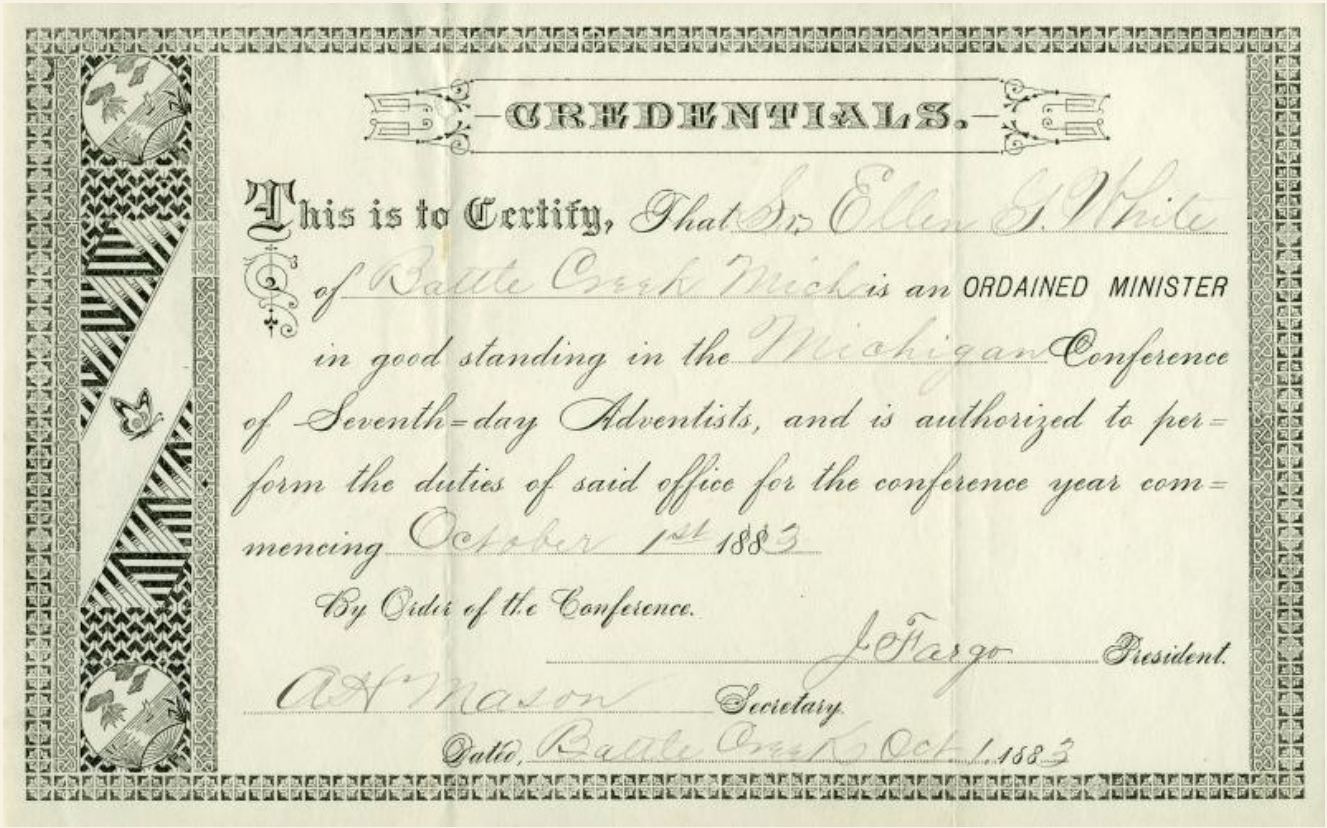
3 **neither as lording** it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves **ensamples to the flock**.

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# QUESTION 3: WAS ELLEN G. WHITE A PASTOR?

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CREDENTIALS.

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By Order of the Conference.

J. Fargo President.

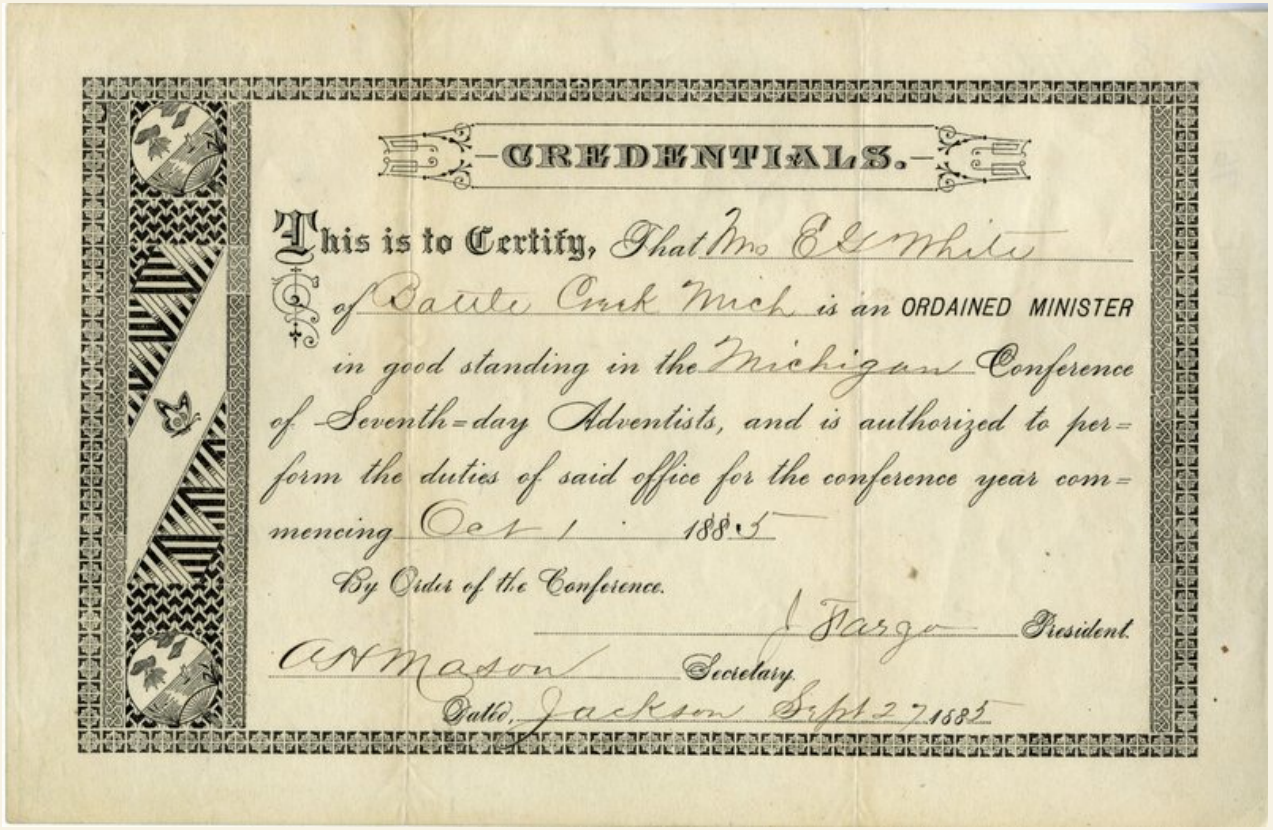
A. V. Mason Secretary.

Date, Battle Creek Oct. 1. 1883

**Michigan Association Credential**
**October 1st, 1883**

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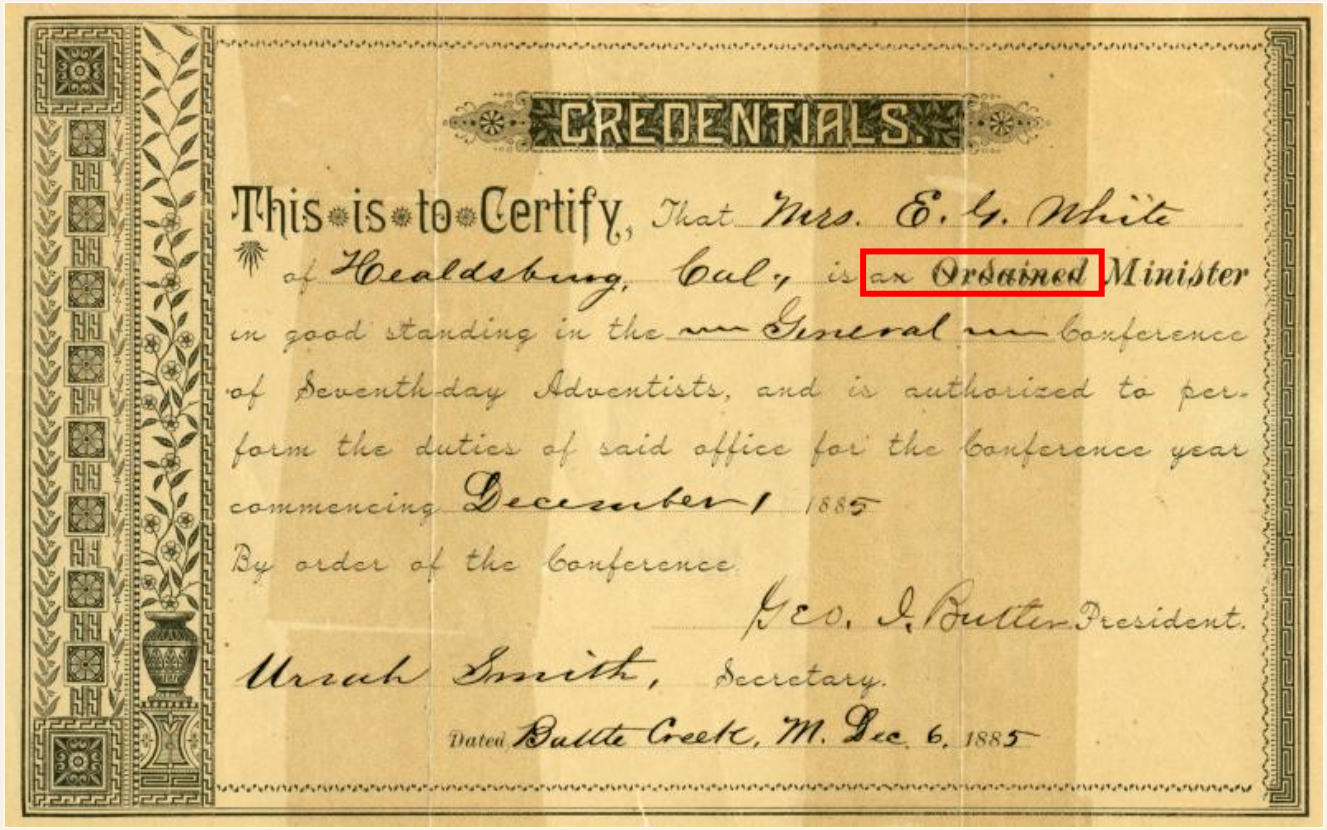
A N Mason Secretary.

Dated, Jackson Sept 27 1885

**Michigan Association Credential**
**September 27th, 1885**

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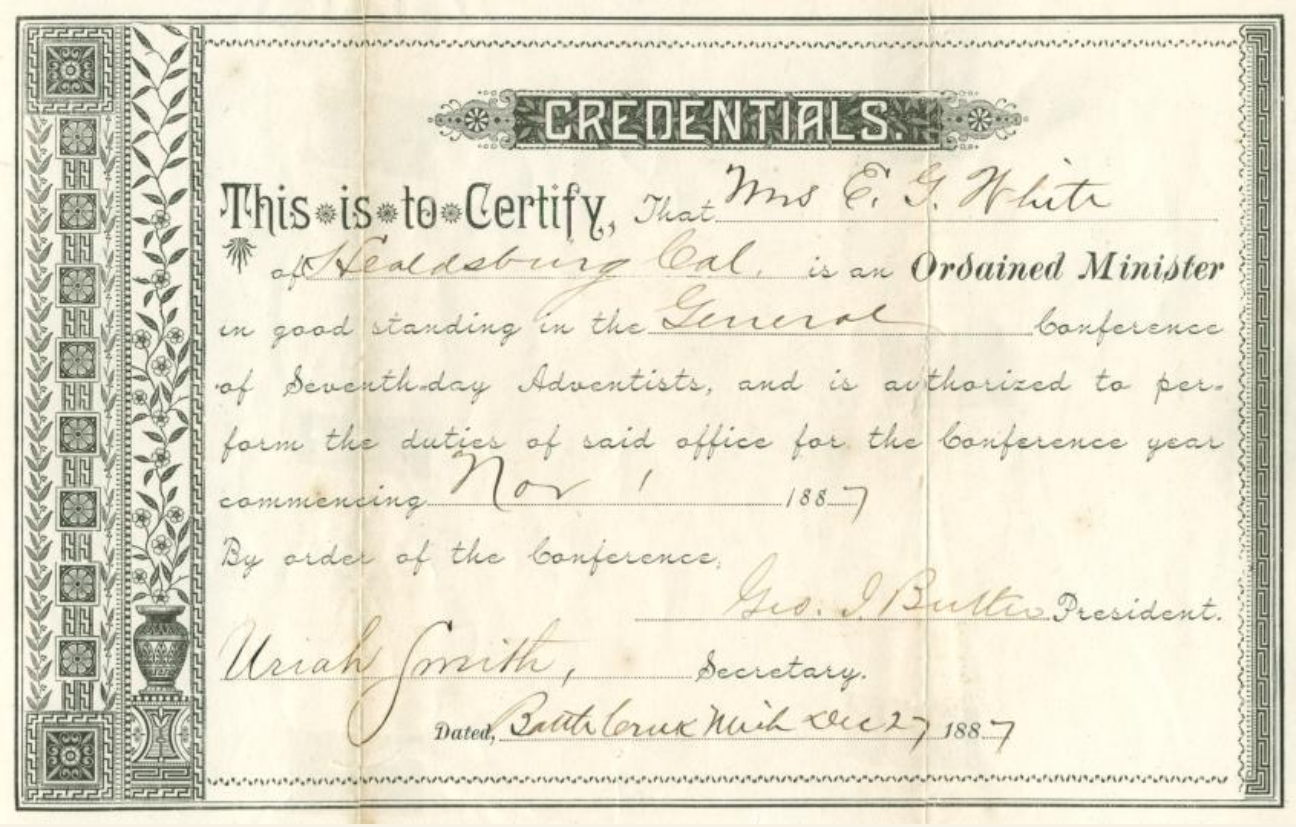
Uriah Smith, Secretary.

Dated Battle Creek, M. Dec. 6, 1885

**General Conference Credential**
**December 6th, 1885**

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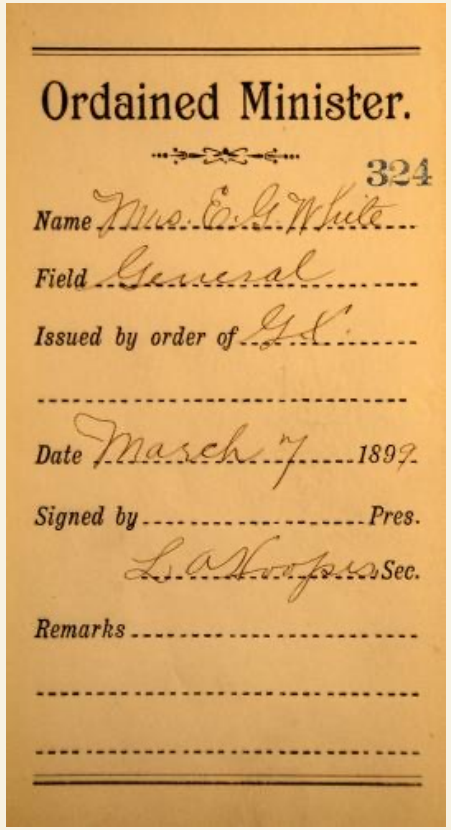
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Dated, Battle Creek Mich Dec 27 1887

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**December 27th, 1887**

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Ordained Minister.

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Name Mrs. E. G. White

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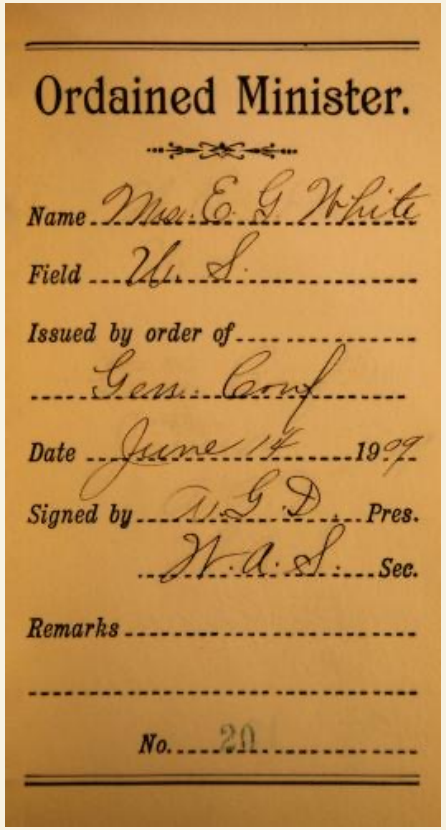
L. A. Hoopes Sec.

Remarks

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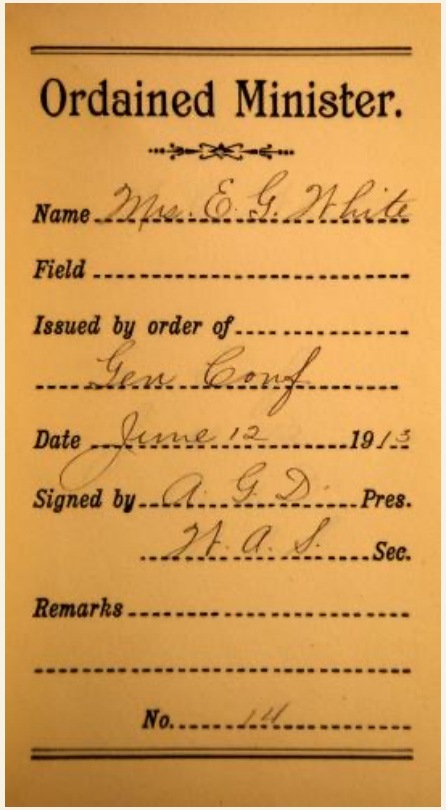
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Field

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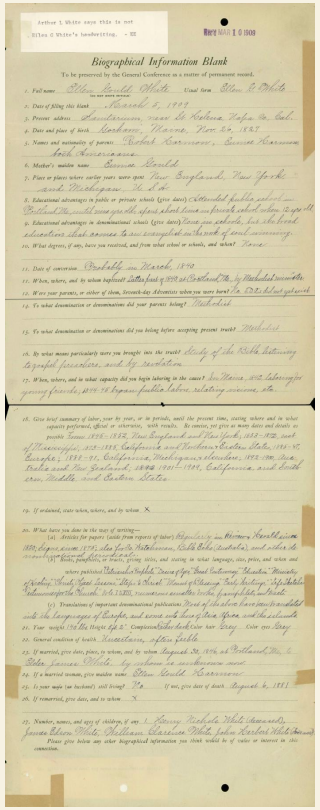
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Biographical Information Blank

To be preserved by the General Conference as a matter of permanent record.

1. Full name Ellen Gould White Usual form Ellen G. White

2. Date of filling this blank March 5, 1909

3. Present address Elmshaven, near St Helena, Napa Co. Cal.

4. Date and place of birth Gorham, Maine, Nov 26, 1827

5. Names and nationality of parents Robert Harmon, Eunice Harmon, both Americans

6. Mother's maiden name Eunice Gould

7. Place or places where earlier years were spent New England, New York and Michigan

8. Educational advantages in public or private schools (give dates) Attended public school in Portland Me until nine years of age, when I was put to a private school where I spent about two years. Then I went to a public school where I remained about two years. Then I went to a private school where I remained about two years.

9. Educational advantages in denominational schools (give dates) None save schools, but the best education that can be received in the work of soul winning.

10. What degrees, if any, have you received, and from what school or schools, and when? None.

11. Date of conversion Probably in March, 1842

12. When, where, and by whom baptized? Baptized June 1842 at Portland Me. by Methodist minister

13. Were your parents, or either of them, Seventh-day Adventists when you were born? No. Did not believe

14. To what denomination or denominations did your parents belong? Methodist

15. To what denomination or denominations did you belong before accepting present truth? Methodist

16. By what means particularly were you brought into the truth? Study of the Bible, listening to gospel preachers, and by revelation.

17. When, where, and in what capacity did you begin laboring in the cause? In Maine, as laboring for young friends; 1845-70 began public labor, relating visions, etc.

18. Give brief summary of labor, year by year, or in periods, until the present time, stating where and in what capacity performed, efforts or otherwise, with results. Be careful to give as many dates and details as possible. Texas, 1858-1932, New England and New York, 1853-1872, west of Mississippi, 1870-1885, California and Northern Eastern States, 1885-87, Europe, 1885-87, California, Michigan, Australia, 1891-1900, New Zealand and Australia, 1893-1900, 1901-1909, California, and South and Middle and Eastern States.

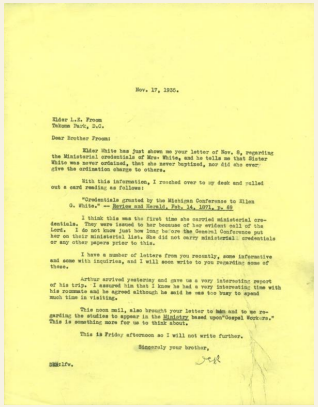
19. If ordained, state when, where, and by whom X

20. What have you done to the best of writing—

(a) Articles for papers (aside from reports of labor) Regularly in Review, Health Visitor, Signs of the Times, Youth's Instructor, Pacific Health Journal, and other periodicals

(b) Books, pamphlets, or tracts, giving titles, and stating in what language, size, price, and when and where published Patriarchs and Prophets, Great Controversy, Christian Temperance, Ministry of Healing, Gospel Workers, Steps to Christ, Manual of Sabbath School Workers, Life Sketches, Testimonies for the Church, Nos. 1-30, Testimonies on Sabbath School Work, Early Writings, Spiritual Gifts, Volumes I, II, III, and IV, Counsels on Health, Christ's Object Lessons, Education, Ministry of Healing, Gospel Workers

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Nov. 17, 1935.

Elder L.E. Froom
Takoma Park, D.C.

Dear Brother Froom:

Elder White has just shown me your letter of Nov. 8, regarding the Ministerial credentials of Mrs. White, and he tells me that Sister White was never ordained, that she never baptized, nor did she ever give the ordination charge to others.

With this information, I reached over to my desk and pulled out a card reading as follows:

"Credentials granted by the Michigan Conference to Ellen G. White." -- Review and Herald, Feb. 14, 1871, p. 68

I think this was the first time she carried ministerial credentials. They were issued to her because of her evident call of the Lord. I do not know just how long before the General Conference put her on their ministerial list. She did not carry ministerial credentials or any other papers prior to this.

I have a number of letters from you recently, some informative and some with inquiries, and I will soon write to you regarding some of these.

Arthur arrived yesterday and gave us a very interesting report of his trip. I assured him that I knew he had a very interesting time with his roommate and he agreed although he said he was too busy to spend much time in visiting.

This same mail, also brought your letter to him and to me regarding the studies to appear in the Bulletin based upon "Gospel Workers." This is something more for us to study well.

This is Friday afternoon so I will not write further.

Sincerely your brother,

DEK:LFe.

**Letter from Dores Robinson to Leroy E. Froom**
**November 17th, 1935**

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**Daughters of God, p. 252**

"In the city of Portland **the Lord ordained me as His messenger**, and here my first labors were given to the cause of present truth."—The Review and Herald, May 18, 1911.

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**Arthur L. White, Ellen G. White: The Lonely Years, 1876–1891, vol. 3, p. 145**
At these meetings, James White usually spoke on Saturday morning, and Ellen White in the afternoon.

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