

Is inclusive language on the decline?

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The National Council of Churches' Justice for Women Working Group is initiating a conversation about inclusive language in worship and church life generally. The Language Matters symposium, to be held here in Chicago next month, came about in part because of "the impression of some observers that the use of gender inclusive language throughout our NCC member communions has declined," according to this National Council [news article](#).

I'm curious as to whether this is true. So, at the risk of instead initiating yet another debate about inclusive language itself, I thought I'd ask you: If you're part of a mainline church, have you found gender inclusive language to be on the decline in recent years? Or has it gone up? Stayed the same?

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