

RESOURCE GUIDE

FOR DEACONS



Deacons serve by leading and equipping the church to minister to its members and the world in a rich diversity of ministries, awakening compassion, demonstrating mercy, seeking justice, and collaborating with God's Spirit for the transformation of persons and communities.

Listed below are the tools, resources, and workshops Diaconal Ministries Canada offers to equip deacons in the work they do.

All of the print resources (and more information) can be found on our website:

<https://diaconalministries.com/>.



THE ROLE OF A DEACON


Deacon 101		This workshop is for new and seasoned Deacons to learn about their role and their call to motivate and mobilize their church for works of service (diakonia).
About Diaconal Ministries Canada		Information on the resources and tools available to deacons, including both printed and online resources, as well as workshops.

BENEVOLENCE





Developing Guidelines For Benevolence		This workshop helps deacons focus their time and energy as well as understand when and how to collaborate with other community agencies.
Helping Without Harming in Church Benevolence		Discover how food banks, deacon funds, and other benevolent activities can be more meaningful and have a greater impact.

STEWARDSHIP






Biblical Stewardship: Living as Stewards of God's Goodness		This online, self-guided course will help deacons equip their congregations to live out principles of biblical stewardship so that all of God's creation can flourish.
Preparing the Offering Schedule		The offering schedule must mirror a church's stewardship plans and reflect the direction of the congregation in ministry.
Offerings as Part of Worship		The Offering Time is an opportune time to encourage your members in the area of stewardship, generosity, and giving as an act of worship.

Discerning What Ministries to Support		Choosing who to support, and how, should be bathed in prayer and discernment.
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

Community Opportunity Scan (COS)		A COS is a comprehensive process of discovery to help identify and affirm the unique gifts and assets in the community and highlight opportunities for partnerships.
Introduction to Community Partnerships		A new resource to help your church begin to get to know your neighbourhood.
Helping Without Harming in Local & Global Engagement		A workshop that trains and equips churches and organizations to address poverty and injustice locally and globally in more meaningful ways.
NewGround (formerly Operation Manna)		NewGround partners with local churches to identify and establish practical, tangible, and sustainable community ministries.

MERCY & JUSTICE

Promoting Mercy & Justice	 	Diaconal Ministries has identified the following areas of justice: Vulnerable People Groups, Creation Care, & Restorative Justice. Diaconates are encouraged to contact Cindy Stover, our Justice Mobilizer .
Newcomers to Canada	 	Regardless of the reason behind coming to Canada, challenges abound. Deacons are encouraged to work with our partnering agencies .
Youth Justice Project		Funded through NewGround, Deacons are encouraged to work with teens in their church to identify and address an injustice in their community.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/ADMIN

Running Effective Meetings		A workshop to help diaconates develop awareness and skills in diaconal ministry, meet goals, intercede with prayer, and include ongoing encouragement and accountability.
Devotions For Deacons		Devotions will help the deacons reach IN and reach UP before they reach OUT to others in the church and beyond.
Mentoring		Mentoring is not an exact science, but there are some basic principles to guide mentors in developing relationships.
Recruitment		Recruiting new members for your Church Council is a BIG deal so give it the attention it deserves!
Making Visits		Deacons are to minister with compassion (mercy). Compassion is made visible through visits to people in the church and in the community.