

# RESOURCE GUIDE

## FOR DEACONS



**DIACONAL MINISTRIES**  
CANADA

*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) are on our website: [diaconalministries.com](http://diaconalministries.com).*



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### THE ROLE OF A DEACON

Deacon 101		This workshop is for new and seasoned Deacons to learn about 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 online resources and workshops.





### BENEVOLENCE, COMPASSION, MERCY

Developing Guidelines For Benevolence		This workshops 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.
Financial Life Coaching		Deacons can offer more sustainable solutions to individuals and families through Financial Life Coaching.






### SERVICE & JUSTICE

Justice: An Everyday Spiritual Journey	 	Doing justice can be overwhelming. Diaconates are encouraged to take this deacon-specific online course and/or contact Cindy Stover, our Canadian Justice Mobilizer: <a href="mailto:cstover@crcna.org">cstover@crcna.org</a> .
Newcomers to Canada	 	Regardless of the reason behind coming to Canada, challenges abound. Deacons are encouraged to work with our partner agencies: World Renew Canada and the CRC Centre for Public Dialogue (Canada).
Youth Justice Project		Deacons are encouraged to work with teens in their church to identify and address an injustice in their community.






## STEWARDSHIP

Biblical Stewardship: <i>Living as Stewards of God's Goodness</i>		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 whom to support, how, and how often should be bathed in prayer and discernment.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

Community Opportunity Scan		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 brand new resource to help your church begin to get to know your neighbourhood.
Asset-Based Community Development	 	Rethink ministry and benevolence through the lens of Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD). Instead of simply meeting needs, how can we empower people and communities to flourish?
NewGround <i>(formerly Operation Manna)</i>		NewGround partners with local churches to identify and establish practical, tangible, and sustainable community ministries.

## GROWING AS LEADERS IN GOD'S KINGDOM

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.
Deacon Devotions		Devotions will help deacons reach IN and reach UP before they reach OUT to others in the church and beyond.
Deacon Mentoring		Mentoring is not an exact science, but there are some basic principles that can guide deacons as they seek to develop mentoring relationships.
Recruiting New Deacons		Recruiting new council members is a BIG deal so give it the attention it deserves!
Making Visits		Deacons are to minister with compassion (mercy) to people in the church <i>and</i> in the community.

