

# **Diaconal Ministry**

## **Equipping the Saints**

### **Expectation**

The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments. To be recommended for Diaconal Ministry, the academic, three-year ETS program must be completed.

### **Knowledge**

- 1) Demonstrate basic competence in academic studies including Holy Scriptures, Theology and the tradition of the Church.
- 2) Basic familiarity of biblical and theological resources as they apply to church community.
- 3) Basic understanding of Diakonia and the diaconate.
- 4) Basic understanding of Human Awareness and understanding
- 5) Basic understanding of Spiritual development and discipline

### **Skills**

1. Basic familiarity with Bible, Theology, and Church History
2. Basic understanding of biblical and theological resources as they apply to ministry and healing.
3. A basic understanding of the needs of elderly, sick, dying, bereaved and disabled.

### **Assignments**

- Read the 2 texts on the diaconate and show adequate preparation of texts by Writing a 5-7 page paper discussing your call to diaconal ministry, citing the required texts and other appropriate sources. This paper is sent to your tutor for feedback.
- Complete the requirements for certification in Outreach and Preaching and one other certification area such as Pastoral Visitor, Worship Leader, Christian Formation, Pastoral Administration or Evangelism.

### **Book List**

Barnett, James Monroe [The Diaconate: A Full and Equal Order : A Comprehensive and Critical Study of the Origin, Development, and Decline of the Diaconate in the Context](#)

Plater, Ormonde [Many Servants: An Introduction To Deacons](#)