

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](#)