



Episcopal Church
in Minnesota

Commission for the Diaconate

The Commission for the Diaconate assists Bishop Brian Prior by serving as a resource for ECMN Deacons so that:

- They are inspired to serve as the bridge between the faith communities and their neighborhoods, bringing together the gifts of the people with the needs of the world
- The Community of Deacons is strong and inter-connected
- Deacons in greater Minnesota are connected within Mission Areas and between Mission Areas all over ECMN
- Faith communities understand the role of the Deacon
- Deacons are cared for pastorally
- ECMN Mission Opportunities thrive and expand
- Partnerships are encouraged and forged between ECMN faith communities, other ecumenical bodies, non-profits, schools, etc. in order to respond to the needs of the wider communities
- Discernment and formation for new deacons occur with care, regularity, faithfulness and consistency
- Networks of people who have skills and experience in topics (food or housing scarcity, gun violence, racial reconciliation, etc.) are identifiable to one another with the use of technology
- All who are ordained are confident in their liturgical responsibilities and their preaching via a diaconal lens
- Conferences/retreats are planned that serve to teach, inspire and strengthen/deepen the faith lives of deacons.

Commission members for 2016-2017

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