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## Deacons Form

As a Vocational Deacon I am writing this article to share some thoughts and observations.

I have served for the past 5 years at The Church of the Epiphany in Plymouth, MN. We are a blessed faith community having two active priests, three retired priests, two active deacons and two retired deacons.

This really gives us some opportunities that may not be available in every community in the ECMN.

With these ordained folks and a devoted faith community of about 160 families we are currently supporting and active with the following:

- Near Food Shelf

- Beacon Families Moving Forward

- Liberian Children's School in Liberia

- Episco Builders

- White Earth Children's Schools

- Growing a Giving Garden producing food for needy people

- Supporting two nursing in our Plymouth, New Hope area

We have taken for a project in 2020-2021 with the Vestries direction to develop an affirmative action plan regarding Anti-Racism and White Supremacy. We can share more about this in the coming months.

Being the bridge between the church and our community, and even the world is a charge that Epiphany takes seriously.

Look for the Deacon's Form in the coming months newsletters.

Faithfully,  
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