

## Deacon Lynn Anderson Fund for Deacon Formation

July 2017

The Diocese of Georgia is creating an Endowment Fund to support those training to be ordained deacons in the Church. The fund is named for Deacon Lynn Anderson who died earlier this month.

Deacon Anderson had a servant's heart and those are the kind of people the Church is looking for to be deacons in the Church. The deacon's primary ministry is outside the church walls and property. It is in the community where the deacon serves those who are lonely, lost, or left out. Those training for the diaconate are required to complete many accomplishments before ordination. In addition to the basic academic work around Scripture, the Church's theology and ministry, and the role of the deacon in the life of the Church, those in the process get contextual training in the community. All these training programs cost money and not all candidates for the diaconate can afford these costs.



“The Diocese has limited funds from its operating budget to meet the demands for this training,” Bishop Benhase said. “For people to be generous in this way, it will be a wonderful avenue for people to honor Deacon Anderson, indeed, all deacons who have served our Lord in this Diocese.”

The Deacon Lynn Anderson Fund for Deacon Formation will provide an annual disbursement of funds to provide for the expenses of those training for the diaconate. Contributions to get this Fund going should be made to the “Bishop's Fund” and he will track these contributions until they exceed a total of \$5,000. Once that total is exceeded, those funds will be transferred to create a special sub-fund among the Diocesan Endowment and begin providing annual disbursement (the current spending rate for Diocesan Endowment funds is 4%/year). Contributions should be sent to:

Bishop's Fund  
Diocese of Georgia  
611 E Bay Street  
Savannah, GA 31401

Please be sure to memo your check to the “Deacon Lynn Anderson Fund for Deacon Formation.”