



**ASSOCIATION FOR
EPISCOPAL DEACONS**
ENGAGING THE DIAKONIA OF ALL BELIEVERS

Open Space Notes 2020

Charity vs. Justice

Deacon Recruitment, Formation for justice oriented work
Deacon Diane Riley

Commonalities:

Virginia, Chicago - Community Organizing required for formation.

Bishop defines Policy Issues and sets the tone: Bishop said I'm in the public square, you need to be in the public square.

Virginia, Maryland

Deacon role on Diocesan Staff as Policy Person – Communicate to Deacons of issues, they are the hub events, resources - Maryland, Southern Ohio

How do diocese communicate justice issues and info ?

Thru Bishops office – E-NEWS, Listserv diocese, leave to deacons to push info

Diocese of Florida – More emphasis on forming Deacons with less worldly ministries towards outward facing.

Diocese of Diocese of Conn. – Pastoral Care, Working in a food pantry as part of his parish. Relationships lead to social justice.

People need to be heard. Is leading him to ESL and other work.

Theresa Diocese of Virginia –

How you keep track of legislation -? Need a person or organization that does this and feed the diocese/deacons info. Some staff in Virginia local Interfaith Coalition – tracks legislation

All agree – empty symbol in worship if we cannot connect worldly ministry.

Are we still top down? – How do we flip it to bottom up (as in community organizing)

How do we move people from charity to changing the world ?