

AED's Triennial 2025 - News & Information

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In two months, registration will open for the first AED Triennial Conference for deacons in six years. **IGNITE CHANGE** will be held on Pentecost weekend – June 5-8, 2025, in San Antonio, Texas.

This churchwide gathering of deacons happens every three years, but we skipped 2022 due to Covid. So those who have attended past Triennials are especially looking forward to meeting in San Antonio next year. Newly ordained deacons may not know what a powerful experience it is to be surrounded by hundreds of deacons for three days. So, come and find out.

In addition to inspiring plenary presentations, empowering workshops, and an award dinner that honors some of your fellow deacons for their unique contributions, **IGNITE CHANGE** offers time for deacons to meet each other, learn from each other, create new support networks, and hang out together at the venue and as you visit sites in San Antonio.

In next month's issue of *Diakoneo*, we will introduce the plenary speakers and workshop leaders. Meanwhile, consider the following six areas in which workshops will be offered to increase your skills as a deacon:

- **Formation: Growing the Diaconate.** Workshops will focus on ways to train new deacons and to develop new skills for yourself.
- **Deployment: Deacons in a Changing Church.** Explore new ways you might express your diaconal vocation, be the future face of the church, and encourage others to claim their own diaconal gifts.
- **Social Justice: The Diaconal Heart.** Listen to creative and inspiring stories of deacons bringing healing and justice through their diaconal ministries in the world where the need is great and the response is diaconal. Their stories might spark ideas for your own ministry.
- **Diaconal Preaching Voice: Episcopal Preaching Foundation.** More and more frequently deacons are being asked to preach. Discover and develop your preaching voice to offer a uniquely diaconal message for the church.
- **Governance: Deacons in the World.** How can we create structures and organize to ignite change in the church and in the world? Meet some who work in this important aspect of deacon ministry and find your own place.
- **Resources for Ministry: the “tools of the trade”.** There are more resources than any one of us can know. Learn about new tools to retool your ministry to be even more capable of igniting change.

Registration opens in January. Watch the AED website and stay tuned for the announcement. Meanwhile, put June 5-8 on your calendar so you can attend this important gathering of Episcopal Deacons. And watch this space for more news about Triennial and how you can be an agent for igniting change.