



2022 Mondays in May: A DOTAC Seminar Series on DIAKONIA

May 2: Doctor Deacon **David Clark**
“**The Prophetic Vocation of a Diaconal Church and
of a Renewed Diaconate**”

May 9: Deaconess **Garlinda Burton**
“**Love, Justice, Service: A Deaconess and Anti-Racism Work**”

May 16: Reverend Doctor **Dennis Solon**
“**You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself’:
Diaconic Aspects in the Epistle of James**”

May 23: Doctor the Reverend **Alison Iton**
“**A Caribbean Perspective of Diakonia** ”

May 30: Doctor Deacon **Benjamin Hartley**
“**Missiological Touchstones for Diaconal Vocation** ”

To register, send an email to teddodd@live.com
You will be sent a Zoom link closer to the time of the event.
All sessions will last just slightly over an hour and
begin at 1 pm Central Daylight Time.
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“The Prophetic Vocation of a Diaconal Church and of a Renewed Diaconate”



May 2: David Clark studied modern history and public and social administration at Oxford. His doctoral work, at Sheffield University, focused on his experience as a Methodist minister in a declining mining area. After work in inner-city London, he trained community and social workers at Westhill College, in Birmingham for some 30 years. In 2005 he became a member of the Methodist Diaconal Order, the first Methodist presbyter to become a Deacon. Since 2014 he has coordinated the Kingdom at Work Project seeking to relate the Christian faith more effectively to the world of work. For further details see David's blog at <https://www.diaconalchurch.com/david-clark/>

“Love, Justice, Service: A Deaconess and Anti-Racism Work”



May 9: Garlinda Burton, a United Methodist deaconess, is a resource developer and trainer for the General Commission on Religion and Race of her denomination. She has worked for the international agencies of the UMC for 40 years. She has led a literacy/enrichment program for under-served children of color, and as a head of a Commission on the status of women, as an editor of a national church magazine, and as a director of a church news service. Her first book, **Never Say N*gger Again**, an anti-racism study guide, was published in 1995. More information: <https://www.gcorr.org/the-team/m-garlinda-burton>

“You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself”: Diaconic Aspects in the Epistle of James ”



May 16: Dennis Solon Is an ordained minister of United Church of Christ in the Philippines and is presently interested in investigating the ethical and socio-political aspects of the New Testament texts and their relationship to the early Christian social practice. Since 2017, Dennis has been visiting professor for biblical studies at IDWM Institut für Diakoniewissenschaft und DiakonienManagement (Institute for Diaconal Studies and Diaconal Management) at the University of Bielefeld (Faculty of History, Philosophy, and Theology). Prior to this he was Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Silliman University, Philippines from 2007-2017.

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“A Caribbean Perspective of Diakonia ”



Alison Iton is a Jamaican-Vincentian who was ordained in the Wesley Diac-
onal Community (WDC) of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean & the
Americas (MCCA) on November 11th 2017. She earned a Master of Divinity
from the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI, 2015) and is
currently stationed as the Methodist Institutional Chaplain at the Jamaica
National Children's Home, the University of Technology (UTECH), and the
Methodist Home for Retired Persons. She is still a medical practitioner with
an interest in Paediatrics (University of the West Indies - MBBS 1990, Diploma
in Child Health 1993). She is also a Justice of the Peace (2018), with a con-

“Missiological Touchstones for Diaconal Vocation ”



May 30: Benjamin Hartley is an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church.
At Seattle Pacific University, he is Associate Professor of Mission and World Christi-
anity, and Director of Strategic Initiatives. He has also held faculty positions at
George Fox University and Palmer Theological Seminary (Eastern University). He
has been writing on the diaconate for over twenty years, hoping to raise aware-
ness of the ecumenical scholarship (John Collins's work, in particular) and prac-
tice about the diaconate. In 2003, he shared his research in the monograph, “An
Empirical Look at the Ecumenical Diaconate In the United States.” Currently, he is

researching and writing about Nobel Peace Prize laureate John R. Mott who is sometimes been
called the “father” of the World Council of Churches.

Session Process

Welcome, Opening, and Introduction (5-10 minutes)

Introduction to Presenter

Speaker's Presentation (15 minutes)

Breakout “Rooms”/Small Group (15 minutes)

- *Introduce yourself – name, location, diaconal association/community*

- *Question:*

What stood out for you in the presentation? (e.g. something meaningful or challenging
or new idea for you or that you need to think more about)

- *Discussion:* What is *one* question or comment that the group can bring back to the whole group?

- *Post your one question or comment in the chat when you get back to plenary*

Plenary (15 minutes)

Announcements, Thanks, and Closing Prayer (5-10 minutes)

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