



## ASSOCIATION FOR EPISCOPAL DEACONS

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### **2017 Archdeacon & Deacon Directors Conference Open Space Report: Scripture Competencies**

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#### Quotes to Note

“Psalms give us the whole range of human emotions. Scripture gives us the whole range of human stories.” (David Stickley?)

“The priest preaches to give you the Good News. As a deacon, I’m here to help you bring Good News to others.” (?)

#### Summary of Competencies Discussed

1. Ability to teach scripture, including recognition of the Story of Salvation throughout
2. Recognition of diaconal hermeneutic, or lens for reading and interpreting scripture
3. Ability to do and lead theological reflection on scripture
4. Familiarity with liberation theology methods of Bible study, to be adapted and used with marginalized groups

#### Detailed Notes

Yale has on-line courses that are free. Homework is done before class and then discussed in class

Full course more comprehensive 1x month x 3hrs=60hrs for each O.T. and N.T

Private Webinar two for each O.T and N.T

**CT-** Academic papers written by students applying and integrating information to real life situations.

Gathering- reflection on scripture. Church- preach on the readings and discuss preparation and exegesis.

**Texas-** 3yrs academics, classes with retired and current professors (Seminary of the Southwest). 25hrs O.T. and 25hrs N.T. and practical application and experience. 1x month Friday pm-Sunday noon. Use Iona Initiative as guide as it applies to Texas’ formation program.

**Competencies for Deacons-** Prophetic preaching from the O.T. especially using the Exodus stories.



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**David Stickley-** Prayer book studies, daily offices, scripture (know books of the Bible).

**Kelly Diocese of Alabama-** Expect students to use scripture with academic and cultural depth. Show and tell the story of salvation from the Hebrew Bible and New Testament. Know Bible as a liberative text not an oppressive one. Contextualized field placement in parishes and CPE. Specific books of the Bible assigned to students and them then present and teach it to class. The student facilitates the group. Students will have studied certain things before entering formation.

**Texas-** Hermeneutical lenses to view scripture, Diaconal, Presbyterian, Baptized/Laity. Learning to cultivate a prophetic preaching voice.

Deacons assist in the Healing Ministry Order of St Luke

**Group-** Deacons bringing the needs of the world into the church, through social activity to improve the lives of the poor, underserved, refugees/immigrants, etc. Theological and Scriptural Reflection from the beginning of formation. Contextual application of theology and Bible. Liberation Theology?

**Montana-** Integrate priests, rabbis, imams to get perspectives from other faith traditions. Scripture is a tool for interpreting the needs of the world.

**New Westminster-** Discussing themes in the Bible this will grow into skill. Use of Iona Report, developed for Canada. Examination of the Deacon in Ordination has a list of competencies in the service as a starting point for formation.