

Recognition of Diaconal Ministry in the tradition of

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Having demonstrated a deep commitment to the special ministry of servanthood following the practice of St. Stephen, according to tradition the first deacon appointed by the Apostles to serve tables in Jerusalem, by making Christ's redemptive love known through your word and example, to those among whom you live and work.

## Recognition of Diaconal Ministry in the Tradition of St. Stephen

Beginning in 1995 the North American Association for the Diaconate initiated a program to provide formal recognition for the ministry and work of deacons. Every three years at our triennial assembly we take the time to name some of the important ministry deacons do, as well as to recognize the individual deacons who carry out Christ's work in our midst.

The criteria for this recognition are taken from the examination spoken by the Bishop at the ordination of a deacon:

*My brother/sister*, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

*Book of Common Prayer, page 543*

Deacons recommended by their dioceses for recognition exemplify this charge in their lives and ministries. The Association for Episcopal Deacons is honored to continue this opportunity to share in the recognition of these persons. They represent the ministry of deacons at its best. Through their work Christ's people are well served.

This booklet includes the 158 Deacons receiving St. Stephen Recognition from 1995 - 2013. They are listed by Diocese with the Citations received with their Certificates of Recognition.

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## CONVOCATION OF EPISCOPAL CHURCHES IN EUROPE

### **Siw Olmelid**

Ecumenism Mentor 2013

Deacon Olmelid is a Swedish Lutheran deacon, licensed by Episcopal Bishop Pierre Whalon for work at All Saints, Waterloo, Belgium, as well as in the Convocation for Episcopal Churches in Europe. She has been chaplain to the European Commission Chapel. Deacon Siw is an expert at communicating about the diaconate across the churches. She has enabled the conversation for full recognition of inter-communion existing between the Swedish Lutheran Church and the Episcopal Church. She is an amazing deacon!

## DIOCESE OF ALABAMA

### **William H. Ealy**

Faithful Minister to those in Need 1995

As one of few deacons in the Diocese of Alabama, Bill has faithfully served his bishop's call serving three parishes in many capacities. As a faithful caregiver and friend of those in any need or trouble, he consistently brings forth the hope of the Gospel. Bill has been a reconciler, assisted in establishing a new parish and in working with parishes to re-examine mission and ministry.

### **Thomas Osborne**

Leadership in Reconciliation 2013

Tom's passion for reconciliation is seen in his many and varied accomplishments. He is the co-chair of the Diocesan Commission on Race Relations. As such, he facilitates Anti-Racism training around the diocese and assists in coordinating the annual Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage. This event, celebrated in Hayneville, Alabama for the past 14 years, attracts people from throughout the Southeast as a witness for unity, reconciliation and healing. Tom is active in Kairos prison ministry. He chairs the Board of the Shoals Family Success Center, connecting families in a four-county area with the resources they need to alleviate poverty. He is also the chair of the Help Center, a direct service provider in Lauderdale County where he was instrumental in establishing a chaplaincy program. Tom is one of those quiet and faithful people who would never point to his own success. He has a marvelous ability to network with people and to form coalitions promote harmony and build community. He truly has a servant's heart. It is fitting that Tom is the first deacon to be recommended from the diocese of Alabama.

## DIOCESE OF ALASKA

### **Betty Lou Anthony**

Alaska Native People & Elderly 2010

For 24 years Betty Lou has provided pastoral care at the Alaska Native Hospital and as Episcopal Chaplain at Providence Extended Care Center in Anchorage. She always has special concern for Alaskan Native people and elderly. Betty Lou visits the Chugiak Senior Center, bringing the sacrament and pastoral care. She trains Lay Eucharistic Ministers and prepares candidates for Confirmation. Betty Lou has been very active in the Alaskan diaconal community for many years and is an inspiration to all deacons in their ministries.

**John D. Hanscom**

Ministry with Indigenous People 2013

John travels to the Athabascan villages of the lower Yukon as often as possible to conduct services and other ministries as needed. He interacts with both young and old, offering vacation bible school and visiting elders and the sick. He has helped the Lower Yukon villages integrate their traditional practices with the Episcopal tradition. He works with villages when they come to Anchorage and recently helped organize a funeral potlatch. In his parish John performs many ministries, including working in the parish food pantry. He has established a “Facebook ministry” to reach to those in the online community. He was recently injured in one of the Lower Yukon villages, requiring major knee surgery, and was awarded the first diocesan “Purple Heart” by the bishop. John has a true servant’s heart. He goes and does what is asked of him. He especially cares for those who are isolated and in need of attention, traveling wherever he must to be with people where they live.

DIOCESE OF THE ARCTIC**Hannah Alexei, Mary Teya**

Ministry Among the Gwitchin People 2013

These two deacons have faithfully served the people of Fort McPherson. They have worked together and empowered others to help in the Christian outreach to their communities. Most of their ministry as deacons has been without the help of a priest, so they carry all the weight of ministry in their region. Both have served together yet in different ways as well. They are also Gwitchin elders. Hannah has worked a lot with the National Gathering of our church. Mary has been an interpreter at most Gwitchin gatherings. They both exemplify the love of Christ and a servant’s heart.

DIOCESE OF ARIZONA**Veronica M. Ritson**

Ministry to Persons with AIDS 1995

Veronica is a friend, spiritual director and counselor to people who have AIDS. She serves in church and community leadership roles for AIDS advocacy and education. She is involved in the daily life and services of the Cathedral, leading prayer groups and chairs the liturgy committee. Veronica is a living icon of the diaconate, bringing Christ’s light into the world with grace and dignity.

**Ann S. Johnson**

Ministry of Social Justice 2013

Deacon Ann exercises her vows to “...look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve...” with much heart and action. She has overseen *Our Neighbors’ Pantry*, by taking on the role of distributing commodities to other food banks in neighboring counties and local nonprofits, and this includes involving her home parish to pack and distribute food boxes.. Ann has worked with the Graham County Health Department to ensure that children of impoverished families are properly vaccinated, and is involved with the *Foster Care Review* board. In the Diocese of Arizona deacons are seen as “Transforming Agents in the World.” Deacon Ann’s world is rural and on the fringe of the San Carlos Indian reservation. She has taken the more common definition of rural deacon beyond the inner-parish pastoral world to a heart-felt “global” world, in response to the social justice needs of the people she serves.

## DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS

### **Joanna Seibert**

Music, Healing and 12 Step 2003

Joanna has many and varied ministries. She serves as role model and mentor for many. She understands and demonstrates competency based learning. As an MD Joanna goes beyond her gifts as physician with a ministry of healing both spiritually and emotionally. She works in the 12-step community throughout the state, organizing retreats and taking meetings to new places. Her talents as harpist have brought joy and comfort to new babies and the dying

## DIOCESE OF ATLANTA

### **Charles E. Gearing**

Archdeacon 2010

Long active in community service Charles helped establish a transitional housing facility, recruited and organized churches to form Toco Hills Community Ministry providing emergency assistance. He provided pastoral care at Gatchall Home for persons with severe disabilities. He led his parish in establishing a mission relationship with St. Mark's parish in Haiti making several visits. Since 2004 Charles has served as one of two Archdeacons in Atlanta. His ministries have been many and varied and he has carried them out with exceptional competence, unceasing effort and great humility.

### **Terry Howell**

Foster Parent, Prison Ministry, Haiti 2013

Terry and his wife have fostered over 50 children while maintaining an active career and church life. Terry has been a leader in the Kairos Prison Ministry, a national program that ministers to incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them. Terry leads volunteers as they present a three-day course in Christianity in prisons throughout the state. Soon after ordination, Terry suffered a debilitating and life-threatening stroke. His disability has not slowed down his passionate love for Christ and for God's children. He has continued in his prison ministries and his leadership in the parish. In addition he is an active leader in our diocesan Haitian ministries and has recently begun serving those who live with mental illness at a local mission church dedicated to serving in community with those who struggle with mental illness. Terry is an inspiration to all the deacons in the Diocese of Atlanta.

## DIOCESE OF BETHLEHEM

### **Lawrence Holman**

Ecumenical Ministry to the Aging 1995

At the bishop's request, Larry developed an ecumenical, parish based ministry with the aged in Bradford county to provide adult day care and other social services. He works closely with the archdeacon in the northern region of the diocese, planning and developing ministries. With the gift of clarity he aids focus on issues and concerns, and calling attention to needs for the church to address.

**George Loeffler** Problem Solver & Bishop's Chaplain 1997

Known and loved throughout the Diocese of Bethlehem, Deacon George has served for thirty years, provoking others to good works. From the hi-tech of computers to simply filling in where needed he demonstrates that deacons take initiative for doing what is needed. George serves regularly as aid to the Bishop in visitations and assists in coordinating the roles and actions of the liturgy.

## DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Nancy Ford** Deacon Director 2007

Trained as a counselor, Nancy served for 15 years with Island Pastoral Services. Ordained in 1998 with the first group she has provided Pastoral care and counseling in her Parish and organized a Lay Pastoral Care Team. She sat on the Bishop's Commission on the Diaconate and was appointed Director of Deacons in 2005. Nancy walks with those in the process of discernment and facilitates the Diaconal Formation Program. She has a warm, caring and meticulous approach to pastoral care, setting a standard for others. Nancy stands out as a model example of servanthood.

## DIOCESE OF CALGARY

**Larry Nicolay** Warden of Lay Reader 2007

As one who is called to serve in the parish and the wider community, Larry is a model for the diaconate in the diocese. He cares for many seniors within his parish community. Larry serves as chaplain for RCMP and military Veterans. He provides leadership as Warden of Lay Readers for the Diocese and with the team assisting others to identify their calling to ordained ministry. In the wider community he works with agencies serving the homeless and needy. Larry is recognized for his willingness to share his many gifts and his readiness to serve where he is called.

## DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA

**Paul Stewart** Rural Parish Deacon 2001

As a member of the Nisga'a Nation in Northwestern British Columbia Paul serves Christ Church, Kincolith on the Nass river. He travels willingly to spread God's good news in Jesus Christ. With his wife Arbutus his joyful and successful revivals in villages along the North Coast, Yukon and Eastern Canada are well known as is his ministry to the sick and dying. Among the longest serving deacons, Paul's faithfulness and dedication are matchless.

## DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA

**Arlinda Cosby** Convalescent Hospital Chaplain 1999

Coordinating Episcopal Ministry to Convalescent Hospitals since 1981, Arlinda has involved laity from many parishes. She has organized work-shops for volunteers and families of patients. Over 20 parishes now share in ministry in convalescent hospitals. Arlinda provides leadership for ex-panding ministry to Alzheimers patients and families, and raising awareness of needs for Durable Power of Attorney

**Mary Ellen Gallagher** Ministry to Homeless 2001  
Mary Ellen began a Chaplaincy program at Tri-City Homeless Coalition's shelter Sunrise Village, a non-denominational, interfaith walk with Christ with people engaged in the crisis of homelessness. She has organized a Winter Relief program with local churches extending this to two additional cities. Mary Ellen has helped create a street homeless outreach team. She has lived out fully, quietly and firmly as one who knows servant ministry.

**Gerald E. Shaon** Missionary to Nicaragua 2003  
Gerry exemplifies diaconal servant ministry with his work in Nicaragua, bringing the needs of the world to the church at Grace Cathedral and taking the church to the world. Working with children in a poverty riddled country, where there is no free education, Gerry enables children to attend school by encouraging Grace Cathedral members to support his ministry with dollars and personal time. Others have also joined in support.

**Nina L. Pickerrell** 'Vicar' of Bay View Mission 2005  
Nina has been deacon at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco since 1996. She first initiated a support group for elderly Seniors for Grace. Moving in to a house once belonging to her grandparents in the deteriorating area of Bayview-Hunters Point, her vision was to create an outreach center. Hiring local homeless men to aid with cleanup, a food pantry was established in the garage, a garden room became a children's library, a pumpkin patch in the front yard provided the first Halloween for neighborhood children. Other projects are underway, including a worship space all begun by the 'vicar' of Bay View Mission. Nina lives out her diaconal vows to the fullest.

**Katherine E M Salinaro** Deacon Formation, World Mission 2007  
Bishop Swing appointed Kate as Deacon for the School for Deacons in 1992, where she has faithfully served as Field Education Supervisor and teacher of Music. In the Diocese Kate has served the Peace and Justice Commission, the Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee. She has been a member of NAAD since it began, serving as President in 2001-2003 and representing NAAD at DOTAC in Brazil and at the World Federation DIAKONIA in Australia. She also serves on the Board of St. George's College in Jerusalem. She embodies Diakonia to its fullest with grace and joy.

## DIOCESE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**David George** Prison Ministry 1997  
David's ministry sets an example for all deacons through his ministry, prayer, study and life in the community of faith. His service to prisoners and their families provides encouragement and example for clergy and laity. He brings the needs of prisoners to churches of all faiths, always seeking to encourage others to serve. His peers call him a deacon's deacon.

**Joan Verret** Health Care Ministry 1999  
Joan truly lives with one foot in the world and one in the Church. As an RN specialist providing oversight and evaluation of healthcare facilities she has repeatedly received awards for superior achievement. She is a woman of deep prayer with faithful ministry among the hospitalized, shut-ins and nursing home residents. She epitomizes true diaconal ministry with a heart of service and encourages all among whom she lives and works.



**Linda Brondsted**

Archdeacon and Teacher 2001

Ordained in 1986 your Bishop asked you in 1993 to assume the leadership role of Archdeacon and Dean of the Institute for Christian Studies. Linda has served the Lord well, taking risks and wonderfully grown into both sets of responsibility. Under Linda's leadership ICS has become one of the finest such schools in the Episcopal Church often looked to by others as a model. As pastor you have assisted your Bishop overseeing over 90 deacons.

**Guy Galfo**

Diaconal Presence and Prayer 2003

Through a recognized gift of prayer, founded in the Psalms, Guy exemplifies the quiet deep presence of God to those with whom he lives and works and worships. Guy leads Bible study and Bereavement groups, visits private homes, hospitals and nursing homes regularly and is sought out by people with a need for prayer. His rector views Guy as part of a team upon which he depends for wisdom and support. He conveys the warmth of knowing the Lord in a wonderfully personal way.

**Sharon Britcher**

Mustard Seed Ministries 2007

On call best describes Sharon in her parish, in her local hospital as volunteer chaplain and on the Critical Incident Stress Management Team. She teaches Pastoral Care in the School for Diaconal Training. Sharon is the Pastor/Administrator of *Mustard Seed Ministries*, a United Way Agency, that provides cold night shelter program, vouchers assistance for shelter, stores, gas, meals for children during vacations, a food pantry, clothing, basic furniture, medical care, prescriptions and other matters, serving over 19,000 clients in 2006. Sharon is a *deacon's deacon* as she walks the bridge between church and world.

**Aileen Walther**

Interfaith Ministry 2013

Deacon Aileen has begun a ministry to reach out to Muslim neighbors in her area. Members of her parish are offering classes in English as a second language and help with the citizenship exam to help Muslim people new to the United States. Despite the discomfort of some with the idea of opening the doors of the church to Muslim neighbors, Aileen is continuing to forge connections between the Muslim community and people in her parish. She hopes that eventually this ministry can blossom and expand to the diocesan level. Aileen is a leader. She does not wait for ministries to come to her, she creates them when she sees a need. She is currently working toward her doctorate at the University of the South. She is the author of a number of books, including "Writing Your Life Story with God as your Guide." Aileen's creativity, initiative and passion exemplify the best of the ministry of the deacon.

**DIOCESE OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA****Barbara A. Hary**

Ministry to Young &amp; Old 2003

Barbara is an example of the servant ministry of deacon, doing what needs to be done. She teaches the young, gives spiritual direction to the not so young, and mentors many postulants for holy orders. Barbara wears her heart on her sleeve, sharing Jesus with others. The poor in spirit become rich from knowing her. Though older when ordained and having lived with cancer, she carries on her ministry as a true deacon.



**Elizabeth G. Meade** Diaconal Leader 2010

Liz is a recognized leader in the community and church where she wears many hats. She is passionate in working with our companion Dioceses in the Sudan and Southeast Mexico. Using her excellent organizational skills Liz makes things happen in her parish, leading adult education, women's retreats and as gifted preacher. She serves the Diocese at large, especially the deacon community, where she is Co-Chair of the Deacon's Council. Liz helps plan deacon retreats, mentors new deacons and students in formation. She is an icon of servant ministry to the deacon community and the Diocese.

**Larry Green** Ministry to Youth and Homeless 2013

Larry is a member of our Deacon's Council and has been a driving force in leading two of our fundraising challenges to the diocese: clothing for homeless persons and support to programs which seek to stem violence among young people. As a result of his energy and passion for the homeless, he spearheaded our 2012 challenge to the diocese by collecting \$10,125 from parishes and missions, which was used to purchase hats, socks and gloves and to make donations to several social service agencies around the Diocese. So far, in the 2013 challenge, Larry has collected \$16,500 for youth programs that help stem violence. Larry was selected because of his hard work and persistence in addressing social justice issues and his dedication to bringing the ills of the world to the church. Larry says he is a "behind the scenes deacon", but if that is so, we need more like him in our church. He gets the job done and for that we are grateful. Because of his care, empathy and love for those less fortunate, he deserves to be recognized

DIOCESE OF COLORADO

**Robert (Bob) Davidson** Crisis and Outreach Ministry 1995

As a licensed social worker Bob works with teens and parents. He coordinates a Crisis Response team. In his parish community he is youth director, oversees outreach and works with a Teen Community Center. Bob was a driving force in developing a diocesan Episcopal Samaritan Ministry, an ecumenical program using deacons to encourage congregations to enhance their outreach ministries.

**Marcia Stackhouse** Children's Ministry & Diaconal Formation 1997

Since 1993 Marcia has chaired the Diocesan Committee on the Diaconate and provided oversight and administration of the Deacon Formation Program. Her insight and guidance has been instrumental in developing a high quality education program. Her secular job as Child Protection Worker for Arapahoe County serves to extend Marcia's ministry meeting the needs of children. She encourages parishioners to open their ministry to the neighboring community. Marcia lives her life as a servant.

**Sally K. Brown** AIDS, Justice and Children 1999

Ordained in 1987 Sally serves an inner city Mission parish in Denver where she coordinates a Children's Center for Arts and Learning. As first co-chair of the Diocesan Commission on HIV/AIDS she exercised significant leadership for low cost housing for persons with HIV/AIDS. Sally works with the Social Justice Network, teaches contemporary issues with deacon formation students and maintains a strong prayer life.

**Bethany Ann Thomas**      Community Leader, Ecumenical Bridge Builder      2007

Bethany believes it is wrong to keep people trapped where they remain needy and must rely on the community to survive. With one foot in the church and one foot in the community she serves as Chair of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee and as Chaplain in the Police Department of Golden. Bethany is a key person in developing ecumenical partnerships, and has a high profile in the community as a servant leader. She models collaborative ministry, grounded in prayer. Bethany is a faithful agent of transformation. She confronts systemic injustice and instigates positive change. With a quiet grace she empowers other servant leaders in her church and community to become the hands of Jesus.

## DIOCESE OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**Robert Snow**      Diaconal Missionary 2007, 2003

While working in prison ministry, Robert also served as Police and Fire Chaplain. Now working in the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Robert fills many roles as diocesan administrator, parish assistant and helping with the development of new churches. Thought of as a good and obedient servant, Robert has a commitment to the poor, the needy and the neglected, always working to alleviate their suffering.

**Sr. Priscilla Wright**      Missionary in Education and Health      2010

Sister Priscilla was one of the founding Sisters of the Transfiguration ministry in the Dominican Republic, serving since the 1980's with a primary ministry in education and as a founder of Buen Pastor school. Sister Priscilla came to Barrio Las Flores because of children's malnutrition, now not a major problem. The Sisters have broadened their focus to health and education. She is a humble servant going about her ministry with great joy. Sister Priscilla brings humor into her outreach ministries and is a model for ministry of servanthood.

## DIOCESE OF THE EASTERN MICHIGAN

**Jacque Guernsey**      Social Action & Education      1999

Balanced between local and diocesan needs, Jacque has guided the diocese in setting training models for deacons and lay ministries. In her local parishes she works on food pantry, pastoral counseling and Jubilee effort of 'New Life.' Jacque's gifts and talents have greatly enriched both parishes and her diocese. Easy to work with, she exemplifies *team* work.

**Claudia Holling**      Community Organizing      2013

Claudia is an active member of People Improving Communities through Organizing, a national network of faith-based community organizations working to create solutions to problems facing urban, suburban and rural communities. Most recently, her focus in PICO has been affordable health care. She has made numerous trips to Washington, DC. Claudia also serves on the board of directors for *Flint Area Congregations Together* helping to develop a new vision for Flint which has included a leadership role in *Cease Fire*, a national program to reduce violent crimes. Claudia has also served as a national anti-racism trainer. Claudia's ministry reflects her passion and commitment as one who understands that building the Kingdom depends on "...seeking to transform unjust structures of society;" one of the Five Marks of Mission.

## DIOCESE OF THE EAST TENNESSEE

**Patricia H. Schumacher** Appalachia Medical and Social Care 1997  
Initially directing a homeless shelter, Patricia now lives, works and worships with Appalachian mountain people. She founded Appalachian Elders Association providing basic services and assistance to elderly poor. Her work includes Bible Study, daily visits, spiritual direction, counseling end of life care and facilitating grief recovery. Her life is diaconal ministry.

## DIOCESE OF THE FOND DU LAC

**Susan Burman** Health Care for Elderly 2003  
As a former nurse, Sue has an active role in the health of parishioners and neighbors. With many elderly patients discharged from hospitals before they are fully able to care for themselves, Sue visits and arranges needed assistance and care. Sue makes sure the “Broken Bread” feeding program at the Cathedral is fully staffed and running smoothly. Sue’s life embodies servanthood as she models the charisms of servant ministry.

## DIOCESE OF THE IDAHO

**Mary Lou Weiner** Soup Kitchen and Nutrition 2001  
Mary Lou began the Boise Soup Kitchen over 18 years ago, responding to unmet needs, involving many churches and organizations with an ecumenical corps of volunteers serving daily meals. She brings her nutritionist training into focus in coordinating, managing and training with warmth and caring. You exemplify what it means to serve, leading others in ministry by your example.

## DIOCESE OF THE IOWA

**Merle Smith** Chaplain 2007  
Serving as Chaplain at Skiff Medical Center in Newton for a decade, Merle also is Chaplain for Hospice of Jasper County. He leads grief support groups at Newton Correction facility for men who have lost loved ones will incarcerated in the maximum security prison. Merle has oversight of Helping Others ministries in his parish, reaching out to the poor, the sick, and the dying. He assists the parish raise \$100,000 annually to the Giving and Growth Fund to meet needs outside the parish. Merle goes about his ministry quietly and with passion. He is a model servant minister.

## DIOCESE OF THE KANSAS

**Robert V. Parker** Social Service Ministry Leadership 1995  
As Executive Director of Venture House—Episcopal Social Services, Bob calls individuals and parishes into ministry in the community. His leadership keeps the needs of the world and our community in front of the church and the entire community. Bob’s faithful service as deacon has provided both vision and insight as we stand ready to meet future needs. He is a model for deacons and the church.

**Jim Upton** Archdeacon 2005

Jim serves the Diocese as Archdeacon of the southern part of the diocese, providing pastoral care for Deacons on behalf of the Bishop. He heads the Kansas School for Ministry providing training for laypersons and deacons. Jim is both a leader and icon of servant ministry. Seeing needs, Jim designs ways to respond. When Jim agrees to do something it is done in a timely fashion, and done well. Jim is an exceptional model of diaconal ministry and his example and teaching has elevated this order of ministry for the entire diocese.

**Stephen L. Segebrecht** Health and Education in Africa 2013

Deacon Segebrecht is a practicing physician who helped found the Kansas to Kenya (K2K) program of outreach to Maai Mahiu in Kenya, a town on the “Aids Highway” that is home to an orphanage and associated school. Each summer K2K conducts two missions to Kenya, a medical mission led by Deacon Segebrecht and a community development mission which he helps to organize and which he oversees. Deacon Segebrecht leads medical professionals and has personally collected hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of donated medicines and equipment. This once-a-year clinic is the only chance that most patients have to receive medical treatment. The community development mission of K2K leads college students, clergy and laity to Kenya to serve in myriad ways from education to water purification. The K2K program is funded solely from donations. Deacon Segebrecht works tirelessly to make this mission happen each year. It has often been said that a deacon has one foot in the church and the other in the world. Through this ministry Deacon Segebrecht truly exemplifies the living out of the diaconal call to serve the needy in Christ’s name. In short, he truly has one foot in the world, and exemplifies the being of a deacon.

## DIOCESE OF THE KOOTENAY

**Christine Ross** Social Concerns Ministry 1999

Chris is Social Concerns officer for the diocese, is personally involved with clients of a home for addicted women and serves as chair of its Board. She is a trainer of Education for Ministry mentors and serves as an Examining Chaplain for the diocese. For fifteen years Chris has been a strong advocate for the ministry and role of deacons. The clarity of her ministry has educated many in the significance of the diaconate.

## DIOCESE OF THE LEXINGTON

**Dixon Barr** Directing Diocesan School for Ministry 1995

Dixon has done an outstanding job establishing a School for Ministry in the Diocese of Lexington. He organized a program, conducted a discernment seminar for prospective postulants, taught Bible and Theology and accessed teleconferencing learning opportunities. He also serves at Christ Church Cathedral and takes the liturgy to a retirement center and a hostel for cancer patients.

**Mary Kilbourn-Huey** Cancer Hospice Director 2001

As Director of St. Agnes House you serve guests of few means, mostly from Appalachian mountains of eastern Kentucky. You manage the House, encourage community, while carrying out the most mundane tasks. With daily services you bring prayer and comfort to the poor and sick, at the same time speaking forcefully to the church and your bishop on behalf of those you care for. You truly represent Christ to all.

## DIOCESE OF THE LONG ISLAND

**Elizabeth Belasco** Outreach and Teaching 2003

Betty has served the Diocese in many capacities and ministries. Serving in a bi-lingual parish, teaching in the Mercer School of Theology, grief counseling and establishing outreach ministries where none existed, she has served with fidelity, honor, perseverance, holiness, always with an eye on the Lord in whose name she ministers. Her work at “ground zero” in NYC as chaplain called upon all her counseling skills. Betty is the longest serving deacon in the diocese

**Richard Montrose** Prison / Halfway House 2007

In his ten years of diaconal ministry Richard has exhibited deep concern with those who are imprisoned and those leaving prison being integrated once again into society. He has helped one parish establish an outreach program to help young men reintegrate into the local community after leaving prison.. His ministry has brought the words of Jesus to life: “I was in prison and you visited me.” Richard is a stalwart deacon, whose wisdom, common sense and compassion are a shining example of diaconal ministry in Long Island. His parish priest says, “He’s terrific!”

## DIOCESE OF THE LOS ANGELES

**Lawrence Jay Steele** Mentor and Chaplain 2010

Bringing his gifts in counseling and as an educator, Larry has established chaplaincies in hospitals and supported other deacons as chaplains. He also served as chaplain with the county sheriff’s department. As a member of the diocesan committee on the diaconate, Larry has been sensitive, consistent and wise as a mentor of persons in the ordination process and in mentoring new deacons. He has been especially faithful and effective as mentor to others and as institutional chaplain, bringing the Church to the world and the world to the Church.

**Patricia Hendrickson** People with Special Need 2013

Pat began her ministry to children and adults with special needs over 30 years ago by creating opportunities for them to participate in all kinds of sports, recreational and social activities. Today, hundreds of adults and young people with disabilities experience Coach Pat as a person who knows them as individuals, encourages them to meet their potential and loves them with the mind of Christ. Pat currently leads a sanctioned bowling league of over 80 people, both disabled and not disabled. This in addition to her employment as chaplain at a residential community for troubled children. Pat is quick to say that her greatest success has been the building of a strong core of volunteers who , like her, have come to experience the joy of supporting others in becoming all that they can be. Early on, Pat discovered a group of people who needed her help and she has stuck with them for over three decades. Everywhere she has gone, she has used her experience on behalf of disabled people, starting new Special Olympics teams and serving in United Cerebral Palsy homes as a pastoral presence. This steady thread of ministry to children and adults with special needs runs through everything she does, but at the same time she responds with faith and creativity as God offers new challenges and opportunities.

## DIOCESE OF THE LOUISIANA

**Charles N deGravelles** Prison Ministry 1999

Before ordination Charles began ministry at Angola State Penitentiary for men. He has progressively involved others, persuading his Bishop to join the ministry and designate the team and inmates as mission Church of the Transfiguration, the fastest growing congregation in the diocese. Charles' concern for prisoners is a model for all ministers of charity in the diocese.

**Ormonde Plater** Archdeacon – Writer - Historian 2001

Over 30 years you have served in hospitals, prisons and places the church could not go. Ormonde's leadership in NAAD especially editing Diakoneo has been great. As author your work has influenced the church and deacons. Your leadership as lecturer and presenter has enhanced the order of deacons. As archdeacon your gifts and skills have developed the formation and training of deacons in a School for Ministry serving 40 students.

**Jan Bales** Deacon Formation Director 2003

As director of deacon formation in the Diocese of Louisiana Jan provides oversight and guidance for those in formation. She also works full-time as executive assistant for Advent House, a center for spirituality attached to the Cathedral in New Orleans. She oversees outreach in her parish. Jan has also served as chaplain in a woman's prison in New Mexico for several years before coming to Louisiana. Jan understands issues including justice.

## DIOCESE OF MAINE

**Audrey S. Delafield** Hospital Chaplain 1997

For nearly a decade Audrey has served as Episcopal Chaplain at the Maine Medical Center. She serves beyond the Episcopal community to patients of all faiths. On call at all hours she often responds to emergencies and crisis situations. Audrey provides exemplary service and ministry to the greater Portland community.

**Thomas Benson** Chaplain to Deacons & Retired Clergy 2001

Tom has served the diocese with a long and faithful ministry. While serving as hospital chaplain, he now serves all retired clergy and spouses, writing newsletters and offering pastoral care. Tom exemplifies the prayerfulness of deacons, committed to the care and nurture of all deacons. In your Bishop's view you are one of the deacons who *anchors* the community of deacons, a growing group.

**H. Jeffrey Ferguson** Congregational & Prison Ministry 2003

Servant ministry has been a way of life for Jeffrey. For many years with Girl Scouting, the Maine Correctional Center and numerous service organizations, she has provided a caring presence. Since ordained in 1985 Jeffrey has served a number of congregations, the Diocesan Council, Bishop Wood diocesan camp, and extended the churches reach thru ecumenical participation. She is at her core a true servant minister.

**Margaret "Peggy" Day** Outreach, Mentor, Service 2005

Bringing compassion, hope and empowerment, Peggy's focus on women's issues has made her work as therapist a true ministry. She serves in the formation process for deacons by facilitating discernment



groups, mentoring new deacons, educating the diocese about diaconal ministry and through her example as deacon. Chairing the diocesan Outreach and Services Commission, she serves on Pastoral Response Team, and as member of Diocesan Council. Peggy's 15 years as deacon have shown her many gifts, remarkable patience, dedication and enthusiasm. A deeply prayerful woman she boldly welcomes Christ into every corner of her being.

**Geoffrey Todd Smith** Outreach / Safe Church Trainer 2007

Geof is Safe Church Trainer for the Diocese of Maine. With a superb and creative power point presentation he brings clarity and compassion to a sensitive subject. Geof advises deacons in formation, and has served on advisory councils for formation in the Dioceses of Chicago and Maine. In his parish Geof motivates and inspires people to participate in outreach programs. Active in St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, non-food items are distributed. Geof has encouraged and supported Sudanese immigrants into full participation. He is a member of the Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee. Geof is a devoted, prayerful, energetic, wise and hard working deacon.

**Aaron Perkins** Correction Center Chaplain 2010

Aaron serves as half-time coordinator of chaplaincy at Maine Correctional Center in Windham. Serving as volunteer chaplain for several years he has developed deep and effective relationships with both residents and staff. He provides regular services, inmate and staff visits, counseling and coordination of prison visits by other ministers. Without an official chaplain for the past year, he has ensured that pastoral care continues. Aaron is a leader among the deacons in Maine and in the Province One deacons community. He is highly regarded by his peers.

**Charles "Chick" Carroll** Ministry to the Homeless 2013

Chick was one of the "founding four" in establishing a day shelter for the Brunswick area homeless. Unpaid staff and 60 volunteers from eight different faith communities now keep the Gathering Place going five days a week. It just celebrated its second anniversary. Chick's hard work, passion and steady presence have been essential in creating this safe and welcoming place where it's often hard to distinguish guests from volunteers. Chick is also the "go-to" person for those seeking housing, employment and transportation. Chick is a gentle but passionate man with a gift for empathy. Out of that ability to walk in others' shoes, he was a founder of The Gathering Place and continues to meet daily with those who gather there. He is also a volunteer, certified hospital chaplain.

**DIOCESE OF MARYLAND**

**Br. Ed Munro** Chaplain Port of Baltimore 1995

Finding no ministry to the seamen in the Port of Baltimore, Ed initiated a chaplaincy program, finding space, raising funds and opening a small ship store. He created a chapel, began a clothing program and secured a van for transportation. Ed has gathered volunteers to assist in carrying out the program, enabling the center to be open five days a week. This ministry is entirely the result of Ed's initiative, research and persistence

**Nancy B. Foote** Archdeacon & Deacon Training 1997

Nancy is the first Archdeacon in the Diocese of Maryland. Under her leadership the number of deacons has gone from eight to twenty-eight with seven more to be ordained this June. She has transformed diaconal ministry from parish based to service ministries in the world. Nancy directs the four year

training program, including the initial year of discernment. She not only encourages servant ministry, she is servant of the servants.

**Miriam (Mimi) Mathews** Prison Ministry 2001

Mimi pursues an active and vocal ministry to, for and with those in prison and their families. As Co-Convener of the Prison Ministry Task Force for the Diocese Mimi works to educate people on prison ministry inside and outside the walls. She assists groups in acquiring UTO grants to support this ministry. She also provides regular services for a retirement center and constantly rounds up clothing for the disenfranchised.

**Lauren M. Welch** Advocacy and Urban Ministry 2003

Lauren is constantly alert to the needs of the urban area. She searches for others to work with her to make a difference. Lauren's efforts have provided mentoring for neighborhood children, food and financial support for the needy, transitional housing for the homeless, and ecumenical programs to pool resources. With untiring energy, she works to support those in need and respects the dignity of Gods' less fortunate.

**Madeleine Beard** Public Policy & Justice y2010

Madeleine demonstrates exceptional diaconal leadership in her parish, the Diocese and the community at large. Representing her parish in several community organizations, as well as inspiring, empowering and engaging her congregation to meet the needs of their neighbors. She serves the Diocese on the Public Policy/Justice Team and as chair of Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network. Also serving the wider church, Madeleine serves as communicator for Episcopalians for Economic Justice, Province Three Justice and Peace and co-convenes the Iraq Action Group of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. Madeleine is a living example of how to live into our Baptismal Covenant.

**Linda Hollis** Seafarers and Military Families 2013

Linda has engaged in a wide range of ministries. She is a volunteer seafarer's chaplain, visiting foreign vessels in Baltimore harbor. A military Mom, she works at the BWI-Thurgood Marshall Airport USO lounge supporting traveling troops and their families and making DVD's of troops reading books to their children through UTR – United Through Reading. Along with her husband, she is the spokesperson for Episcopal Relief and Development in the Diocese of Maryland. Also she has helped plan retreats for FOCUS – Families of Clergy United in Support and MECA – Maryland Episcopal Clergy Association. At the parish level, she has worked with ecumenical ministries to support the needy and serves as an EFM mentor in addition to her other duties. Linda is a deacon who serves with a joy that is readily apparent to all. Linda is an effective advocate for the lonely, the needy and the suffering, whether they are merchant sailors far from home, soldiers returning from war zones, an evicted family in her parish, or a fellow deacon in need of a friend. She is a compassionate deacon whose love of the Lord and passion for service in His Name is the embodiment of the diaconate.

DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS

**Ron Tibbetts** The Poor and the Homeless 2005

Ron recognizes and serves Christ everyday in the faces and lives of the poor and homeless who come through the door of Neighborhood Action, Inc. to receive a meal, support and respect. From St John's Bowdoin Street, in the shadow of the State House, his faithfulness, compassion and advocacy for the

poor are a beacon of light. Ron recognizes and respects that each person has gifts to offer. In his care for a homeless guest, for his family, for those he meets for one minute or after many years, he receives the other with warmth, care and focus. With an easy laugh, an outstretched hand, a fervent care, he tends to the needs of others with grace, tenacity and patience. He is a saint without false piety.

**Patricia Zifcak** Diaconal Formation, Ministry to Homeless 2013

Pat was among the first ordained a deacon in Massachusetts. She has been faithfully serving the diocese as a deacon in service to the community of Cambridge through her ministry to the poor and homeless through Outdoor Church in Cambridge and as Archdeacon for Formation for the diaconate. Pat embodies what it means to be a deacon here, serving her bishop and communities beyond the four walls of a church building. Over the years, she has built the diaconal formation program into a resource, not only for Massachusetts, but for other neighboring dioceses as well. Her ministry has been a vital resource to people in need as well as her fellow deacons in Massachusetts.

DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN

**Jack Trembath** Jail Chaplain 1997

Jack was ordained in 1976 and soon began to extend his ministry in the chaplaincy at Macomb County Jail. As Chaplain and Volunteer Coordinator he cared for a prison population of 400. He held regular services, Bible classes, provided counseling services raised funds for the chaplaincy program. In his role as volunteer coordinator he brought many others to serve. He served as first President of the Diocesan Deacons' Council.

**Jeffernell Howcott** Archdeacon 2003

In the servant ministry of a deacon, Jeffernell is an example to those with whom she comes in contact. In her parish and her role as archdeacon, she is a radiant light when entering a room, in a conversation or a pastoral situation. Jeffernell understands and embraces the servant ministry that is the life of a deacon. She works with other deacons and candidates for the diaconate to help them more completely understand the call to which they are responding. She is always open to the needs and concerns of others.

**Linda J. MacDonald** Archdeacon and Outreach 2005

Linda's leadership in outreach for the church has moved the outreach committee and the parish from writing checks to hands-on involvement. Actively seeking out needs in the local community, at least one project is supported each month responding to a wide variety of needs. Linda has served on Alzheimer's and Cancer Walk Boards and chairs the Bishop's Advisory Council for the Diaconate. She was recently appointed Archdeacon by the Bishop. With a clear call to diaconal ministry, Linda lives it in all ways in her life. She is a bridge between the church and the world. Linda is truly a servant leader.

**Thalia F. Johnson** Improving Race Relations 2007

Thalia began her after graduation work with service in the Peace Corps in Malaysia. Following this experience her primary focus has been improving race relations and encouraging appreciation and understanding of the diversity of all people. She was instrumental in forming Cambios, an organization to promote long term attitude changes through reading, literature, mentoring and building support networks in the community. In the Church Thalia has been an icon for the ministry of Deacon. She has suggested and initiated many ministries, served on the Diocesan Commission on Ministry, Council, and taught in the Whitaker School and served in several parishes.

## DIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

**Antoine Linterieur** Chaplain and Patient Advocate 1999  
Antoine ministers with passion and dedication to mentally ill at Milwaukee Mental Health Hospital. He is a spiritually based resource for patients and families, overseeing daily staffing of the chapel for patients and staff. Antoine provides a strong voice for patient advocacy with hospital leadership and staff. Antoine truly serves the poor, the weary, the sick and the lonely with understanding and clarity of purpose as a visible and caring messenger of Christ's love.

## DIOCESE OF MINNESOTA

**Barbara Ramnaraine** Social Action and Advocacy 1997  
Barbara's ministries have focused on social action and advocacy for persons who are poor and/or handicapped. She chairs diocesan committees addressing these needs. As a mentor in the Diaconal Formation Program her message has been that one's deeds should match one's beliefs. Her ministries have demonstrated this congruence and earned Barbara widespread respect and admiration.

**Evelyn (Lyn) Lawyer** Teaching and Elderly 2003  
Lyn is deeply rooted in Scripture, sharing her knowledge throughout the diocese. She teaches in Formation classes, her parish, and a care facility for older adults. She has led the diocese in Refugee Resettlement, always with a heart for others. Grounded by deep faith, she models the diaconate by bringing the church to the world and the world into the church. With her service on the Deacon Formation board, she brings wisdom and experience.

**Jan Dougherty** Diaconal Formation; Advocate for Justice 2007  
Jan's first assignment as deacon was to a newly planted church in a growing community. She was instrumental in bringing persons from the surrounding neighborhoods to the forming church. When a new Bishop appointed a committee to define a new diaconal formation program, Jan was chosen Co-Chair to lead the effort. When the new program was implemented she was appointed co-chair of the program and its governing board, and remains in that post. Reassigned from her first church, she is now at the Cathedral of St. Mark where she continues in an outstanding pastoral, liturgical and homiletical ministry.

## DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI

**Lynne Hough** Hospital Chaplain 2005  
Lynne is a wonderful interpreter of the world's needs, hopes and dreams. She brings these needs and hopes to her church community and figures out ways to respond, such as becoming part of an interfaith network addressing homelessness. Lynne has served as staff chaplain at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport for over 11 years offering dedicated care and support for patients, staff and families. Her leadership skills have also assisted the Hospital's Hospice organization. One of the first deacons ordained in Mississippi, Lynne chairs the Deacon Discernment Committee and leads the post ordination consultation for new deacons. She spends each day, seeking and serving Christ in all persons.

## DIOCESE OF NEBRASKA

### **Maureen May** Nursing Home Ministry 1995

Maureen visits all residents of several nursing homes, brings communion and holds regular worship services. She provides advocacy for persons overwhelmed and helpless in complex health care circumstances. Maureen is an example of a special ministry of service to the weak, the sick and the lonely. In addition she shares her love of animals in bringing pet therapy to residents and friends.

### **Gary A. Peterson** Small Town Jail Ministry 1997

Gary lives in a small rural town where much of his ministry is focused on his parish and its needs. Gary's very special ministry is his service to prisoners in the county jail. He is the primary care giver, faithful in visiting, leading prayer, study and offering communion. Gary is a quiet and inspiring example of diaconal ministry in an isolated area. He has attracted three others to explore diaconal ministry.

### **Colleen Lewis** Servant Leadership 1999

Colleen began servant leadership before ordination with the Kearney Jubilee Center a county wide ministry providing food, clothing, shelter and support to those in need. She serves as Diocesan and Provincial Justice/Peace coordinator and scribe. Colleen travels with the bishop to congregations without a deacon, encouraging interest in the diaconate. Deacon Lewis represents the spirit of Diaconal ministry.

### **Cheryl Harris** Servant Ministry 2013

Cheryl serves as deacon at two parishes sixty miles apart in the Nebraska panhandle, a sparsely populated area with high unemployment. Cheryl led her parish to continue a thrift store ministry, the Alliance Mission Store, which another local church could no longer support. It has grown into a self-sustaining program, staffed by over 120 volunteers, that resells clothing, furniture, household items, toys and games at very low prices. Having repaid a start-up grant from the Diocese of Nebraska, the Alliance Mission Store itself now makes grants to local programs that serve people in need in the community. Cheryl's organizing ability, commitment and vision have been vital to the program's growth and success. Cheryl has also led the development of a backpack program that provides healthy meals and snacks to school children when school is not in session. Working with the backpack program in Scottsbluff (65 miles away), they provided 15,800 meals in 2012. By her life and actions, Cheryl makes Christ's love known to the world. By helping her parishes be aware of the needs of people in their community and inviting them to take the ministry of Christ outside the walls of the church, Cheryl interprets to the Church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world. Cheryl is faithful in assisting in public worship in the church, and exemplifies what it is to be a deacon in the world.

## DIOCESE OF NEVADA

### **Lionel Starkes** HIV/AIDS Ministry 1997

Lionel is employed by the local Health Department as an HIV/AIDS Counselor/Educator. His ministry brings his experience and compassion as volunteer to hospital and home visits, especially for newly diagnosed patients to explain the illness and gain family acceptance. He develops programs for parishes, works with boys and girls clubs and programs for at-risk youth. Lionel exemplifies the servant ministry of deacons.

**Barbara A. Lewis** Chaplain & Diocesan Secretary 2007  
Barbara has a special ministry to the dying. She sponsors a female student from Kenya. As Chaplain to retired clergy keeps in touch with those in Nevada and elsewhere. Barbara serves as Diocesan Secretary, which often includes clergy referrals for the sick and dying, of new arrivals, and referring the needy to appropriate agencies. Another part of this role is coordinating Diocesan Convention, meeting with committees and preparing materials, keeping the paper flow and people in order. Barbara also arranges for clergy conferences and similar events. Barbara knows the deacons of the Diocese and facilitates communication among the community.

**Michael Margerum** Community Organizing 2010  
Mike is active in Prison Ministries, serving on Kairos teams and at Lovelock Corrections Center. At Ridge House he helps manage a transition program for newly released inmates, and serves at the summer camp for children of inmates. Mike serves on the Board of Religious Alliance In Nevada, an ecumenical coalition advocating for social justice, and is an active community organizer in the Reno area. As a member of Eco-palians, the diocesan Green Team he works to combat global warming. Mike is an outstanding social ministries activist, an engaged deacon in community organizing and social justice providing a strong diaconal presence in northern Nevada.

#### DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Willis D. Ottery, Jr.** *Hospital Chaplain* 2001  
Since ordination Will's ministry with the Spiritual Care Department of Concord Hospital has continued and flourished. He has provided pastoral care for his parish, engaged in healing ministry and work with his own Native American Community. He has been a key member of several Diocesan Task Forces and Committees. In developing new and creative ministries Will has served as a model for diaconal ministry.

#### DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

**Carol Berry Stoy** Crisis and Social Service Ministry 1997  
Carol meets the hungry, the lonely, the confused, the crazy and others in need, working out of a small office in Nassau Presbyterian Church. She dispenses food, bus tickets, direction, counseling to a wide variety of people. Carol has carried this work for over twelve years and also directs outreach ministry in her own parish and serves on the Diocesan Committee on the Diaconate. Carol gives freely of her time and talent for Christ's work in the Princeton area.

**W. Keith McCoy** Diaconate Leadership 1999  
Keith was instrumental in creating a Committee on the Diaconate providing oversight for deacon training and discernment. Through Keith's guidance programs have been instituted for lay persons, parishes, and rectors. The position of Archdeacon for Deacons was created. Through writing, speaking and his presence Keith has represented the Diaconate throughout the Diocese, regionally and nationally.

**Tina Mertz** Counseling & Crisis Intervention 2001  
Tina is deacon at Christ Church, Toms River. In addition to liturgical duties and preaching, your focus in ministry for 16 years has been pastoral care, especially crisis intervention, pre-marital counseling and intervention for families, and children. She also has a vital hospital and nursing home ministry. As a

cancer survivor her theme is, “live everyday, and love everyday.” Tina is a shining example of a deacon in the world.

**Johnine V. Byrer** Prison Ministry 2007  
Johnine has a passionate ministry to those in prison. For over seven years, she has made weekly visits to Somerset County Jail, for prayer, counseling and to help connect these men with their families. She developed a visitation program for her parish with a youth detention facility. After a year of negotiation Johnine *broke into* the Women’s Prison, and now leads bible study and worship. Recently retired from thirty-five years of teaching special education students, she has makes regular visits to a home for children of parents with drug problems. Johnine is a dynamo of ministry, leading by example, and clearly in love with her Lord and his call to, “visit those in prison,”

**Teresa A. Suruda** Social Justice 2010  
Terry is a door opener. She is one of the diocesan organizers of OASIS, as part of her passion for social justice, and encourages LGBTI people to find the Episcopal Church as the path to God. Terry is an oncology chaplain at Riverview Hospital. She supports programs for battered women, helps the St. Mark’s soup kitchen in addition to her parish ministries. Terry is a wise counselor, a teacher of souls, and a strong rock in times of trouble. She encourages others to take risks for God. Her priests treasure her as a colleague.

**Carmen Viola** Ministry of Disaster Relief 2013  
Carmen’s secular position with the US Department of Defense puts him in charge of managing support for our troops all over the world. He came to the diaconate with the skills and experience to ensure that food, medical and other supplies get to emergency situations promptly. As a deacon, he already had the role of Diocesan Emergency Planning and Response Coordinator when Hurricane Sandy hit our diocese head on. He was invaluable in helping our diocese connect with Episcopal Relief and Development, and, through our parishes, address the needs of thousands of people affected by the superstorm. In addition he has a ministry through his parish to the local hospice and has organized a scholarship program for our School for Deacons among other activities. Carmen was already pushing for a greater awareness of how the Church can cope with disasters when the hurricane arrived last October. It was a gift from God to have someone of his expertise in place when disaster struck, and he worked unceasingly to help New Jersey Episcopalians help our shore parishes and their neighbors cope, and then move towards recovery.

## DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**David Havard** Social Advocacy and Outreach 1997  
One of the first deacons in New Westminster, David consistently provides witness to the ministry of the church to those in need. He served as coordinator of Reach Out, an agency of three parishes, committed to advocacy for the homeless and urban poor. David organized food cooperatives and other programs to help urban poor in making better use of their limited resources.

**Christian Cross** Modeling Deacon Leadership 1999  
Christian is a Professor of Biochemistry at Trinity Western University. As the first deacon ordained in her diocese she has consistently and faithfully provided witness and service in her workplace, parish and the Diocese, at the same time demonstrating a “wicked sense of humor.” Chris has served as a model

and leader for the growing community of deacons, and as Examining Chaplain, a role she uses to nurture and strengthen deacons.

**John T. Struthers** **Diaconal Renewal** 2003

With a long history of ministry focused in the workplace, hospital chaplaincy and to shut-ins, John was the church in the world for the unchurched in remarkable ways. Now focused on the deacons of the diocese, John is at the forefront of the renewal of the diaconate and represents the diaconate across Canada and internationally. He pastors the deacons and models diaconal ministry to the world beyond the church.

**Tess Meadows** **Volunteer in Mission** 2005

Tess carried out a ministry to the homeless, single mothers and families in crisis both before and after her ordination. In 2004 Tess took a two-year leave from the parish of St. John, becoming a Volunteer in Mission in Belize, where she is seconded to Bishop Romero. Tess lives in a remote jungle ministering in Monkey River and Mango Creek serving children, the poor and the sick, including those with AIDS, helps work crews, conducts services and works on enabling her successors. She is humble and has made significant sacrifices, both personal and monetary in carrying out her call to servant ministry. Tess is an example of servanthood to all.

**Lizz Lindsay** **Social Justice & Hospitality** 2010

Lizz' ministries have revolved around social justice and hospitality. In her faculty role at a local community college she acted with fairness and respect. She would counsel students to apply for financial aid, then making an anonymous donation directed to the student. Keeping socks and underwear in her briefcase, she would drop them off beside sleeping homeless people. After inviting single people to her home for Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving, she expanded these meals to the Parish hall, now involving others in support. Liz makes a positive difference in people's lives as she exemplifies servant ministry and serves as mentor to others on their journey.

**Pittman Potter** **Ministry to the Homeless** 2013

Deacon Pitman Potter has been an incredibly inspirational figure amongst the Churches of his Deanery. With patience and determination he brought the wealthy people of his parish to awareness and to ministry among the homeless people in their area. He began by visiting amongst the homeless with his family, and then began to encourage people in local parishes to join him. After training and preparation, teams of parishioners began to walk the streets of the West Point Gray area, giving out packages of food, dry socks and other useful items to those living in the streets. In time strong relationships were formed and "The Anglicans of West Point Grey Neighborhood Ministry" was born. As time passed, the Ministry began to help find housing for those among whom they served. They spoke to civic leaders and advocated for local homeless people to be given housing in a new development. Despite initial resistance, over twelve local homes have been made available for formerly homeless families. The work continues, with support for the homeless in the area, support for those who have been provided housing and political action when needed. Pitman has affected the lives of many people in his area. He is an outstanding deacon and person of faith.



## DIOCESE OF NEW YORK

### **Claudia Wilson**

Congregational Support 1999

Claudia was ordained in 1992, joining the diocesan staff, where she has served since 1994 as coordinator of the Congregational Support Plan. She has made a great contribution implementing this innovative and unique program to provide financial and people assistance to poor and marginal parishes. Claudia's competence, patient goodwill, constant cheerfulness and concern for congregations has demonstrated diaconal ministry.

### **Judith Borzumato**

Feeding Ministry 2007

When Judy was ordained a new ecumenical feeding ministry was housed in her parish. She became coordinator of *Roundout Valley Food Pantry*, serving 10 families a week. With a growing group of volunteers, every Tuesday and Thursday the basement of the rectory was open. The program grew, Judy became its face in the community, involving Girl and Boy Scouts, students and other churches. Funds were raised for a new facility, today serving 85 to 90 families monthly. Thanksgiving baskets, birthday baskets for children and Easter baskets are provided. Judy has worked with other agencies and Diocesan groups including the Deacons Committee. She is the epitome of a servant leader seeing Christ in every person.

### **Sue Bonsteel**

Ministry in Jails and Prisons 2013

Sue has been a volunteer tutor and trainer for literacy tutors at the Ulster County Jail for the past ten years. She leads a creative writing group for women inmates and works occasionally with the men's group. She helps to link laity to volunteer opportunities in local jails and prisons and actively advocates for prison reform in the state capital. Sue is the co-convenor of the local chapter of Episcopal Peace Fellowship and former head of the National Death Penalty Action Group, advocating for the abolition of the death penalty. For ten years she has maintained a correspondence with and advocated for a death row inmate in Pennsylvania. Deacon Bonsteel introduced the program "For Whom the Bells Toll" in her local parish. This is an initiative which calls for the tolling of the church bells for two minutes on the day of an execution and for prayers for the executed, the victims of crime and persons participating in the execution. Sue is also a board facilitator, cook and driver for Angel Food East, a program that delivers hot meals to people living with HIV+/AIDS and other chronic illnesses. Sue's quiet, determined demeanor and leadership have made her a well-respected member of the diaconal community of her diocese. She is a wonderful example of servant leadership for all members of the wider church community.

## DIOCESE OF NIAGARA

### **Jane Rokeby**

Advocacy 2007

Jane's ministry is one of problem solving and advocacy for those who feel excluded from community life. She creates special worship resources for those whose inclusion in worship is compromised by disability. For those experiencing theological barriers she initiates spiritual learning opportunities which relieve learned patterns of guilt, revealing God's grace and compassion. Jane actively works to relieve burdens for caregivers, like clergy who are overextended or family caregivers, themselves at risk. In offering worship, learning and practical support, Jane is responsive to needs, a champion of dignity for all—within the Church and beyond.

## DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### **Kermit M. Bailey**

Advocacy for Disabled 2007

Throughout his diaconal ministry, Kermit has unceasingly given of himself working with the homeless, disabled, mentally ill and people with HIV/ AIDS. With a grant from the Social Security Administration, Kermit established Triad Disability Advocates to assist mentally and physically disabled persons in applying for disability benefits. Kermit serves as their advocate, taking clients to the Social Security Office and in the court system as needed, so they may receive full benefits to which they are entitled. This ministry has expanded to other regions of the state. Kermit possesses a true servant heart working tirelessly to improve the quality of life for people with many and great needs.

### **Beth McKee-Huger**

Community Organizing 2013

As a social worker and community organizer, Beth constantly speaks to the church, city council, other decision-makers, and media about the needs in her community; raising up the poor and vulnerable and (as needed) bringing down the rental owners who do not comply with minimum safety standards. She helps organizations in the community design effective policies and programs that offer solutions to complex housing problems and connects churches to these efforts to “equip the saints” in making a difference. Through prayers, announcements and sermons, Beth invites the church to consider God’s call to social justice, as well as individual charity, in responding to the needs of the poor. Beth is unafraid... of the political and governmental structures, of church structures, of anything that gets in the way of fair housing for all people. She exemplifies the charge to deacons to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely, and that, at all times, the life of a deacon is to show Christ’s people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

## DIOCESE OF NORTH DAKOTA

### **Charles Nelson**

Jail and Prison Ministry 1995

For many years Charles has carried out a ministry at Cass County Jail where he is respected and accepted by inmates and staff. He has journeyed to a prison in South Dakota to share in Residents Encounter Christ weekends. Charles provides leadership for a Salvation Army Soup Kitchen bringing volunteers from several churches. As a faithful deacon he provides a role model for others who aspire for the diaconate.

## DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### **Cindy Long**

Ministry among the Poor 2013

Cindy’s ministries at St. Matthews include: food closet, clothes closet, free lunch, after-school snacks, parent resource center and health outreach. In addition, she works with Pastoral Partners, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, bible study, acolytes and intercessors as well as preaching in English and Spanish. In 1963 St. Matthews was a prosperous parish. By 2007, when Deacon Cindy arrived, they were barely able to support a full-time priest, the area had become known for its sleazy motels and low-cost apartments, and the community was mostly poor, mostly immigrants and crime ridden. Today St. Matthews has only supply priests, a paid office administrator and an amazing Deacon. The Rev. Cindy Long, RN, has used her professional knowledge to bring a variety of health care programs to the area, such as blood pressure screenings, health education, child abuse prevention and after school health programs. What makes Cindy special is that she calls upon resources other than herself, such as student

nurses and faculty, a pre-school making use of their building, volunteer builders to renovate and restore and various local churches who collect food and money to help out. According to Cindy, her job is to oversee this remarkable program and to help others join in the service of the poor and needy, learning “that in serving the helpless, you are serving Christ.”

### DIOCESE OF NORTHERN INDIANA

**Sarah S. Tracy** Diaconal Formation & Leadership 2001

Sarah is the person responsible for the establishment of the diaconate in her Diocese. With her leadership and encouragement there are now 14 deacons. She served as first Archdeacon and founded the School for Faith and Ministry. Sarah also founded St. Margaret’s House day program and shelter for abused women. Her leadership extended beyond the Diocese as you served NAAD as President and Board member. Sarah modeled the diaconate and have served as an icon of diaconal ministry.

### DIOCESE OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN

**Christine Maki** Deacon with St Mark’s, Crystal Falls 2007

As County Health Nurse, Teena served many underprivileged in the Iron County community. Now retired she continues to work with many of the same people, even bringing children into her home when parents were hospitalized. She is Christian Education director for St. Mark’s and also serves as an ecumenical church school teacher. A tireless Church Periodical Club worker she has represented CPC at the Diocesan, Provincial and National level. Teena is co-conveener of the diocesan Council for Diaconal Ministry. Teena was nominated not for a role or position, rather because she is a wonderful icon, living reminder, of the diaconal ministry we share.

### DIOCESE OF NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**Charl Ann** KappMilk Fund 2007

What started out for Charl as a trip to care and pray for those in need led to the establishment of *The Milk Fund*. Milk is a vital nutritional supplement to the diet of children cared for by the hospital in the district of Karagwe in Tanzania. Their recovery is much improved with the addition of milk to their daily feeding. Many children are orphaned. With loss of support from the UN World Food Program, milk has become a valuable resource. Charl began by donating her own funds to what is becoming an important support to Tanzania, now broadening support and supported by the Diocese.

### DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA & PEI

**Marjorie Saulnier** Community Service Mentor 2010

The first deacon ordained in her diocese in 1997, Marge has worked from her parish coordinating food ministries, a clothing depot and connections to community services. She has mentored new deacons in their first year, having contributed to the education and formation program. Marge is a valued member of the clergy team and parish life, visiting shut-ins, training youth as altar servers and helping the parish discern another deacon call. Marge is a diaconal role model for others, working as a team member, with all ages and calling all to account for our care for those on the edges of society and the church.

## DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA

### **Mary K Shehane**

University Chaplain 1999

Mary serves as College Chaplain at the University of Washington where she raises consciousness of students about peace, mercy and justice. She encourages student involvement in service projects. Mary recently opened a drop in center for youth in the University District to address the needs of homeless, drugs, prostitution and providing healing through art spirituality. Mary identifies the needs of the world and engages the Church.

### **Dennis Taylor**

Parish Nursing 2007

Dennis is a member of a team of clergy who serve five congregations, the Komo Kulshan Cluster in Skagit Valley, Washington. As deacon/parish nurse he brought Care Team ministry into the Cluster. Dennis has inspired and is mentoring, the development of a *Ministry of Well Being* at the Cluster. Congregations have been surveyed to discern health concerns. Dennis is an information source for people who have questions about a diagnosis or physicians instructions. He helps families think through the resources available to them and their family member in need. As a deacon and a professional nurse Dennis brings a fresh approach to health care. Dennis exudes kindness and genuine care, which gives people—both members of the Care Team and those they minister to—confidence and a reassurance of God's love.

### **Brent Brentnall**

Community Needs 2010

In Blaine, Washington and nearby, Brent looks for those in need, finds them, works to join with other groups, agencies, and individuals to create avenues for people to help others. He creates efficient, elegant and user friendly systems for people to donate, volunteer and access services. His methods enable generosity, while maintaining the dignity of those in need. Brent is humble, organized, faithful, ready with quick wit and his own time, labor and energy. He understands the role and ministry of deacon, living this ministry in daily life and articulating it to others. Brent is the epitome of what a deacon is.

## DIOCESE OF OREGON

### **Brenda C. Berkold**

Dean Centre for the Diaconate 2007

Penny Berkold is the longest serving deacon in the Diocese of Oregon. She exemplifies the selfless service of deacon. She was an organizing force for the Centre for the Diaconate, and has been Dean of the Centre since 1988, and guided dozens of candidates through the process toward ordination and effective deployment. Her ministry has shaped the life of St. Mary's, Eugene since 1982. As Head Chaplain at Serenity Lane Treatment Center since 1992, she has helped countless patients out of drug and alcohol addiction. Penny continues these ministries in her 72<sup>nd</sup> year, without complaint, and with no sign of stopping.

## DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA

### **Judith H. Ray**

Urban and Children's Ministry 2001

Judy was the first Director of S. Gabriel's *After School Arts* program which began with one volunteer and eight students. She raised funds, coordinated volunteers, built partnerships with parishes, expanding the program to 5 days a week with paid staff and other academic activities for the whole community.

Today, the Urban Bridges program serves children and adults with a thriving outreach ministry resulting from Judy's 10 year effort.

**James Ley**

*Social Justice Advocacy* 2010

Jim works with grassroots organizations in Chester to support residents as they advocate on their own behalf and especially on behalf of their children. He is on the board of Chester Eastside Ministries offering outreach to the community. Jim offers education for the privileged white community about the nature of white privilege and the invisible victimization of the disadvantaged African-American community. Jim's ministry is to act as a bridge across the great divisions in American urban life: between black and white, between rich and poor, between city and suburb. An advocate with those who have no voice, a repairer of the breach.

DIOCESE OF QU' APELLE

**D. Michael Jackson**

*Liturgical Ministry and Writing* 1995

Michael brings his years of experience as protocol officer to organizing and training participants for the special liturgies and feast days at the Cathedral. He oversees a summer congregation, leads worship and arranges for visiting clergy. Richard writes regularly for the diocesan newspaper, always sensitive and keen on promoting the work of deacons.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC

**Lorna L. Baird**

*To the Elderly and Sick* 2005

Lorna serves a large rural parish of eight congregations in the Gaspé. She visits and cares for shut-ins, the elderly, persons with illnesses, the poor and any person who is in need. As a retired teacher, she uses her skills in building up leaders within the parish community, and works with aspiring deacons. Lorna exemplifies the deacon's ministry of reaching out to embrace the world. Her kindness and gentle spirit allow her to enter into relationship with a wide variety of persons from a multitude of religions and cultural backgrounds. Her sense of duty is a driving and guiding force in the parish and in the Diocese. Lorna is both a willing laborer in the vineyard and a cheerful co-worker.

DIOCESE OF QUINCY

**Philip B. Fleming**

*Disaster Relief* 2007

Since long before his ordination Phil has worked tirelessly in the area of disaster relief both inside the and beyond the Diocese. His ministry has been especially important since Hurricane Katrina much of the Gulf Coast. Phil has raised in excess of \$50,000 for those needing hurricane related relief. Phil has made several personal trips to New Orleans and Mississippi to transport donated items. He has also organized relief trips for others in the Diocese of Quincy, including a special mission trip that diocesan youth will take in the summer of 2007. Phil richly deserves recognition for his tireless diaconal ministry taking the love of Christ outside the walls of the church to those in need.

## DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND

### **Margaret C. F. Higbie**

*Hospital/Institutional Chaplaincy* 1995

As Protestant chaplain at Kent County Hospital Robin is an ecumenical representative of the Council of Churches. She created 'Blue Denim' ministry calling upon area churches to assist unwed mothers and their newborns. Robin is always available to help others, serving as an icon of ministry and enabler of others. Her love and joy are ever present and of special help to others in preparation for ordination to the diaconate.

### **Eloise S. Neilsen**

*Romanian Orphan Outreach and Hospice* 1997

Shortly after ordination in 1989 Lois discovered a serious need in the plight of the many orphans in Romania. She mobilized a growing group of persons throughout the church to knit blankets and caps for shipping to Romania. Over 4200 hats and 2000 blankets have been prepared and sent from as far as Florida and Alaska by persons in many denominations. Lois has the gift of encouraging and enabling others in ministry. Her work in Hospice has brought compassion to many families and caregivers.

### **Elizabeth L Wright**

*Homeless Women and Children* 1999

Betty Lou runs Lucy's Hearth, a shelter for homeless women and their children, where they can live with dignity, enabling them to develop love and courage to again live independently again. A humble deacon, Betty Lou offers the tough love sometimes needed to assist the process of self discovery that aids maturity and openness to God. Her constant effort is to respect the dignity of every human being.

### **Jean Barry**

*Advocacy and Justice for the Homeless* 2003

Jean serves as executive director of WARM—Westerly Area Rest and Meals, providing short and long-term living accommodations, meals, job training, counseling and transportation for men, women and children. She is a tireless advocate for the homeless, and justice issues surrounding the marginal population. Jean has long been concerned with the needs of those without jobs, with low income and the homeless. She exercises leadership as a champion of those in need.

### **Leroy S. Buck**

*Haitian & Social Justice* 2010

Over the years Buck has been involved with Social Justice ministry with migrant farm workers, disabled children, incarcerated prisoners and the homeless. Fluent in Spanish he is assigned to a Hispanic Parish. Long involved with Haitian people, Buck travels to Haiti helping to create micro business ventures among the poorest of Haitian people. He is a multi talented, versatile deacon with business experience. Buck also has keen awareness of the needs of the homeless, unemployed, disadvantaged in Rhode Island and elsewhere. He was in Haiti when the earthquake occurred.

### **Dorothy "Ricky" Brightman**

*Advocate for the Hungry* 2013

Shortly after her ordination, Deacon Ricky Brightman was assigned to a suburban parish, where her commitment to aiding the poor and those in the inner city were soon evident. She carried a can of soup in procession rather than the Gospel book. She invited, cajoled and nudged folks to join her at soup kitchens in Central Falls and Providence and constantly reminded everyone that God is in the needy places and needs our help. When she left at the call of a new rector, most of these activities continue. At her current parish she is actively involved in the Church Beyond the Walls, where spiritual and physical hungers are fed on the streets of Providence, RI. In addition Ricky is chair of the Diocesan Mission Task Force and serves on the Diocesan Strategic Planning Committee. Ricky is a deacon whose prophetic voice for the poor and oppressed is heard through bold actions within and outside

whatever parish she serves. She inspires and empowers the laity to join her ministry and offers ways to make this sustainable when she moves on.

## DIOCESE OF RIO GRANDE

### **Lewis Powell**

*Diaconal Leadership* 2007

Deacon Powell has been instrumental in transforming the entire diaconate in the Diocese of Rio Grande. His pastoral solicitude, his expertise in formation of deacons, and his ability to create an effective administrative structure has had a positive and renewing affect on the diocesan deacons' community. In addition Lew has graciously hosted the two most recent NAAD Conferences of Archdeacons and Program Directors with quiet humor and suggestions of places to visit and take advantage of the local cuisine. In addition to serving the deacons in his diocese Lew also is friend and servant of deacons throughout the country.

### **Thomas Bates**

*Servant Leadership* 2013

Tom leads the outreach ministries of Good Shepherd in Silver City. He steers the After School Program and serves on the United Campus Ministry Board. He serves on the board of and spearheads delivery of beans and other needed items to the Casa de Amor para Niños orphanage in Palomas, Mexico. Tom is the Diocesan Coordinator of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in addition to helping lead the local chapter. He is an active Cursillista and leader in our local Cursillo Community. He serves on the board of Our Lady of Las Palomas interfaith center in Columbus, NM. Tom speaks Spanish well. He is helping lead a Grant County contingent on a medical mission to Honduras this summer with Honduras Good Works of Liberty Hill, TX. Through his hard work on behalf of those in need, Tom has shown himself to be a true servant leader in Christ's name.

## DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

### **Michael Finn**

*Healthy Food Ministry* 2013

First and foremost, Mike is an essential part of worship leadership. He has helped us expand our monthly Food Shelf ministry to include clothing, books and a service of Eucharist. Mike worked with a highly integrated staple food distributor (Foodlink) to launch a weekly city farm stand on the corner of our church property during the summer months. He also worked with the same organization to install ten raised bed gardens that produced 588 lbs. of produce that was donated to local feeding ministries. This year he has added five more beds and is working to insure broader neighborhood involvement. Mike is a quiet, humble man who is unmistakably Chris centered. He is an absolute joy to work with and embodies a rare combination of speaking from the heart while also being a person of action. Mike's calming, yet energetic presence is helping to transform our community of faith and the neighborhood of which we are a part.

## DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

### **Rose Moran, and Dora Bruguier**

*Pastoral and Social Care* 1999

Truly a team ministry Rose Moran and Dora Bruguier trained together, were ordained together and work as a team with two priests on the Cheyenne River Mission in the 7,500 sq. mile Cheyenne River Reservation. With the Bishop's permission they conduct liturgy with ten congregations. Dora is a

storyteller working with school-age children, while Rose is skilled in pastoral care visits to jails and hospitals. They quietly care for and support each other, sharing a loving spirit of true servant ministry.

**Virginia Bird** *Hospital Pastoral Care* 2007

Virginia models servant ministry not only for her parish, St. Andrew's, but for the whole diocese. Her special focus is hospital ministry. While visiting parishioners, she coordinates a pastoral ministry team who provide sacramental and pastoral care to all Episcopalians from South Dakota and neighboring states. Virginia is a champion for diaconal ministry. She is eloquent in meetings of the Commission on Ministry supporting the diaconate. She is a wonderful teacher especially with deacon training. Virginia is the senior deacon in the Diocese, she sets the standard for all diaconal ministry.

**Arlene Epp Pearsall** *Servant Leadership* 2013

Arlene's ministry truly exemplifies the deacon's call to enable the ministry of the laity. Her liturgical and personal ministry at Sioux Falls hospitals has resulted in the ministry of the Cathedral's many Lay Eucharistic Visitors and hospital/shut-in visitors whom she has recruited, trained and coordinates. This group also plans and leads Tenebrae services and serves meals at the Sioux Falls Banquet twice a year. Most of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors say they are serving this way because of Arlene. She is also a state officer and leader of two Toastmasters groups, one of which is for persons with special needs, and she is currently developing a third group which will meet in the prison. Arlene's love of academics and books led her to establish a fine library at Calvary Cathedral. This is another ministry for which she has recruited volunteers to whom she will ultimately turn over the reins. Arlene's entire life has been geared toward and rooted in religion, academics and service. She is intensely spiritual and dedicated to serving others.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

**J. Segar Gravatt** *Hospital Chaplain and Archdeacon* 1997

The first deacon ordained in her diocese in 1985 Segar served as Hospital Chaplain for ten years. Promoting pastoral care at the local, state and national levels, she also has been active in the development of bio-medical ethics. She is a member of the Commission on Ministry, oversees the Diaconal Program and currently is President of the Standing Committee. Segar's peers state she not only talks the talk, she walks the walk.

**Anne C. Pugh** *Ministry to the Aging* 2003

Anne provides ministry to the elderly, especially those with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. She teaches and provides worship in two facilities. Anne has been instrumental in the establishment of the diaconate in the Diocese, serving as member of the Bishop's Task Force on the Diaconate, as advisor, counsel, and liaison as one of first deacons serving in the diocese.

**Becki Dean** *Ministry among the Homeless* 2013

Becki has started and is pursuing a Sunday ministry to homeless people in a vacant lot in a poor section of South Richmond. Without fail she ministers and offers worship to between five and twenty-five people, often inviting a local priest to join with her and to celebrate the Eucharist. Becki initiated this ministry entirely on her own after receiving the bishop's blessing to do so. She is also the deacon at St. Michael's Church, Bon Air, where she assists the rector with pastoral care and worship on Sundays and during the week. Becki's initiative and concern for the poor and needy truly exemplify the call of a deacon.



## DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

**Marilyn J. Sapharas** *Ministry to Persons with HIV/AIDS* 1995

Marilyn is Chaplain to her Parish Chapter of the Order of St. Luke, which she helped organize. She is Chaplain to the AIDS Council of Manatee County and provides an active ministry, involving many lay persons. Marilyn has lead many laity to active ministry to persons with illnesses, especially HIV/AIDS. She is also engaged in preparation for a more active ministry of Spiritual Direction.

**Jimmie Ruth Hunsinger** *Deacon Administrator* 1999

Jimmie Ruth served two parishes as deacon administrator. During her tenure the parishes turned around, increasing in numbers and financial stability in preparation for permanent leadership. A capable pastoral care provider, she has also served in crisis situations with a response team. Jimmie Ruth is ready to serve where there is need for her talents.

## DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

**William H. Moore, Jr.** *Archdeacon—Many Ministries* 1995

Bill serves as Archdeacon and Deployment Officer. He Played a key role in Ecumenical Disaster Relief raising funds for flood victims. Bill has worked in Kairos prison ministry. While in charge of an inner city parish he developed a Literacy Council and Learning Center and extended outreach ministry. Bill has developed a Stewardship Manual *The Links* now in use by three dioceses. He exemplifies the servant ministry of deacons.

## DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE

**Dolores Nicholson** *Diaconal Service* 2010

Deacon for 21 years, serving in several parishes and presently at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, Dolores has brought her love of music and her commitment to working with elderly to her work as Deacon. She brought communion, Bible study, singing and Sunday chapel services with readers from her parish to Bethany Health Care Center and Dandridge Tower. Dolores has long served the Diocese on Council, Commission on Ministry, several Boards and the Vocational Diaconate Program Design Committee. She has been a pioneer Deacon for the Diocese of Tennessee.

## DIOCESE OF WEST MISSOURI

**Robert C. Long, MD** *Health Care and Substance Abuse* 1997

Bob is a retired physician, working in the outreach program of his parish. He assists Crosslines food pantry program, grade school tutoring and other charitable concerns. Bob gives time at the Kitchen Clinic offering medical service, leads an Alcohol and Drug Abuse seminar for the Fresh Start program and serves in a nursing home. Bob is viewed as an outstanding example of servanthood exercised in the world.

**Patricia Ticknor** *Congregational Pastoral Care* 2001

Patsy has served as deacon for 10 years at St. Andrew's, Kansas City. She has been a constant support for pastoral care. Scheduling, counseling and supervising other staff have been regular activities, throughout the terms of two rectors and several interim priests, maintaining focus and providing unconditional love for all God's children. Patsy is a splendid example of deacons doing what needs to be done.

**Linda S. Yeager** *Teacher and Chaplain* 2007

Linda has served in several locations, beginning in the Northeast Regional Ministry, a group of five rural churches. She then joined Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral and now serves St. Peter's, Kansas City. Linda also is Chaplain at Bishop Spencer Place, retirement facility. She is an excellent teacher of Bible studies, EFM groups, retreats, women's focus groups and others in all the places she has served. Linda is recognized by all diocesan deacons as a model for servant ministry. Her gifts are many enabling her to work well with persons of all ages. She is friend to all.

**Constance F. Tyndall** *Spiritual Leadership* 2010

Connie has been a faithful servant for 19 years at St. James, doing liturgical, pastoral and outreach ministry. She authored the handbook for training of Eucharistic ministers and Visitors. Following retirement of the Rector at the end of 2008, Connie was clergy-person in charge St. James. She did a remarkable job of spiritual leadership for the parish, including initiating a weekly bulletin. Connie is recognized for outstanding work in Parish Support and for her long, faithful ministry in service to the Lord and His Church.

#### DIOCESE OF WEST VIRGINIA

**Gary Waple** *Cluster Ministry Pastoral and Social Care* 1997

As part of the Greenbrier River Cluster ministry team Gary provides full-time ministry in this newly created group. He provides oversight and enablement for pastoral care and social outreach. An early challenge was distributing \$30,000 in flood relief in two counties. Gary has mediated pre-trial divorce proceedings and speaks on diaconal ministry at Exploration in Ministry conferences. He does this with clear perspective and humor.

#### DIOCESE OF WESTERN KANSAS

**Nora Belle May** *Spiritual Director and Writer* 1997

Gifted writer and Pulitzer nominee for the *Daily Oklahoman*, Nora serves as the center of a regional ministry of four churches and a college in a 10,000 sq. mile area of high desert and plains. Nora, at 77 years of elderhood, is an exemplary icon of Christ in rugged ministry. She combines the gifts and graces for ministry, as a former cattle rancher and crime reporter, enriching our lives and witnessing for Christ.

#### DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN

**Judith A Neiman** *Ecumenical Hospice Care* 1999

Judi was primarily responsible for establishing hospice care in two counties. She worked with physicians, recruited and trained volunteers, and developed an ecumenical base of support for a now fully accredited hospice care program. Deacon Judi has exemplified diaconal ministry in a manner of living and serving that both illustrates and illuminates the work of a deacon.

**David C. Meyers** *Outreach and Teacher* 2001

David's diaconal ministries have been wide and varied. He has coordinated outreach, taught adults, and facilitated a team ministry with a part-time priest to enable full ministry in a small parish. David has

been a pioneer for the diaconate, his work, presence and leadership have established him as a deacon of recognized integrity, authenticity and capability.

## DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW YORK

**Shirley Trail** *Prison and Halfway House Ministry* 1995

In addition to serving as a Prison Chaplain, Shirley responded to a need of newly released women inmates for a halfway house. Leaving a full-time job Shirley started Canaan House overcoming resistance and many obstacles. With firm non-judgmental resolution she has helped to make opportunities available for women's reentry into society. At great personal risk Shirley has brought the Gospel forth with courage in the face of opposition. She is an inspiration to many.

**Bruce Gillies** *Convenor of Deacons* 2010

As Archdeacon, Bruce has served for more than a decade. He leads the monthly Diaconal Formation group, is a member of the Commission on Ministry and shepherd to deacons in formation. Serving at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, he works with support groups for prisoners at Gowanda and Collins Correctional facilities. Bruce has been the biggest and best cheerleader for the Diaconate in Western New York. The Bishop has stated his gratitude for Bruce's leadership and persistence in equipping Deacons for ministry.

## DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

**Milton Crisler Greer** *Towel Ministry* 2001

Towel Ministry interprets to the Church the needs of the world, then taking the church to serve those in need. From across the Southeast small groups of teenagers have been recruited by Cris for over 14 years for week-long work camps assisting those who can no longer maintain their homes. Through painting, nailing, praying and sharing, teens and adults have learned how to live out their faith. Cris' diaconal leadership has made this happen.

**David P. Nard** *Chaplain / Archdeacon* 2007

David has served as Chaplain at Mission Health Systems Hospital for 21 years with a special focus in ICU work. He is currently assisting redesign of chapels and does liturgy design for all services. David served the Diocese as Archdeacon for ten years, forming a Deacon's Council and designing a Deacon's Manual providing guides for Deacons. He was instrumental in the Deacon formation process, still teaching in that program. He brought Third Order Franciscans to the Diocese. David served with distinction on the NAAD Board and as President in 2003-2005. He has been so faithful in his work as Chaplain at the Mission Hospital that he has raised to higher levels the quality of ministry to the sick and to the staff. As Archdeacon he raised the level of service of all deacons through his education of priests and laity as to the ministry of deacons and the organization of the deacons' life together.

**Alice Mason** *Women's Jail Ministry Women and Children Housing* 2010

In 25 years of ministry, Alice has been very active in Hospice and Bereavement work. She has worked with Nantahala AIDS Consortium. She helped found Safe Zone and BGLAD programs at Western Carolina University for gay and lesbian students. Alice serves as Chaplain at Jackson County Women's Detention Center and at Cherokee Indian Hospital. She is starting Clean Slate, an ecumenical housing ministry for women coming out of jail to have a safe place to live. We honor Alice for enthusiasm and compassion, and the infectious way she gathers her fellow Episcopalians to live out their Baptismal Vows.

## **HISTORY OF ST. STEPHEN RECOGNITION**

### **Recognition of Diaconal Ministry In the Tradition of St. Stephen**

When the NAAD (now AED) Board of Directors met in San Francisco in 1994 to begin planning for the Conference to be held there a year later, it was agreed that we should seek stories of deacons at work, and recognize in a special way this form of ministry as it has become part of the church at work. A pattern was created for Dioceses to identify deacons and nominate them for recognition. In 1995 the first 16 deacons nominated were given recognition.

The preceding pages list the 158 deacons recognized beginning in 1995 through 2013 at the eight Conferences. Of these some are Episcopal Church USA deacons and some are from the Anglican Church of Canada. Nominations have come from a broad spectrum of the Church representing 51 Dioceses in the TEC and 7 Dioceses in the ACC.

Of greater importance is the variety and depth of ministries the Stephen Ministry Deacons represent. Reading the citations or glancing through the titles of the recipients ministry will provide a glimpse at what deacons do, both in the church and in the world. We had hoped at the outset of this recognition program that the richness of deacon stories would emerge. Deacons are at work across the land and the church is blessed to have this form of ministry represented in so many different ways.

The Association for Episcopal Deacons is honored to have this opportunity to share these stories and the individual deacons behind the stories. While the ministry and work of most deacons is quiet and for the most part away from the parish setting we believe these deacons are truly where the church needs to be. As the number of deacons grows, so will the stories, the ministry and our ability to bring Christ's Kingdom into the world.

## **ADDITIONAL AWARDS**

In 2001 at its Biennial Conference in Winter Park, Florida AED (then NAAD) began an additional recognition, which may be given to one or two persons at each Conference.

### **The Bishop George Clinton Harris Award**

*In recognition of outstanding service to Deacons, Servant Ministry and the community of deacons. As George C Harris throughout his ministry supported and encouraged the ministry of deacons with his own work in the Philippine Islands, as Bishop of Alaska and as a member of the North American Association for the Diaconate Board of Directors, we honor others in the tradition he followed.*

### **C. Christopher Epting**

Consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa in 1989 following experience with deacons in Central Florida, you came to the winds of winter from the sunny south land.

As your Iowa ministry began only two deacons greeted your arrival. You soon initiated an active diaconate program, ordaining thirty two deacons during your episcopate, the last four only a week before leaving to become National Church Deputy for Interfaith Affairs. You have raised up the diaconate before the church in Iowa, increasing respect and recognition of the order.

Your own respect for the importance of the order was demonstrated when you asked a deacon to serve as Canon to the Ordinary, actively supporting her ministry in the Diocese and as NAAD President.

As a bishop you have given voice in the House of Bishops about the role of deacons, speaking in support of direct ordination to the priesthood as a path to strengthening the order of deacons. In your new role you now move toward clarifying the meaning of the diaconate across faith traditions.

Bishop Epting, the deacons with whom you worked in Iowa have been encouraged in many and varied ministries. You recognized the gifts of each deacon, developing good rapport with love and encouragement. So well are deacons respected, a deacon was appointed Chair of the Discernment Committee for your successor.

We honor you as friend and fellow servant.

### **William Edwin Swing**

Consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of California in 1979 following successful parish work in West Virginia and Washington DC, you moved west to the promised land.

In the first year of your episcopate you recognized the need for a revitalized diaconate by establishing The School for Deacons which has grown and flourished. The School now serves three dioceses in the preparation and training of deacons. This School is the only such program in the US which is a fully recognized college, granting degrees to persons completing its program of study.

Your vision of the servant ministry of deacons is that there be two deacons serving in each parish and mission in the diocese. Over the twenty-one years you have been bishop you have ordained seventy-one deacons. Most are active and serving in the Diocese of California.

Bishop Swing, you have exemplified the diaconate in your own ministry with your prophetic voice and advocacy of interfaith relationships. You have served as mentor and fostered a connection between your role as bishop and a healthy, vibrant and engaged diaconate. You have supported ministries that are not popular and incorporated deacons at all levels of the life and ministry of the Diocese of California.

We honor you as friend and fellow servant.

### **Edwin F. Hallenbeck**

Ordained deacon in the Diocese of Rhode Island on July 13, 1985, you wasted no time in becoming a leader among deacons. In 1987, at NAAD's first Conference you were elected to a four year term as vice president and became president in 1991.

You volunteered to take over the records and materials of the Centre for the Diaconate when it had to move from Boston in 1990. With your natural willingness and enthusiasm, your offer to "sort things out" soon evolved into the position of Executive Director of NAAD, from which you retire this year.

As Executive Director you have been the face and voice of Anglican deacons, and a friend to servant ministers in other churches, throughout North America. Through your tireless efforts, the work of the diaconate has been accomplished.

As a servant to the servants of God, you have served for years on the Board of the Fund for the Diaconate, lending your wisdom to support deacons in need. Working with the late Archdeacon Dick Pemble, you were instrumental in bringing NAAD into association with the worldwide diaconate, through membership in DOTAC - Diakonia of the Americas and Caribbean – and DIAKONIA World Federation. In recognition of your leadership, you have been named treasurer of DOTAC.

You have been a tireless presence at General Convention, staffing the NAAD booth and serving as spokesperson for the diaconate to bishops, deputies and visitors.

Ted Hallenbeck, in your life and ministry you exemplify what it means to be a servant minister. No one person has done more to advance the restoration of the diaconate in the Episcopal Church.

We honor you as friend and fellow servant.

### **James Arthur Kelsey**

Shaped and focused by the tumult of the '60s, your call to ministry was and is rooted in your baptism. You clearly recognized that as we all share in Christ's priestly ministry, so as servants and heralds of the good news, we also share in Christ's diaconal ministry. All who are baptized are engaged in Christ's mission.

Your early years of ministry, especially in Oklahoma were with small parishes, some clustered and some with deacons, in a diocese that was among the earliest to bring forth the ministry of deacons in the new era. You quickly realized the potential for shared ministry of priest and deacon and all the ministers of the church working together.

From the hills of Oklahoma you journeyed to Northern Michigan where leadership in developing the total ministry of the baptized was being manifested in all parishes and the ministry of deacons was being recognized as important to that vision. Initially a ministry development coordinator, your ministry was deeply valued as you were elected Bishop in 1999.

Your leadership and service to the Church and to Deacons has not been limited to Northern Michigan. Following the death of your mentor Bishop George Harris, you accepted the position he held on the NAAD Board of Directors. The wisdom and insight you have shared with the NAAD community and board has been of enormous value, truly demonstrating the potential for sharing among all orders in ministry.

In addition your role among your fellow bishops, especially in the work of the Standing Commission on Ministry Development and in the House of Bishops has brought forth in Church Governance a new understanding and canonical language giving fuller status to the order of deacon and to all the baptized.

Jim, few have recognized and acted to bring the ministry of deacons fully into the mind and heart of the Church. You truly believe, "We are all in this together!" In that spirit, we know that the love and support of the baptized in Northern Michigan enabled you to stretch and be stretched, in creating and affirming diaconal communities, to affirm and bless all engaged in diaconal ministry. In that same spirit

we present this Award to you, among the company of heaven, and to the saints in the Diocese of Northern Michigan.

We honor you as friends and fellow servants.

*Note: Bishop Kelsey was killed in an automobile accident shortly before the award was given, however he was aware that the Bishop Harris Award was to be made.*

### **Ormonde Plater**

Coming from Cajun country you represent the traditions of that rich culture. Joining in dancing with your wife Kay, you co-authored *Cajun Dancing* to share your love of dancing with others, demonstrating your humor and fun in life.

Long active in the Episcopal Church you were ordained Deacon in July 1971 in the Diocese of Louisiana among the first of the new era deacons. Becoming active among your peers you soon joined the Board of the National Center for the Diaconate, becoming its President in 1983. Your leadership was important in establishing NAAD as an independent broad based organization, now international in scope. You became Editor of DIAKONEO in 1986 managed membership and served as Treasurer for the new organization. You continued as Editor through 1997 adding an internet list serve *AngloDeacons* with several hundred members. During this time you chronicled the evolution of the diaconate.

Your writing and work as historian assisted you in writing several books of national and international importance. You wrote *Many Servants* and *Deacons in the Liturgy*, both in 2<sup>nd</sup> editions, because you saw the need for improvements; *Intercession* and *Deacons in the Episcopal Church* have communicated to many the importance of the role of deacons. Following your Editor role with DIAKONEO you have continued to offer a commentary on issues and concerns of deacons in *Through the Dust* a column in each issue.

Of very special importance for deacons in today's Church you initiated leadership in the preparation of the newly revised Title III of the Canons. Your work and words are at the core of the Canons dealing with *The Ordination of Deacons* and *The Life and Work of Deacons*. Of particular importance is the statement of preparation for ordination, including required areas of competence, now focused on areas specific to the needs of deacons.

As a special mark of your respect and admiration of deacons, you established a Calendar of Deacon Saints to recognize those who have gone before upon whose work we build. We are indebted to you, Ormonde, for a life of work as deacon and for sharing your gifts and skills as writer. You have provided a legacy of work that is a rich statement of the diaconate today.

We honor you as friend and fellow servant.

### **Susanne K. Watson Epting**

As a native Iowan you have been deeply influenced by the Mississippi River, the seasons of farming and the culture of jazz. Good times and hard work, alongside baseball and Yogi Berra, are in your make up.

Like many you eased into an active role in the Episcopal Church. You were ordained a Deacon in 1989, growing out of your work as HIV Coordinator and Co-Director of the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic, a down-to-earth, reality-based ministry with patients, professionals and volunteers. Once ordained you were asked by the Diocese of Iowa to direct its Institute of Christian Studies and to be a resource for other diocesan staff and groups. Your Bishop saw in you as someone who could handle important responsibilities, so he appointed you Canon to the Ordinary. Your work became broad and

your commitment to ministry formation, mission development and being an advocate and interpreter of the needs, hopes and concerns of the world to the church, began in earnest.

As did your hero Yogi Berra, when you came to a fork in the road, you took it. In actual practice you managed to take several forks at the same time with grace and skill. Your role as Canon in Iowa connected you to such creative total ministry groups as *Living Stones*, a partnership of over 25 United States and Canadian Dioceses. You became President of NAAD in 1999 at St. Olaf College in Northfield Minnesota at a special joint conference of NAAD and other organizations committed to new and creative ways of doing church. Your keynote address, *Formation of Ministering Christians*, was published by NAAD and became a popular monograph.

In your wide-ranging career you have written with skill and authority on a wide variety of topics and ministered with many groups across the church. You have presented workshops at Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and offered the course, *The Prophetic Voice of the Diaconate*. The term co-facilitator describes your team approach to workshops, retreats and a wide variety of events from Maine to California. Working with the Office of Women's Ministries, you facilitated gatherings and developed the *Beijing Circles Resource Booklet*. Serving on the Anglican Communion Task Force on Theological Education, you brought a deacon's perspective to the world-wide Communion.

You guided the North American Association for the Diaconate in a time maturing, broadening and strengthening, culminating in the adoption of a new name, Association for Episcopal Deacons, to show the inclusivity of our order. You developed new programs, always aimed at engaging the Diakonia of all believers and the fundamental belief in baptism as a radical equalizer and first call to ministry of everyone. With a focus on youth you helped create The Seven, a mentored experience in diaconal ministry for young adults, now in its second year.

The number of Deacons is growing as are the creative programming of AED. Susanne, your voice and wisdom have been clear as your non-traditional leadership has quietly moved us forward.

We honor you as friend and fellow servant.

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*The diaconate in the Episcopal Church is an historic, ordained ministry. It includes a ministry of the liturgy, a ministry of care to those in need, and a ministry of leadership in service and advocacy on behalf of the marginalized.*



## **The Association for Episcopal Deacons**

### **Mission**

AED is a membership-funded association of persons and dioceses within The Episcopal Church whose mission is to increase participation and involvement of all baptized persons in Christ's diaconal ministry, especially by promoting and supporting the diaconate. AED is closely allied with the Association for Anglican Deacons in Canada.

### **Activities**

The Association for Episcopal Deacons helps to make the vision a reality through its activities:

- AED assumes a variety of unique responsibilities, made possible by donations from our members: Teach the church how to initiate and best maintain a diocesan diaconal program.
- Curate a web-based storehouse of diaconal formation and supervision resources.
- Connect deacons and their allies in diakonia from all orders by the publication of our magazine *Diakoneo*, and our eNewsletter, *Deacon Update*.
- Gather Deacon Directors and Archdeacons for an annual learning lab for development of new best practices to address current diaconal issues.
- Convene an Assembly of deacons every three years for networking and professional development.
- Maintain the most accurate database of Episcopal deacons in TEC.
- Monitor the development of diaconal theology worldwide and ecumenically, by participating in the international diaconal forums DOTAC (Diakonia of the Americas and Caribbean) and Diakonia World Federation.
- Maintain a warm partnership for action with the Anglican deacons of Canada.
- Keep the diaconal voice at TEC's national table by upholding the diaconal presence in liturgy and action at General Convention.
- Articulate in all forums our response to the church's challenges as viewed through a diaconal lens.

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