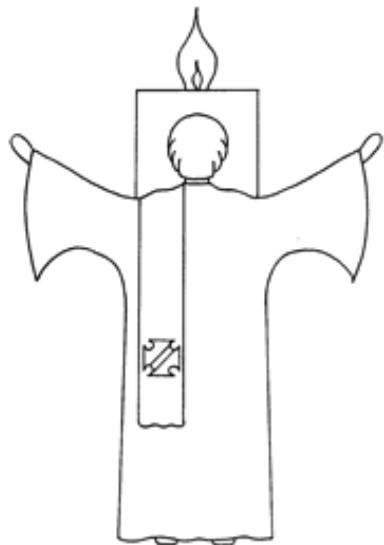

ASSOCIATION FOR EPISCOPAL DEACONS

ENGAGING THE DIAKONIA OF ALL BELIEVERS



Recognition of Diaconal Ministry in the Tradition of St. Stephen

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.

Providence, Rhode Island

June 7, 2019

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Beginning in 1995 the North American Association for the Diaconate initiated a program to provide formal recognition for the ministry and work of deacons. With 4141 deacons now active in the United States (3446) and Canada (433) it is time to identify some of the important ministry deacons do as well as the individual deacons who carry out Christ's work in our midst.

The criteria for this recognition are the fundamental statement of 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 active ministry. Under our new name, AED 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 presentation includes 187 Deacons receiving St. Stephen Recognition in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2013 and 2016. They are listed by Diocese with the Citations received with their Certificates of Recognition.

Douglas Argue, President
Pamela Nesbit, Recognition Chair
Association for Episcopal Deacons



Barbara Ambrose
Ministry to Homeless and Addicted
Diocese of Virginia

Deacon Barbara Ambrose, LCSW was ordained with the first class of vocational deacons in the Diocese of Virginia. As a social worker Barbara offered individual and group counseling, then worked with the aging population in retirement communities. After ordination, Barbara's first major project was leading her parish's participation in the 1000 Homes initiative, a city-wide registry of homeless people sleeping on Richmond's streets. Teams of volunteers conducted nightly interviews over several days and the information was used to place homeless individuals in

supportive housing prioritized by their risk level of dying on the streets. Other homeless related ministries Barbara facilitated included two Maundy Thursday foot washing events where homeless individuals were provided with foot washing and massages, new socks, shoe gift certificates, and podiatry services. She also developed a weekly laundry service for homeless individuals that continues after nearly five years. Barbara's social work background has enabled her to offer a variety of pastoral ministries include visiting the sick and homebound, and providing support and guidance for family members of aging loved ones. She has been able to provide case management level support to several indigent parishioners. Barbara represents the Diocese of Virginia on the Province III Opioid Response Task Force where she recently participated in a pilgrimage to Huntington, West Virginia, an area that has been devastated by this epidemic. Barbara leads the Diocese of Virginia Addiction and Recover Team, which is developing a network to establish ministries and support efforts among parishes at the regional level. She is leading efforts in the Central Richmond Region. Having been certified to train people in the administration of Naloxone, the opioid overdose reversal medication, Barbara is planning to train individuals in each parish in the region as well as members of high-risk communities in this life-saving skill. She is also forming a team of representatives from each parish to collaborate on educational and other programs related to responding to the opioid crisis.



Rodger A. Babnew, Jr.
Ministry to Refugees
Diocese of Arizona

Under the faith-based leadership of Deacon Rodger, Cruzando Fronteras ministry provides shelter, food, clothing and a mobile medical clinic to families seeking asylum while they await 'credible threat' interviews in Nogales, Sonora. Rodger has experienced tremendous challenges that would harden other hearts. Through his faith he has channeled these trials and tribulations into a humane and deeply Christian mission for his ministry of 'love the stranger'. Over the Christmas

holiday Rodger took in the LBGTQ caravan that other organizations turned away, and found a way to transport them to another port of entry where they could be fed and housed safely. The unconditional love and acceptance practiced by Deacon Rodger and his ministry have changed the lives of thousands of migrants. Rodger Babnew was selected by the community of deacons

the Diocese of Arizona. The criteria for St. Stephen's Recognition were shared with all the deacons in and they were allowed to vote and make comments on these ministries. Among the comments about Rodger's ministry was the following: "What Deacon Rodger does in his ministry is right here and right now affecting people in a real life situations. His ministry to me is the most important currently as the situation in the global community is changing for the worse. Rodger is doing all he can in to be the presence of God, blessed be he, right here, right now"



Gary Baird

Servant Ministry

Diocese of Arkansas

Deacon Gary was a member of the first class of deacons ordained in the diocese. His ministry has engaged people in Education for Ministry, the homeless, the poor seeking housing, and children. He has served on the Board of Directors for Genesis House, a non-profit organization that

seeks shelter for the homeless in a small community in the Northwest Arkansas area. Gary also served the Executive Director of the Genesis House for ten years and on the Board for the North West Arkansas Housing Coalition and the Ozark Housing Development. In his parish he has trained Eucharistic Visitors and visited shut-ins and people in nursing homes, led a workshop on Poverty and organized the first annual celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. He has interviewed parishioners in need of financial assistance and assisted people in emergencies. Gary describes this as, "All the normal things a deacon does." His archdeacon describes him as one who personifies a deacon in all aspects of his life, as blunt and outspoken about the inequities that he sees in the world, but that whose prophetic voice is always couched in love.



Elaine Bellis

Archdeacon/Social Justice Advocate

Diocese of Chicago

Ordained in 1999, Elaine Bellis was appointed Archdeacon of the Diocese of Chicago in 2001. She was the second deacon and first African-American woman to serve in the position. From 2001 to 2014, Elaine provided oversight and support to deacons, with an ever-present listening ear and compassionate heart. She was a strong advocate for deacons, and her clergy colleagues – deacons, priests, and

bishops – can testify to her fierceness of opinions held and expressed. Elaine was not only a leader of deacons, she served as a model of diaconal ministry. Passionate about social justice, Elaine focused her energy on youth and the elderly. She provided support and activities for young people and senior citizens in her home parish. She worked for several Chicago community organizations, raising awareness of the needs of the elderly and

advocating for legislation to ensure their safety and well-being. Elaine's face and voice were well known to city and state officials. When Elaine became Archdeacon Emerita she did not rest, but set out on new paths of ministry. Responding to a need in the diocese, became Deacon-in-Charge of a small parish on the South Side of Chicago. On the national level, Elaine served on the Board of the Association for Episcopal Deacons. In the fall of 2018, a few weeks before her unexpected death, it was announced that she had been elected to a second term. In her exemplary diaconal service and leadership in her parish, community, and diocese, as well as the national organization for deacons, Elaine Bellis has been a faithful servant and leader. In her years as Archdeacon she led efforts to recommend deacons for the St. Stephen recognition. We believe it is time for her to receive this recognition as well. Elaine died in November 2018. This recognition is made posthumously.



Gail L. Bennett

Chaplain and Advocate

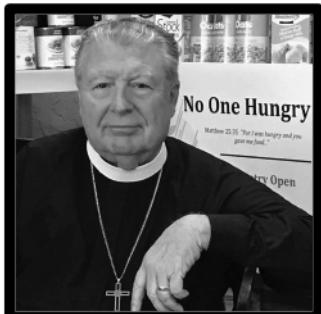
Diocese of New Jersey

Deacon Gail was ordained to the diaconate in 1985. She first served at St. James, Bradley Beach and was assigned by the bishop to Trinity Church, Asbury Park in January 2005. She is a gifted pastor. Years of serving as a volunteer hospital chaplain and a hospice chaplain have given her a keen ability to be present to those in pain in addition to having a love for youth ministry. Gail possesses a strong desire to bring awareness of the poor, the lonely and those in need to the wider community. She serves on The Finance and Budget and The Council Committees of our Diocese. She was an Alternate Deputy to General Convention in 2006, 2009, and 2012. She has been a Deputy of GC in 2015, 2018 and has been elected to serve again in 2020. Gail has been a part of a diocesan mission group to the province of Haiti four times and served as a chaplain at Ground Zero for nine months. She is also an advocate for Palestinian human rights and was part of a group replanting olive trees in Palestine. She also helped lead a group from Trinity in rebuilding an elementary school in a village in Mexico early in her ministry there. We have selected Gail for this honor based her long standing commitment to bring the Church closer to the world, and serve the needs of the world. Gail has been an inspiration to successive classes of Deacons ordained in New Jersey through the many ministries highlighted above. Both Parishes where she served have expressed their thanks for having her work in the name of the Holy Spirit present among them. Reports from the delegation to General Convention also express how thankful they are to have had her presence, and the benefit of her efforts to help facilitate the functioning and worship at the convention. Gail was the unanimous choice among the Archdeacons considered for this honor.



Connie Campbell-Pearson
Ministry to Homeless and Prisoners
Diocese of Montana

Connie serves as deacon at St. James, Bozeman and Gethsemane, Manhattan. She is active in leadership of worship, preaching, social outreach, pastoral care, healing ministry and Christian formation. Connie's ministries are exhaustive in nature. She essentially serves as cleric-in-charge at Gethsemane in Manhattan, Montana and has grown the church from 4 members to 32 in five short years. Connie has led Bozeman effort to introduce "Tiny Houses" into our community. Without her, this would never have become a reality. She has been tireless in her efforts to care for the homeless in our community. Connie has an active ministry to inmates of Montana State Correctional Facility in Deer Lodge, MT. Her commitment to them is changing lives in miraculous ways. She is involved in nearly aspect of life at her two churches and in the diocese. Her worth truly cannot be measured.



John E. Clark
Feeding the Hungry

Diocese of Central Florida

Deacon John Clark is a chef who began his diaconal ministry responding to a call to see to it that senior citizens in his community had access to nutritious food. Over the years this developed into the No One Hungry ministry which ran a pantry that helps seniors, the homeless, and a center for abused women with essential food items. A second pantry, partnered with an African-American Baptist Church, operates in a low-income neighborhood to help families and individuals who are not seniors. In 2018 these two pantries distributed over 90,000 pounds of food to the community in need. Deacon John's second call to ministry was to go to Belize, where he helped the local diocese with their soup kitchen as well as supporting food programs in local schools. John has been able to use his gifts as a chef, an organizer and a networker to get food to needy people in a variety of situations: beyond his local community and into helping FEMA bring food in Central Florida to help families who had fled Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. Helping a senior member of his parish get food to friends and relatives in Venezuela who were in need. Helping start a student-run pantry offering food, clothing, hygiene items and fresh produce for students in need. An initiative called "Giving Hope" which offers food to people being discharged from the local medical center who do not have sufficient food at home. Among John's many one-time ministries include partnering with Episcopal Relief and Development to bring fresh drinking water to South Georgia after Hurricane Michael, and partnering with Mobile Air Ministries to bring powdered milk, baby formula and ready-to-eat meals to people in Haiti. No One Hungry has now become an international ministry incorporated as a Florida non-profit that will continue to serve people after Deacon John is no longer administering it. As with any truly diaconal ministry, this work will go on past his time of retirement and his lifetime.



Catherine Cooke

*Archdeacon/Founder of Organizations
Diocese of Vermont*

The Venerable Catherine Cooke was ordained as a deacon in 1988, was appointed as Archdeacon in 1996, and has served the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and the City of Burlington extremely well over these years. Catherine, just two days after her ordination, traveled with her

husband, Roger, to England where she served as deacon in a country church there, an ordained woman, no less, and in 1988! In her calm, competent, but determined way, she made her way into their lives and hearts, as she has in her diaconal work ever since. She lives her life with authentic humility but does not let her humility get in the way of leadership, outreach, and participating in founding needed community services. She was instrumental as a founding member of the following organizations: JUMP – Joint Urban Ministry Project, a Burlington area faith based organization that supports low income and homeless individuals and families. VIA – Vermont Interfaith Action, a faith-based systemic change organization that has grown throughout Vermont. Cathedral Square Corporation, started by The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, develops subsidized and affordable housing for seniors and those with disabilities. She has also has had a professional career as a nurse. In her diocese she served as Archdeacon and on the Deacons' Council, and is a pastoral presence in her parish. She is a formidable, skilled, devoted, and spirit-filled deacon. After being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and unable to drive, she became a parishioner at the Cathedral where she had formerly served as deacon. She models how to remain vital, loving, passionate, and effective, even while living with a disability. Her fellow deacons have said there is no one they can think of who is more deserving of this recognition (even though she will be totally embarrassed by it and attempt to shift attention to someone else).



Kathleen Crowe

*College Chaplain/Ministry to Unhoused Students
Diocese of El Camino Real*

The Rev. Kathey Crowe, is the Episcopal chaplain at San Jose State University (SJSU). Kathey is a member of two committees on campus: One to help alleviate student hunger, setting up Food Pantries around the campus. The other committee was organized by Student Affairs to assist students in crisis. Kathey learned that of the 33,000 students that attend SJSU approximately 300 live in their cars or couch surf with friends. The actual count may be even

greater because many students do not come forward and share their situation. Kathey knew something needed to be done and so she looked for partnerships with other faith communities near the campus that might be interested in providing an intentional student living space. Grace Baptist Church, across from the university, agreed and rented out two large rooms upstairs in the main church building. With contributions from various donors, Kathey raised enough program money to create the living space that now houses twelve students at no charge to them. More referrals

come in weekly from the university counseling center and from Student Affairs. The high cost of housing both on and off campus is out of reach for these students who have been willing to make significant sacrifices including living in their cars, staying as long as possible at the campus library, and using shower facilities on the campus. Every student now in residence has shared that having this common living space has relieved stress and made it possible for them to concentrate on academic goals. Additionally, Kathey opens the campus chapel for 2 hrs a week for meditation, prayer, or just to offer a compassionate and listening ear; and she began "Holy Suds" at a local laundromat, offering free soap and quarters so the students can wash their clothes.



Carolyn J. Foster
Poverty/Racial Reconciliation
Diocese of Alabama

Carolyn has been a constant servant leader in issues of poverty, interfaith relationships, and racial reconciliation throughout her diaconal life. In the Diocese of Alabama, Carolyn has served as the Co-Chair of the Commission on Truth, Justice, and Racial Reconciliation. In this capacity, she has trained nearly all of the clergy and lay leaders in Seeing the Face of Jesus in Others. In the past two years, this effort has been recognized by members of various local communities, and she has been leading training

sessions for local governments, nonprofit agencies, and community groups. In her work in this Commission, Carolyn and others plan the annual Jonathan Myrick Daniels and The Martyrs of Alabama Pilgrimage in Hayneville, Alabama. She was instrumental in having the site of the martyrdom of Jonathan designated an historical location by the Alabama Legislature. People of all faiths and from all over the United States travel to this moving and spiritual pilgrimage. In her community work, Carolyn has served for a number of years as the Executive Director of the Alabama Faith Council, which works to build a beloved Alabama by nurturing interfaith relationships and responding faithfully to issues of mutual concern. In the past year, Carolyn has served as Co-Chair for the Alabama Poor People's Campaign. She has represented not only the Diocese, but all Episcopal Deacons. Deacon Kelley Hudlow, the documentarian for the Alabama Poor People's Campaign says, "Carolyn has done a truly amazing job, organizing folks of different faiths, races, and economic backgrounds. She works with folks from all over the state of Alabama. Each week she is called on to speak to media, law enforcement, and officials. And this just the local stuff. She also organizes with the national Poor People's Campaign, as well as communication with the national Episcopal Church. This movement is not just in Alabama or Washington DC, but is across the country. In all of this, she has done her work with the grace and strength that we as deacons in Alabama are fortunate to experience on a regular basis." Carolyn Foster represents the best of the diaconate. She is intelligent, well prepared, humble, gracious, kind, and a leader that others find easy to follow. She uses her gifts to the glory of God, never drawing attention to herself or her accomplishments. Carolyn is comfortable in every situation, regardless of the setting, her role at the time, or the behavior of others around her. She is beloved by her family, her parish, her diocese, her workplace, and her community.



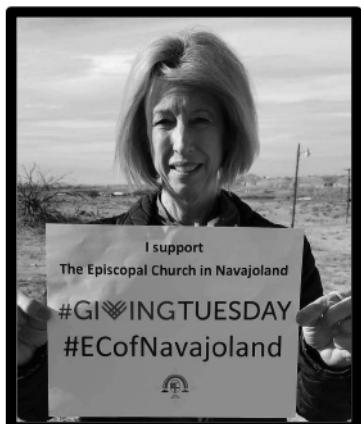
Joanne Coury Frake

Chaplain/ Advocacy for Refugees

Diocese of Western New York

With her strong background of secular employment as a social worker, Deacon Joanne has parlayed her experience fighting for people in need right into the diaconate. She has been a forceful and tireless advocate, volunteer, and coordinator for refugees in Western New York for over 14 years.

Joanne has collaborated with both Vive La Casa refugee shelter and Journey's End Refugee Services in various projects, and has pulled many parishioners with her into the circle of volunteers. She has constructed a refugee advocacy booklet that is housed in every parish in WNY. Along with a few other deacons, Joanne constructed and carried out an ecumenical resettlement project entitled "Welcoming the Stranger ". Joanne has also served as a hospital chaplain, as well as chaplain for people going through chemotherapy in a local cancer center. She meets with a group of nursing home residents on a monthly basis, centered around a theme. Joanne has accomplished a great volume of work in her relatively short tenure as a deacon . She is tenacious in working through the hurdles of society to get the marginalized the aid they need. Despite some recent personal and family health problems, she continues to assist those in need. She shows admirable grit and tenacity in serving the neediest of God's children, and seems to be a bottomless pit of compassion and giving.



Cathy Halford

Ministry with Indigenous People

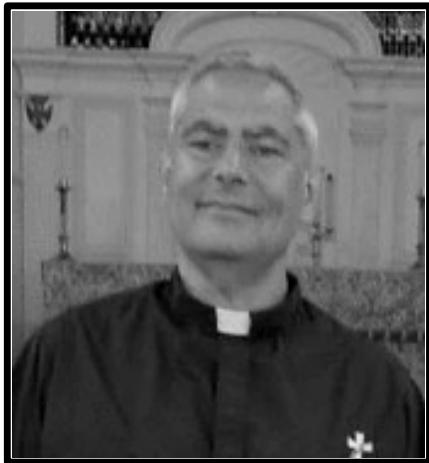
Diocese of Mississippi

Cathy is active in all facets of outreach ministry within the parish and the Church at large. In the last 12 months, she has been in residence in the Diocese of Navajoland. Her ministry has been diverse and important. She has always been an example of servant ministry whether in the classroom, the soup kitchen, or the frontier of Navajoland. Her bishop says, “ I have known Cathy Halford for nearly ten years. During that time, she has been faithful and consistent in her understanding of diaconal ministry. She has faithfully served as our UTO representative while simultaneously chairing our disaster relief committee. Likewise, she has never stopped encouraging and supporting lay involvement in the various servant ministries of the church.”



Hal Hurley
Ministry with Seafarers
Diocese of Southeast Florida

Since 2006 Deacon Hurley has been a Chaplain at the Port, first at SCI-Port Newark, New Jersey and now in Port Everglades, Florida. Life at sea is hard work, dangerous and lonely for seafarers who are a long way from home, away from the love of family, friends and familiar surroundings for long stretches of time. Most mariners work on foreign flagged container cargo ships and are deployed to the other side of the world for nine to ten months at a time. The steel vessel becomes home and the loneliness and longing for home overtake many of them. Those without an American visa are not allowed to leave the ship and as Port Chaplain, the Church's presence, Hal advocates for mariners' welfare and provides hospitality, a friendly face, conversation, transportation, wire transfer services, Bibles, tracts of scripture, spiritual support and reading materials. Each year more than 150 000 seafarers from over 80 countries visit Port Everglades. He and his colleagues collect books, unwanted magazines and any other reading materials and make them available to the seafarers at the seafarers' center or bring them to the ship. The reading materials are a welcome form of relief in their down time and you would be surprised to know how much of our culture, politics, and sports they absorb. The readings also enhance their understanding and use of the English language. Sometimes we are asked to provide pastoral care, to just listen without answering and, if they wish, we pray. But most of the time the most important thing is having someone from the outside to share a kind word with. On Ash Wednesday, visiting as many ships possible, we administer ashes to our brothers (some sisters) and from November through January we celebrate Christmas at Sea where each ship is visited and each person is provided with a shoebox filled with toiletries and other practical items. Often thanks for the expressions of love are received as late as summer when the seafarer makes their next visit to our shores. Along with the seafarers ministry Hal is Deacon at St Patrick's Church, assist with their seniors program and their weekly soup kitchen and also Deacon at St Cuthbert Church. I am a member of the Council of Deacons and the diocesan Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee. Hal manages his many ministries with aplomb and grace, and his fellow deacons are in awe of his strength and dedication.



Thomas Mariconda

Community Partnerships/Social Service
Diocese of Connecticut

Thomas Mariconda is a Regional Deacon in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut serving in three different parishes. In that capacity he serves all the citizens of the Naugatuck Valley in Western Connecticut. He is also a member of the Third Order Franciscan Fellowship. Thomas' public work lies well beyond the physical boundaries of the churches he serves. His congregations are diverse, as are the working-class communities and social service organizations in the Valley.

Thomas serves as Vice-Chair of the Valley Interfaith Council which reaches out to faith communities from Naugatuck to Shelton. He serves on the Board of the Seymour Oxford Food Pantry and the Valley Food Security Task Force. Thomas delights in the itinerant model of his Valley Ministry, which he identifies as following in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. So many in the Valley communities struggle with Food Insecurity, LGBT, and basic human needs such as diapers, mental health care, and addiction. Thomas' ministry initially formed in Naugatuck, follows his passion by first identifying a need embodied in one of the struggles identified above, then he recruits interested community partners and brings individual constituencies together. Once established, this new social services organization offers the Valley's faith communities new ways to live in service and become part of the solution to meet the needs of those who need help. Moreover, Tom believes that service does not depend solely on the deacon but instead develops naturally on its own through the process. He believes that the Deacon should always be invisible. Thomas listens intently to the needs of the community, builds relationships with the social service providers in the city, achieving a deep level of trust. He can shift into different roles as a community resource and then, becomes a bridge between the social service provider and the local faith community. Thomas continues to enjoy this regional ministry and is energized by the opportunities it presents to live into his role as a Deacon. The Region Missionary in his area has said, "Tom has been such a joy to work with on the region level, and is wonderfully focused on keeping the poor in our hearts and minds as we listen for God's invitation in the South Central region."



Jane Miron
Archdeacon/Prison Ministry
Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Jane has served as Archdeacon in our diocese, serving the needs of our deacons and faithfully assisting the bishop since 2013. In her role as Archdeacon, Jane assists the Bishop in tending to the pastoral need of the deacons; participates in their placement, celebrations of new ministry and ministry reviews; coordinates quarterly meetings of the deacons and plans an annual deacons' retreat. Jane also serves as an examining chaplain and a member of the commission on ministry by virtue of her role as Archdeacon. In her parish ministry, Jane is very active in the life and mission of St. Thomas, especially in a new vocation of prison ministry at Lancaster County Prison, caring for women inmates in a program of bible study, fellowship and sacramental nurture. The work that has taken place in the prison in recent months is groundbreaking in allowing for Protestant churches to administer the sacrament of Holy Communion. Jane serves in this ministry with a team of priests and deacon-in-formation/chaplain at the prison.



Kristi Hasskamp Neal
Archdeacon/Ministry to Children
Diocese of Western North Carolina

Since before her ordination in 2006, Kristi has been passionate about children. She was a teacher and a counselor for many years before her retirement. As a deacon, Kristi has worked to teach non-violence as resiliency skills, and has offered support and direction to food ministries in her community which aid children and their families. As Archdeacon for our diocese, she has worked tirelessly to offer support and care to our deacons and to help others discern their call to this order. Despite personal challenges, including the recent loss of her husband Jac, Kristi has never failed to serve God and God's people well. She doesn't just talk about putting faith into action. She was involved in Moral Monday rallies and was arrested for her stance. She is an excellent role model for the order of Deacons.



Kenneth Rasnick
Ministry to Veterans and Homeless
Diocese of Michigan

Ken works closely with "Veterans Court" which is an alternative judicial system which avoids the regular criminal justice system. It allows veterans to have a judge hear their cases without having to have a civil hearing. As part of his ministry, Ken counsels these veterans and serves as a chaplain for their spiritual and emotional needs. He also works for the homeless, finding housing and meeting their immediate needs. He has strong ties to the community of

homeless veterans and is part of a network which identifies those in need. In addition he works with the general homeless population. Ken works with a group of 15 to 20 residents who have no family or visitors at each of two retirement homes. He visits these people on Sundays to offer liturgical services if desired and to spend a few hours in fellowship and conversation. Ken has always reached out to others in any kind of need. He has "modified" his ministry multiple times to adapt it to the changing needs in the community. Ken has also had his own serious health issues which have not dissuaded Ken from his calling to servant ministry.



Sharon Russell
Pastoral Care
Diocese of Western Missouri

Sharon was ordained as Deacon in the Diocese of West Missouri in 2011. She was assigned to The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Kansas City, MO where she has spent the entirety of her ordained ministry as a very visible and much-loved church icon/leader. Beyond regular Sunday worship duties, Deacon

Sherrill has been especially active in pastoral care work within Redeemer Church and throughout the Diocese. Her caring heart and listening spirit have brought peace to many people whom she has counseled through life's challenges. Deacon Sharon is perceived as a natural evangelist, not just within the church setting, but just about anywhere she may be found. She is not shy about sharing God's love with others, and is quick to display that love and guidance in just about any situation. Over the years of her ministry, Deacon Sherrill has become the visible face of the Church of the Redeemer; her loving congregation identify her as being the personality and spirit of their church home. Her rousing dismissals at the end of every weekly service help to drive her church's congregation into action in the world. Sharon is the prototype Deacon.....loving and leading people into service and action.



Claudette Taylor
Ambassador of Reconciliation
Diocese of Toronto

Deacon Claudette has served as an Ambassador of Reconciliation in the Diocese of Toronto, in her ongoing role as Ambassador of Reconciliation she educates others about the story of Indigenous peoples in Canada, the Doctrine of Discovery, colonialization and its effects, and cultural genocide through a variety of activities. By listening to and sharing the stories of the elders, educating non-indigenous people about the history of the land and the meaning of indigenous spiritual practices Claudette offers a view of First Nations people that European Canadians might not know. She has been involved in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Toronto, as well as working to dismantle racism against African Canadian people through Black history month and stories of those African Americans who escapes slavery by coming to Canada. In her diocese Claudette offered a workshop for the Diocesan Social Justice and Advocacy Committee on systemic racism in North America and a call for all people to show solidarity and to change the conversation and practices in Canada. As an educator in the School System, Claudette offers each student a vision: To see themselves and others as whole, loved, valued and accepted and to teach the students that even if today was less than stellar, every new day brings opportunity to learn from yesterday's experience. Her students are adults who have a variety of challenges resulting from addictions, mental health issues, emotional responses to trauma and the effects of unfortunate life choices. Among her students is an 82-year-old coming back to get his high school diploma, whom she is encouraging, helping to build self-esteem, and offering opportunities to grow. Another is a 27-year-old with deeply rooted anxiety displayed in outbursts who, with guidance and patient conversation, was able to realize that he was worth the effort and could be successful. It was a joy to see the eureka moments. Claudette is knowledgeable, and readily seeks to improve her knowledge and understanding. Claudette is a good listener, demonstrating patience and empathy. She is warm, personable and can laugh at herself and with others, but, she is persistent and relentless about engaging everyone in issues of justice. She exemplifies the role of a deacon to "*interpret to the Church the need, concerns and hopes of the world.*".



John Titus
Archdeacon/ Ministry to Mentally Ill
Diocese of Atlanta

Archdeacon Titus has been involved in two ministries – one internal, addressing the formation of deacons in the Diocese of Atlanta, and the other external within the metropolitan area of Atlanta. Under the direction of Bishop Frank Allan, then Deacon John played an integral part in the revival of the diaconate. Some years later Bishop J. Neil Alexander appointed John as one of the first Archdeacons in the Diocese. In this capacity, John played a pivotal role in designing the formation program for deacons. In addition to teaching classes in Diakonia, he acquired the services

of qualified clergy and lay persons to teach other formation classes. John's second ministry to the world is his dedication and personal involvement in the lives of individuals living with mental illnesses. On an individual, person-to-person basis, he has served as a companion regularly visiting with them as a "com-peer" (companion/peer). We, in the Diocese, are recommending Archdeacon John Titus (retired) for recognition of his diaconal ministry. In the manner of a dedicated deacon like St. Stephen, John has carried out his ministry in an unassuming manner – quietly, humbly, yet consistently and persistently for more than 25 years. In recent years, John has struggled with a brain tumor, yet he continues to faithfully serve as a companion to those struggling with mental illness. John is a consummate example of a faithful deacon and epitomizes the principles of Diakonia to current deacons.



Terri M. Murphy & Susan K. Walker

Diaconal Formation

Diocese of Washington

Deacons Terri M. Murphy and Susan K. Walker are among the foundational leaders in their diocese in the creation of the formation program for all those seeking ordination to the diaconate. Without their leadership the deacons' program would not have developed. Terri is a teacher, facilitator and coordinator of internships for the deacons' school. She oversees and supports all of the social service agency internships and works directly with the supervising deacons for the parish internships. Deacon Susan has responsibility for all spiritual formation in the school and meets with the postulants and candidates each quarter. This includes teaching and providing resources for each person's spiritual formation. Terri's diaconal ministry also reaches out to different interfaith groups and organizes programs on interfaith cooperation and understanding with both youth and adults. She has also been instrumental in working with local police and other law enforcement and various faith communities in building strong relationships and developing security and emergency plans. Susan serves as the pastoral presence to guests at the Loaves & Fishes each Sunday morning in her congregation. Loaves & Fishes has been offering meals and respite to the hungry and homeless in Central DC for almost 50 years. Susan has a passion for elder ministry and elder spirituality and has recently offered a training program called "Sigh Lines" with Seabury Resources, to train people to offer spirituality programs for elders on our communities.



Gail Wheelock

Ministry to Refugees/Chaplain

Diocese of Rhode Island

Gail is one who functioned as a deacon prior to her ordination in 1989 as part of the fourth class of deacons to be ordained in Rhode Island. Her ministry of refugee resettlement began in 1980, when she became a refugee sponsor through the World Wide Council of Churches. She hosted refugees in her home until they were able to live on their own in this country. She hosted three refugees from Vietnam, two from Poland, and one from Ethiopia. She went on to be engaged with international students studying at the University of Rhode Island and housed folks from Nigeria, Ireland, Italy, and Russia. All of this took place during a time when Gail was a single mom raising five children. She was a nurse and

worked full time at a nursing home for 25 years. During this time she also worked 30 hours a week as a Rhode Island Council of Churches college chaplain at Rhode Island College. Gail was engaged in international ministry in various roles in the 1990's. She went to the Windward Islands to teach Vacation Bible School, spent three weeks in Cuba in 1996 with the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and the Pastors for Peace when it was illegal to enter this country, and also spent one month in Zimbabwe with a group from Society of St. John the Evangelist in Boston as the only deacon

in a group of pastors doing pastoral visitations throughout the country during a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Bernard Mizeki, a much revered African Christian missionary. Gail was part of the first wave of deacons in Rhode Island and helped to establish a vital diaconate in the Diocese of Rhode Island. She has been retired since 2004 and continues to preach on a regular basis at her home parish, serves as a deacon when one is needed, sits on the Council of Deacons, serves as a mentor to newly ordained deacons, and is a witness to the power of the Sacred Order of Deacons. She is an exemplary deacon who has served our church faithfully, and truly a wonderful role model for deacons and aspirants in our diocese. It is past time that we recognize her with this Stephen Recognition



Brian Wright

Servant Ministry
Diocese of Olympia

Brian was ordained to the diaconate October 17, 2009 and was initially assigned to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church Bellevue WA. This congregation has always had an outward focus towards ministry but had not had a deacon serving there for many years. Brian adopted a gently instructive manner initially to enable the congregation to learn and appreciate the presence of a deacon in their midst and to encourage the baptized in their ministry. St. Margaret's has on their property an apartment complex, Andrew's Glen, which is residence for people transitioning from homelessness to housing. Brian helped lead the development of a successful meal program offered to the residents of

Andrew's Glen and also helped with the development of an on-going Christmas gift-giving to child residents. He continually sought out ways to connect with St. Margaret's new neighbors which additionally helped the congregation better understand the culture of homelessness. With interfaith colleagues, he developed a simple pamphlet that listed the various social service resources that church staff and members could use as a tool when people turned to the church for support. Additionally, he developed a Prayers of the People writing team that has continued to evolve ten years later as an important part of the liturgical and spiritual life of the congregation. Brian is also very involved at the Diocesan level helping the diaconate be visible around the diocese. He is currently the Chair of our Diocesan Veteran's Ministry, Our Homeless Task Force and the Board of the Examining Chaplains. He has also served as mentor to individuals in the process toward ordination to the diaconate. He has also taught at our Deacon Days and Deacon Retreats, most recently delivering a charge to all the deacons to gather information for the Homeless Task Force. Brian Wright is a deacon's deacon. He actively participates in being the Bishop's deacon on visitations and is a wonderful face to the diaconate to so many who do not know what a deacon is and may have even never seen a deacon. He is a fantastic preacher. As the bishop likes to say, "My favorite description of a deacon is an ordained person who is called to go outside the church, find trouble and bring it back to the church." Brian does this so well, so often, and with such great finesse it is awe inspiring.

In the Tradition of St. Stephen
Deacons Recognized 1995–2016

Siw Olmelid	Conv. Of Epis. Churches in Europe	Ecumenism Mentor	2013
William H Ealy	Diocese of Alabama	Faithful Minister to those in Need	1995
Thomas Osborne	Diocese of Alabama	Leadership in Reconciliation	2013
Betty Lou Anthony	Diocese of Alaska	Alaska Native People & Elderly	2010
John D. Hascom	Diocese of Alaska	Ministry with Indigenous People	2013
Hannah Alexei & Mary Teya	Diocese of the Arctic	Ministry among the Gwitchin People	2013
Veronica M Ritson	Diocese of Arizona	Ministry to Persons with AIDS	1995
AnnS. Johnson	Diocese of Arizona	Ministry of Social Justice	2013
Gay Romack	Diocese of Arizona	Prison Ministry	2016
Joanna Seibert MD	Diocese of Arkansas	Music, Healing and 12 Step	2003
Joyce Hardy	Diocese of Arkansas	Archdeacon/Social Justice	2016
Charles E. Gearing	Diocese of Atlanta	Archdeacon	2010
Terry Howell	Diocese of Atlanta	Foster Parent/Prison Ministry	2013
Lawrence Holman	Diocese of Bethlehem	Ecumenical Ministry to the Aging	1995
George Loeffler	Diocese of Bethlehem	Problem Solver and Bishop's Chaplain	1997
Nancy Ford	Diocese of British Columbia	Deacon Director	2007
Larry Nicolay	Diocese of Calgary	Warden of Lay Readers	2007
Paul Stewart	Diocese of Caledonia	Rural Parish Deacon	2001
Arlinda Cosby	Diocese of California	Convalescent Hospital Chaplain	1999
Mary Ellen Gallagher	Diocese of California	Ministry to Homeless	2001
Gerald E. Shaon	Diocese of California	Missionary to Nicaragua	2003
Nina L. Pickerrell	Diocese of California	'Vicar' of Bay View Mission	2005
Katherine E. M. Salinaro	Diocese of California	Deacon Formation/World Mission	2007
Davidson Bidwell-Waite	Diocese of California	Missioner to Haiti	2016
David George	Diocese of Central Florida	Prison Ministry	1997
Joan Verret	Diocese of Central Florida	Health Care ministry	1999
Linda Brondsted	Diocese of Central Florida	Archdeacon and Teacher	2001
Guy Galfo	Diocese of Central Florida	Diaconal Presence and Prayer	2003
Sharon Britcher	Diocese of Central Florida	Mustard Seed Ministries	2007
Aileen Walther	Diocese of Central Florida	Interfaith Ministry	2013
Nancy Oliver	Diocese of Central Florida	Ministry to the Marginalized	2016
Barbara A. Hary	Diocese of Central Pennsylvania	Ministry to Young and Old	2003
Gwendolyn Dillon	Diocese of Chicago	Servant to Marginal Persons	1995
Richard H. Pemble	Diocese of Chicago	Archdeacon & Ecumenical Ministry	1999
Sunny L. Lopez	Diocese of Chicago	Peace and Justice Ministries	2001
John Nachtrieb	Diocese of Chicago	Diaconal Leadership	2003
Sue Nebel	Diocese of Chicago	Deacon School Director	2005
David E. Grauer	Diocese of Chicago	Deacons Council & MDGs	2007
Elizabeth G. Meade	Diocese of Chicago	Diaconal Leader	2010
Larry Green	Diocese of Chicago	Ministry with Youth and Homeless	2013
Robert (Bob) Davidson	Diocese of Colorado	Crisis and Outreach Ministry	1995
Marcia Stackhouse	Diocese of Colorado	Children's Min & Diaconal Formation	1997
Sally K. Brown	Diocese of Colorado	AIDS, Justice and Children	1999
Bethany Ann Thomas	Diocese of Colorado	Community Leader/Ecumenical Bridge Builder	2007
Mark Genty	Diocese of Colorado	Ministry among the Homeless	2016
Bonnie Matthews	Diocese of Connecticut	Deacons' Council/Homeless	2016
Robert Snow	Diocese of Dominican Republic	Diaconal Missionary	2003
Sr. Priscilla Wright	Diocese of Dominican Republic	Missionary in Education & Health	2010
Jacque Guernsey	Diocese of Eastern Michigan	Social Action & Education	1999
Claudia Hollinger	Diocese of Eastern Michigan	Community Organizing	2013
Patricia H Schumacher	Diocese of East Tennessee	Appalachia Medical & Social Care	1997
Jo Glasser	Diocese of Eau Claire	Archdeacon	2016
Lee Barford	Diocese of El Camino Real	Cathedral Deacon/Community Organizer	2016
Susan Berman	Diocese of Fond du Lac	Health Care for Elderly	2003
Eleanor Dryden	Diocese of Fredericton	Pastoral Care	2016
Leeann Culbreath	Diocese of Georgia	Creation Care	2016
Mary Lou Weiner	Diocese of Idaho	Soup Kitchen and Nutrition	2001
Merle Smith	Diocese of Iowa	Chaplain	2007
Robert V Parker	Diocese of Kansas	Social Service Ministry Leadership	1995
Jim Upton	Diocese of Kansas	Archdeacon	2005
Stephen L. Segebrecht	Diocese of Kootenay	Health and Education in Africa	2013
Christine Ross	Diocese of Kootenay	Social Concerns Ministry	1999
Heather Karabelas	Diocese of Lexington	Servant Ministry	2016
Dixon Barr	Diocese of Lexington	Directing Diocesan School for Ministry	1995
Mary Kilbourne-Huey	Diocese of Long Island	Cancer Hospice Director	2001
Elizabeth Belasco	Diocese of Long Island	Outreach and Teaching	2003
Richard Montrose	Diocese of Long Island	Prison/Halfway House	2007

Larry Steele	Diocese of Los Angeles	Mentor and Chaplain	2010
Patricia Hendrickson	Diocese of Los Angeles	People with Special Needs	2013
Linda Kay Hensley Pederson	Diocese of Los Angeles	At Risk Children	2016
Charles N deGravelles	Diocese of Louisiana	Prison Ministry	1999
Ormonde Plater	Diocese of Louisiana	Archdeacon—Writer—Historian	2001
Jan Bales	Diocese of Louisiana	Deacon Formation Director	2003
Audrey S Delafield	Diocese of Maine	Hospital Chaplain	1997
Thomas Benson	Diocese of Maine	Chaplain to Deacons & Retired Clergy	2001
H. Jeffrey Ferguson	Diocese of Maine	Congregational & Prison Ministry	2003
Margaret Peggy Day	Diocese of Maine	Outreach, Mentor, Service	2005
Geoffrey Todd Smith	Diocese of Maine	Outreach/Safe Church Trainer	2007
Aaron Perkins	Diocese of Maine	Correction Center Chaplain	2010
Charles "Chick" Carroll	Diocese of Maine		
Br. Ed Munro	Diocese of Maryland	Chaplain Port of Baltimore	1995
Nancy B Foote	Diocese of Maryland	Archdeacon and Deacon Training	1997
Miriam (Mimi) Mathews	Diocese of Maryland	Prison Ministry	2001
Lauren M. Welch	Diocese of Maryland	Advocacy and Urban Ministry	2003
Madeleine Beard	Diocese of Maryland	Public Policy and Justice	2010
Linda Hollis	Diocese of Maryland	Seafarers and Military Families	2013
Jon Shematek	Diocese of Maryland	Healing Ministries/Diaconal Leader	2016
Ron Tibbetts	Diocese of Massachusetts	The Poor and the Homeless	2005
Pat Zifcak	Diocese of Massachusetts	Diaconal Formation/Ministry with Homeless	2013
Holly Hartman	Diocese of Massachusetts	Global Mission Partnerships	2016
Jack Trembath	Diocese of Michigan	Jail Chaplain	1997
Jeffernell Howcott	Diocese of Michigan	Archdeacon	2003
Linda J. MacDonald	Diocese of Michigan	Archdeacon and Outreach	2005
Thalia F. Johnson	Diocese of Michigan	Improving Race Relations	2007
Antoine Linterieur	Diocese of Milwaukee	Chaplain and Patient Advocate	1999
Barbara Ramnaraine	Diocese of Minnesota	Social Action and Advocacy	1997
Evelyn (Lyn) Lawyer	Diocese of Minnesota	Teaching and Elderly	2003
Jan Dougherty	Diocese of Mississippi	Diaconal Formation/Advocate for Justice	2007
Lynne Hough	Diocese of Mississippi	Hospital Chaplain	2005
Penny Sisson	Diocese of Montana	Hispanic Ministry/Homeless	2016
Roxanne Klingensmith	Diocese of Nebraska	Archdeacon/Community Ministry	2016
Maureen May	Diocese of Nebraska	Nursing Home Ministry	1995
Gary A Peterson	Diocese of Nebraska	Small Town Jail Ministry	1997
Colleen Lewis	Diocese of Nevada	Servant Leadership	1999
Cheryl Harris	Diocese of Nevada	Servant Ministry	2013
Lionel Starkes	Diocese of Nevada	HIV/AIDS Ministry	1997
Barbara A/ Lewis	Diocese of Nevada	Chaplain & Diocesan Secretary	2007
Michael Margerum	Diocese of Nevada	Community Organizing	2010
Ann Langevin	Diocese of Nevada	Community Organizing	2016
Willis D. Ottery, Jr.	Diocese of New Hampshire	Hospital Chaplain	2001
Carol Berry Stoy	Diocese of New Jersey	Crisis and Social Service Ministry	1997
W. Keith McCoy	Diocese of New Jersey	Diaconate Leadership	1999
Tina Mertz	Diocese of New Jersey	Counseling & Crisis Intervention	2001
Johnine V. Bryer	Diocese of New Jersey	Prison Ministry	2007
Teresa A. Saruda	Diocese of New Jersey	Social Justice	2010
Carmen Viola	Diocese of New Jersey	Disaster Relief	2013
Carl Dunn	Diocese of New Jersey	Urban Ministry	2016
David Havard	Diocese of New Westminster	Social Advocacy and Outreach	1997
Christian Cross	Diocese of New Westminster	Modeling Deacon Leadership	1999
John T. Struthers	Diocese of New Westminster	Diaconal Renewal	2003
Tess Meadows	Diocese of New Westminster	Volunteer in Mission	2005
Lizz Lindsay	Diocese of New Westminster	Social Justice and Hospitality	2010
Pittman Potter	Diocese of New Westminster	Ministry with the Homeless	2013
Claudia Wilson	Diocese of New York	Congregational Support	1999
Judith Borzumato	Diocese of New York	Feeding Ministry	2007
Sue Bonsteel	Diocese of New York	Ministry in Jails and Prisons	2013
Evelyn "Lynn" Werdal	Diocese of New York	Ministry with Refugees	2016
Christine McCloud	Diocese of New York	Archieacon/Homeless Ministry	2016
Jane Rokeby	Diocese of New York	Advocacy	2007
Kermit M. Bailey	Diocese of New York	Advocacy for the Disabled	2007
Beth McKee-Huger	Diocese of New York	Community Organizing	2013
Charles Nelson	Diocese of New York	Jail and Prison Ministry	1995
Cindy Long	Diocese of Northern California	Ministry among the Poor	2013
Ernestina "Tina" Campbell	Diocese of Northern California	Inspiring, Enabling and Empowering Diakonia	2016
Christine Maki	Diocese of Northern Michigan	Deacon with St. Mark's Crystal Falls	2007
Patricia Micklow	Diocese of Northern Michigan	Advocacy for Women	2016
Charl Ann Kapp	Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania	Milk Fund	2007
Marjorie Saulnier	Diocese of Nova Scotia and P.E.I.	Community Service Mentor	2010
Mary K Shehane	Diocese of Olympia	University Chaplain	1999

Dennis Taylor	Diocese of Olympia	Parish Nursing	2007
Brent Brentnall	Diocese of Olympia	Community Needs	2010
Brenda C. Berktdold	Diocese of Oregon	Centre for the Diaconate	2007
Senitila McKinley	Diocese of Oregon	Ministry with Homeless/Literacy	2016
Judy Ray	Diocese of Pennsylvania	Urban and Children's Ministry	2001
James Ley	Diocese of Pennsylvania	Social Justice Advocacy	2010
Pamela Nesbit	Diocese of Pennsylvania	Archdeacon/Victims of Abuse	2016
Ann Staples	Diocese of Pittsburgh	Ministry with the Community	2016
D Michael Jackson	Diocese of Qu'Appelle	Liturgical Ministry and Writing	1995
Lorna Baird	Diocese of Quebec	To the Elderly and Sick	2005
Philip B. Fleming	Diocese of Quincy	Disaster Relief	2007
Margaret C F Higbie	Diocese of Rhode Island	Hospital/Institutional Chaplaincy	1995
Eloise S Neilsen	Diocese of Rhode Island	Romanian Orphan Outreach and Hospice	1997
Elizabeth L. Wright	Diocese of Rhode Island	Homeless Women and Children	1999
Jean Barry	Diocese of Rhode Island	Advocacy and Justus for the Homeless	2003
Leroy S. Buck Close	Diocese of Rhode Island	Haitian/Social Justice	2010
Dorothy L. "Ricky" Brightman	Diocese of Rhode Island	Advocate for the Hungry	2013
Janice Grinell	Diocese of Rhode Island	Archdeacon/Campus Ministry	2016
Lewis Powell	Diocese of Rio Grande	Diaconal Leadership	2007
Thomas Bates	Diocese of Rio Grande	Servant Leadership	2013
Thomas Finn	Diocese of Rochester	Healthy Food Ministry	2013
Rose Moran & Doris Bruguier	Diocese of South Dakota	Pastoral and Social Care	1999
Virginia Bird	Diocese of South Dakota	Hospital Pastoral Care	2007
Arlene Epp Pearsal	Diocese of South Dakota	Servant Leadership	2013
J Segar Gravatt	Diocese of Southern Virginia	Hospital Chaplain and Archdeacon	1997
Anne C. Pugh	Diocese of Southern Virginia	Ministry to the Aging	2003
Becki Dean	Diocese of Southern Virginia	Ministry among the Homeless	2013
Bill Jones	Diocese of Southern Virginia	Archdeacon/Homeless and prisoners	2016
Marilyn Sapharas	Diocese of Southwest Florida	Ministry to HIV/AIDS	1995
Jimmie Ruth Hunsinger	Diocese of Southwest Florida	Deacon Administrator	1999
William H Moore Jr	Diocese of Springfield	Archdeacon—Many Ministries	1995
Dolores Nicholson	Diocese of Tennessee	Diaconal Service	2010
Robert C Long MD	Diocese of West Missouri	Health Care and Substance Abuse	1997
Patricia Ticknor	Diocese of West Missouri	Congregational Pastoral Care	2001
Linda S. Yeager	Diocese of West Missouri	Teacher and Chaplain	2007
Larry Allen	Diocese of West Virginia	Servant Leader	2016
Gary Waple	Diocese of Western Kansas	Cluster Ministry Pastoral and Social Care	1997
Nora Belle May	Diocese of Western Michigan	Spiritual Director and Writer	1997
Judith A. Neiman	Diocese of Western Michigan	Ecumenical Hospice Care	1999
David C Meyers	Diocese of Western Missouri	Outreach and Teacher	2001
Constance F. Tyndall	Diocese of Western New York	Spiritual Leadership	2010
Shirley Trail	Diocese of Western New York	Prison and Halfway House Ministry	1995
Bruce Gillies	Diocese of Western New York	Convenor of Deacons	2010
Gerald Hilfiker	Diocese of Western North Carolina	Archdeacon/Prison Ministry	2016
Milton Crisler Greer	Diocese of Western North Carolina	Towel Ministry	2001
David P. Nard	Diocese of Western North Carolina	Chaplain / Archdeacon	2007
Alice Mason	Diocese of Western North Carolina	Women's Jail Ministry	2010
		Women and Children's Housing	

Association for Episcopal Deacons

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.

Mission

AED is an association of persons and dioceses within The Episcopal Church whose mission is to engage the diaconia of all believers by increasing participation and involvement of all baptized persons in Christ's diaconal ministry, and by promoting and supporting the diaconate as a full and equal order. AED is closely allied with the Association for Episcopal Deacons in Canada.

Activities

- The Association for Episcopal Deacons helps to make the vision a reality through its activities:
- strengthening communication with deacons, those in training for the diaconate, bishops, presbyters, and other friends
- publishing a newsletter, *Diakoneo*, and offering other communication resources through email and social media.
- writing, publishing and gathering resource materials on the diaconate and the formation of deacons.
- planning and producing provincial, national, and international conferences on the diaconate.
- providing leadership throughout the Episcopal Church in ministry for and with the poor and marginalized
- recommending and providing resource persons, speakers, and leaders for diocesan and parish workshops and conferences on the diaconate
- maintaining links with diaconal organizations in other denominations and around the world.

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