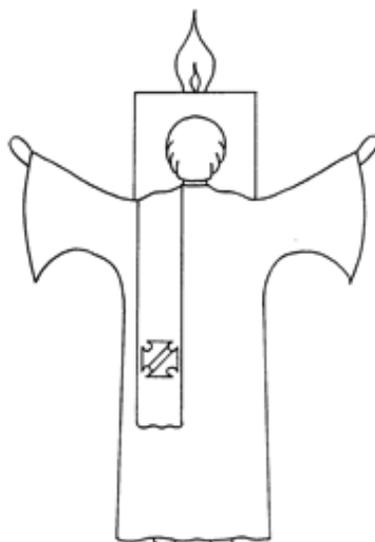


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Recognition of Diaconal Ministry  
in the Tradition of St. Stephen

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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. 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 157 Deacons receiving St. Stephen Recognition in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2010 and 2013. They are listed by Diocese with the Citations received with their Certificates of Recognition.

Lauren Welch, President  
Pamela Nesbit, Recognition Chair  
Association for Episcopal Deacons



**Gay Romack**  
*Prison Ministry*  
Diocese of Arizona

After a tenacious three year effort, Deacon Gay Romack was able to gain approval from the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) to bring in a group of church volunteers to hold a weekly service at the Perryville Women's Prison in the city of Goodyear, AZ. Five women attended the first service in December 2012. We

now have weekly services on two yards; over 150 women are on the rosters and the average weekly attendance is over 60. Last year alone, 16 were baptized! Women inmates are encouraged to lead parts of the service, including serving as lectors and intercessors. Book studies on Christian faith are regularly incorporated into the service. If you would ask the Perryville women about Deacon Gay, they would say that her unwavering commitment to them exemplifies what Christian love is all about. The St. Peter's Prison ministry under Deacon Gay's oversight also includes a pen pal ministry and an ongoing shoe drive for newly released women. Her current endeavor is to provide a mentoring program to help ease the transition from prison back into the world. This ministry has touched the lives of not only the women at Perryville prison but also church members, prison staff, and community activists. Deacon Gay has coordinated special events with guest speakers to create awareness in our church of the challenges the women faced that led to the decisions that landed them in prison. She also coordinated a very successful art show featuring the art of the Perryville women.

**Joyce Hardy**  
*Archdeacon/Social Justice*  
Diocese of Arkansas



Joyce's ministries have focused on social action and advocacy for people on the margins. She has encouraged the local churches to meet the needs of marginalized people especially children and those who are hungry. She has also worked for inclusion of GLBTQ persons into the church. While serving as Archdeacon of the Diocese of Arkansas, Joyce worked tirelessly for the creation of a diaconal formation program and continues to serve the community of deacons in the Diocese. She also served the larger community of deacons by acting as a board member and president of the North American Association for the

Diaconate, the predecessor of the Association for Episcopal Deacons. Joyce has been one of the most influential deacons in the Diocese of Arkansas in terms of putting a face on the ministry of the diaconate. She has served as a mentor to deacons in her diocese and in the larger diaconal community. She is a servant leader without par.



## **Davidson Bidwell-Waite**

*Missioner to Haiti*

**Diocese of California**

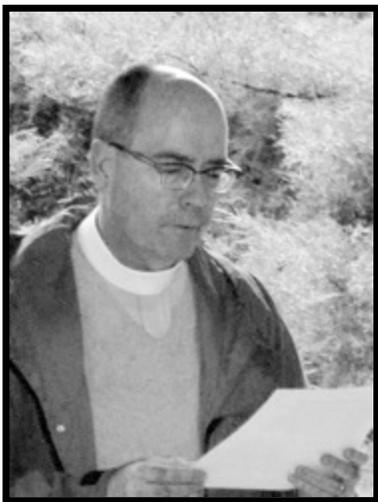
Davidson Bidwell-Waite serves as Missioner to Haiti for the Diocese of California, and in this capacity he has developed and organized the Diocese's collective ministries in Haiti. This has included everything from support of the Holy Trinity music school to organizing a drive for airless soccer balls sent to Haiti in 2015, to a recent (April 2016) youth mission trip to Haiti. Davidson's depth of caring for the people of Haiti has been ever-

present in this ministry. This God-filled passion, partnered with Davidson's incredible organization skills and ability to communicate with individuals and congregations in the Diocese, has made this ministry impactful and at the forefront of Diocesan concerns. Davidson's initiative has driven this from the beginning. In addition to this very extensive ministry, Davidson is active in other ministries of critical importance to the City of San Francisco, including Faith in Action, community organizing in support of affordable housing, ministries to end human trafficking, Night Walks in the Mission neighborhood of the City to call attention to gun violence, and Braid Mission (a new ministry to support foster youth in the Bay area.) In our estimation, Davidson exemplifies the highest values of diaconal ministry. He identifies the needs and concerns of the world and lifts them up to the church, and he does this in a way that both emphasizes their urgency and gives our community a place to begin. He uses his own gifts and talents of organization, communication and analysis to create effective ministries and build support for them. We sometimes wonder when Davidson sleeps (!) but he also exemplifies self-care and is a model for other deacons and people of the church in terms of balancing work in the world with prayer, time spent with family, and play.



**Nancy Oliver**  
*Ministry to the Marginalized*  
Diocese of Central Florida

Nancy runs a social/community service group for developmentally disabled adults. As a result of this group's activities, some of her autistic group members have gained greater confidence and ability to engage the world. She works once a week at the Brevard County jail where she preaches, teaches, prays and lays hands on the women inmates. She is working to get other Episcopal parishes involved in this ministry. Nancy works as an employment coordinator for the Florida State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. She helps people with disabilities get jobs. She also does a lot of Pro Bono work with felons who are out of jail and can't find work. Many woman will ask for contact information and call her when they get out of jail. She meets with them, counsels them and advocates for them to get a job. Probation Officers have begun to refer people, both men and women, to her for their clients who need help getting a job. Nancy is on a state-wide team working to change the laws in Florida to restore rights, specifically voting rights, for convicts who have served their time. She has spoken at NAACP meetings and at the League of Women Voters to get people to sign petitions and to get others to take petitions to their churches and offices Nancy's recent assignment to the Cathedral has merged some of her passions, and she finds herself working with mentally ill homeless people, helping them to take their medications. Nancy has a deacon's heart for people who are often despised by the larger society. Her willingness to walk beside such people, offering presence and help when needed is an outstanding example of Christ's servant ministry.



**Marc Genty**  
*Ministry among the Homeless*  
Diocese of Colorado

Marc served as chair of the board of examining chaplains in CO from 2009 to 2016. He is a founding member of Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement. He helped found the ministry Common Cathedral in 2007, a weekly service in the park, primarily for the homeless. He served at St. Luke's, Fort Collins as Deacon from 2008 to 2015 and now serves at St. Steven's. Longmont. He has also served on the diocesan council. Marc is an exemplary deacon, who from the beginning has demonstrated a very prayerful, spirit-led and thoughtful vision of ministry to the poor and marginalized. He has given selflessly of himself to develop a model ministry among the homeless while managing his own full-time career. He is a truly remarkable deacon and deserves to be recognized.



**Bonnie Matthews**  
*Deacon's Council/Homeless*  
Diocese of Connecticut

As Chair of the Deacons Council, Bonnie has worked with both Bishops and Deacons to find ways to support the Deacons in CT. Under Bonnie's leadership the Deacons Council began to have quarterly meetings in different locations around CT.. We have also begun book studies as a part of some of these meetings. Deacons choose the books and recently we have been including various ministry networks from around CT to join us. Deacons who are in formation are also invited to attend. As a result, of reading and discussing the book, Hank to Mouth, Living in Bootstrap America by Linda Tirado, deacons in formation and ordained deacons in CT presented ways of Paying Lay Employees a Living Wage in CT at the annual Convention in 2016. Bonnie works fulltime at Hartford Hospital. In collaboration with a number of local institutions she began a foot clinic which took place at our Cathedral the Wednesday in Holy Week. As a mentor to deacons in CT, Bonnie coordinated a Blessing of Animals service in October with Trinity Church's rector and their outreach committee. This service was held in a park located in the neighborhood. The service provided an opportunity for the blessing of animals and non-threatening conversation between the public and the city's police department with the horse guard in attendance. Bonnie is a role model for the diaconate in CT. She is about empowering other Deacons and working collaboratively with all. She creates spaces for people to claim their own leadership. By doing this, she models the role of the Deacon empowering others to go out into the world to join and reveal God's love. She is also kind, compassionate and thoughtful in her exercise of her ministry. Bonnie is also clear that her Diaconal ministry is the ministry that informs her life. She is a Deacon in all aspects of her life, empowering others, encouraging others and modeling outreach to those in the margins.



**Jo Glasser**  
*Archdeacon*  
**Diocese of Eau Claire**

Jo has Sunday responsibilities at St. Paul's Hudson. She works with the parish rector in providing pastoral care, worship, administration, and planning. Since 2014 Jo has served as Archdeacon of the Diocese. She has responsibility for the care and oversight of 15 deacons and 7 prospective deacons. She provides informal counsel to the bishop on a regular basis. In 2010 Jo became Chair of the Commission on Ministry. In 2013 she became Co-Chair of a restructured Diocesan Deacon's School. She served as an organizer and integral part of a diocesan medical team that served at St. Mark's Church and School in Jeanette, Haiti. This team provided care for 200 adults and 100 children over a four day period. Jo is a leader. She is organized. She is courteous and kind. She gets things done. She is a self-starter. She has a strong faith that is apparent to everyone. For these and other gifts, Jo is respected and appreciated by everyone in the diocese, so it was an easy decision to make her Archdeacon. Most importantly, Jo comes with a skill set and a demeanor of confidence that puts others at ease. She has a non-anxious presence that calms any situation. As a lay person, Jo had been administrator for a multi-million dollar medical facility. She holds a Ph.D. in Psychology. This background of education and administration are major contributors to the fine work she does. She is a blessing!



**Lee Barford**  
*Cathedral Deacon/Community Organizer*  
**Diocese of El Camino Real**

Lee graduated from the School for Deacons in 2005 and was ordained soon after. In 2014, he earned a M.Th. from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. His ministries have included working among the poor in our local community organizing efforts, speaking on behalf of the marginalized, and serving for over 10 years as the President of the Board of Directors of a housing facility for low-income seniors. As Deacon at Trinity Cathedral in San Jose, Lee stepped forward to take a major leadership role in the Spanish language service, achieving language competency on Skype with a Peruvian teacher. His Spanish pronunciation and skill are so good that he preaches weekly at the 12:30 pm service. It is with pleasure and honor that I recommend Lee for the Stephen's Recognition due to his faithful and treasured service as a Deacon – and as a scientist - of the church. In addition to being a devoted father and husband, Lee is a Master Researcher at Keysight Laboratories. His responsibilities include identifying and applying emerging technologies in software, applied mathematics, and statistics to increase the accuracy and speed of electronic, chemical, and biological measurements. He is also a Professor (Adjunct) of Computer Science at the University of Nevada. Lee has authored or co-authored more than 40 peer reviewed publications, and is listed as inventor or co-inventor of approximately 60 patents. Whew! In El Camino Real, Lee certainly is one the most intelligent and accomplished citizens of the planet any of us have met!



**Eleanor Dryden**  
*Pastoral Care*

**Diocese of Fredericton**

Eleanor has worked as both a lay reader and lately as a deacon in the parish of the Nerepis and St. John and its predecessor parish for many years. She has faithfully led a lady's bible study for 20 years. She volunteers at the local food bank and does extensive pastoral care and dozens of home communions annually. She oversees a prayer shawl ministry and frequently takes services at our chapel of ease at Oak Point. She has led the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Welsford, NB for 20 years. She takes services at St. John and St. Stephen nursing Home. She helps coordinate the World day of prayer services. In addition to this she does many more ministry tasks. Eleanor is recommended for this

recognition because she so humbly embodies the fully encompassed calling of a vocational deacon. She serves selflessly while not seeking attention. She sacrifices her time during inconvenient hours of the day to provide pastoral care on a regular basis. Eleanor exemplifies the ministry of Deacon creating essential links between the church and community and representing each to the other. This comes from her essential commitment as a follower of Jesus. Eleanor could easily be described as a "canon of a deacon"



**Leeann Culbreath**  
*Creation Care*

**Diocese of Georgia**

Leeann began her ministry with a lifelong interest in protecting God's creation and environmental justice. She became active in her home parish as an advocate for conservation. She focused on reducing waste, recycling, composting, and educating both children and adults in her parish and community. She approached the Bishop about reducing waste at our annual conventions and has achieved almost zero waste at some diocesan events. Before ordination, she launched several

community gardens and two farmers' markets in her community, and has now reached to not only other parishes throughout the diocese but also to churches outside our denomination, teaching and demonstrating ways we can reduce our carbon footprint. As her efforts have outgrown her parish, she is now attached to the diocesan office to more broadly promote Creation Care to all parishes through the diocesan Creation Care Commission (CCC), which she founded in 2015 and now leads. The CCC, comprised of lay leaders from across the state, launched a food waste reduction and composting program for the diocesan retreat center last summer and is now developing an experiential ecology center for all ages. She most recently began work with Georgia Interfaith Power & Light to expand faith-based environmental stewardship and health advocacy across Georgia. She has become a symbol of love of the world God has given us to care for through her many efforts throughout the Diocese. Deacon Culbreath is tireless in her ministry and a positive role model for the deacons as well as for lay people throughout Georgia in increasing awareness of the abuses we perpetuate on our environment and the multiple ways we can impact a significant change now and for future generations. She helps others understand that caring for Creation is also caring for those impacted negatively by pollution and climate change, particularly the poor and weak.



**Heather Karabelas**  
*Servant Ministry*  
Diocese of Kootenay

Heather has served in three congregations in Kelowna bringing her organizational skills and passion for the needs of the community to each one. She gave strong leadership at our Cathedral in establishing a food ministry for the neighborhood, in our city as a volunteer and chairperson for a city-wide service to the homeless called "Inn from the Cold" and has promoted and led our diocese in the national/international work of world relief and development. Heather's dedication, passion for diaconal ministry and challenge to the church to keep the needs of the world in focus for over ten years has been a strong witness to both our church and to the community.



**Linda Kay Hensley Pederson**  
*At Risk Children*  
Diocese of Los Angeles

For many years, Linda has faithfully served in her parish, assisting with Christian Education, an after-school tutoring program, and providing a Safe Space after-school program for at risk neighborhood children. Her passion has been to assist children to meet school and state academic standards. In 2002, Linda and other parish members petitioned the School Board and city councils to establish homework centers across the city to help children meet state standards. Linda also assisted with acquiring a grant for over \$200,000.00 in which St. John's and two other churches as well as five other non-profits were funded. Linda has also offered a "Kid's Day" that provides focused fun on one Saturday a month. Linda has spent tireless hours of advocacy with city councils and school boards as well as writing numerous grants that have provided the financial resources for all this work. Linda has also established a weekly food distribution program that currently serves 1200 people monthly, and a program called TLC which provides encouragement and support for pregnant and parenting teens. In the wider community, Linda served as director and remains an active member of the Inland Congregations United for Change. This organization is comprised of some 30 plus churches who together act to inform, organize, and enable citizens to work together to effect positive change in their cities and neighborhood. The ICUC became first in the city of San Bernardino to have prayer vigils following the recent shooting massacres. In times of congregational transition, Linda has been a steady and calming influence as she has insured continuity of care for the poor in the community. Her tiny congregation of St. John's average Sunday attendance is 15 and yet they have rallied with Linda's leadership to provide the desperately needed care for high risk children in the community. Linda has been a strong encourager and support for others in their ministries to the community of which she is a beloved and cherished member. Well done good and faithful servant!



## **Jon Shematek**

*Healing Ministries/Diaconal Leader*

**Diocese of Maryland**

Using his medical expertise, Jon has coordinated overseas medical missions to Guatemala and Jamaica. He has also facilitated non-medical outreach programs in the seven parishes in which he has served. Additionally, he has coordinated pastoral care activities, led numerous workshops on a variety of topics, developed prayer teams, support for teams who provide food for those in need, and church card

ministry. He has also provided direct pastoral care to many. Jon has conducted adult formation programs and for several years served as a mentor/instructor in the deacon formation program of the Diocese of Maryland and as a mentor to individual postulants in the formation program. Jon has also participated in the Coalition to Transform Advanced Illness Care, working with the Spirituality Work Group. Jon has served the Church faithfully as a deacon for 27 years, truly bringing the pain of the world to the Church and the love of God to the suffering. He has done so with grace, dignity, and a smile. He is a wonderful mentor to those fortunate enough to work with him, and his willingness and ability to empower and teach others has made a difference in the lives of many, both those who serve and those served.



## **Holly Hartman**

*Global Mission Partnerships*

**Diocese of Massachusetts**

As a diocesan deacon for global mission partnerships for the past four years, Holly's ministry has been one of presence and accompaniment. She has the great pleasure of spending time with parishes in our diocese who are discerning whether or not to start, or deepen, a relationship with a parish or other community in the greater world. This involves educating parishioners in current

trends in global mission so that these relationships can be as healthy as possible, and then asking questions to assist the discernment process. She has either led or accompanied parishioners on short-term mission trips to Africa, South America, and most frequently in Haiti. During these trips, she often serves as chaplain, inviting prayer and reflection throughout this process, before, during, and after the mission trip. Holly's experience in Haiti, led to her call and formation as a deacon. It was there she felt the presence of Jesus more strongly than she ever had in the suffering, and in the joy, of the Haitian people. This is where she still feels a call to bring the needs of the world into the church and the church out into the world to do the work of Christ. She and her physician husband and two grown daughters are frequently in Haiti and have built numerous relationships spanning over the past 10+ years. Holly feels fortunate that her parish ministry is currently in a setting that allows her to combine her love for children and global mission. Grace, the parish she is serving in, has three congregations that each worship in their own language, English, Dinka (the language of South Sudanese parishioners) and Haitian Creole. Holly's role in this parish is as the Director of Religious Education and she finds great joy in teaching the children of the 3 congregations, whose worship styles are very different yet are all bound together as one in our common life as Christians.



**Penny Sisson**  
*Hispanic Ministry/Homeless*  
Diocese of Mississippi

Penny has been leading the Hispanic ministry at St. Peter's for her entire ordained life. She speaks Spanish very well and is also an interpreter for our Honduras Medical Mission Ministry. She has a special place in her soul for our Hispanic brother and sisters, bringing them the Gospel in their native language. (She just recently retired as a Spanish Professor at the University of Mississippi) Penny also has been conducting a service once a month at the North Mississippi Center for Special Needs People for 30 years. Over the past 4 years Penny started a Homeless Mat ministry at St. Peter's. The parish collects plastic grocery bags and then knits them into mats for the homeless. They give them something dry and soft to lay on since so many live in the woods. Her basement is usually filled with bags! This ministry has many people from St. Peter's as well as others from other denominations working on the ministry, making and collecting. Last she also started a clothing ministry for those in poverty in the Delta region of Mississippi and in Honduras. Penny exemplifies our ordination vow of serving the poor and marginalized of the community and world. She always does it with a smile, a soft voice and making everyone around her feel needed and special.



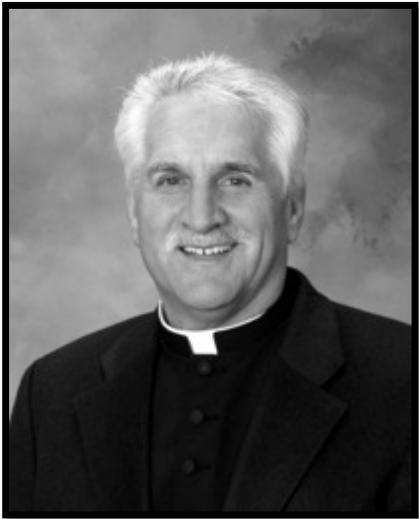
**Roxanne Klingensmith**  
*Archdeacon/Ministry in Community*  
Diocese of Montana

Roxanne excels as a cleric, pastor and community leader. She is the co-chair of the Gallatin County Re-Entry Initiative Program, working to empower those being released from incarceration. She is the founder and director of "Survivors", and ministry for recovering drug & alcohol addicts; many of whom are a part of the re-entry program. Roxy is a co-founder of Family Promise of Gallatin County, and wonderful ministry for homeless families. She is also a co-founder of the Gallatin Valley Interfaith Association, working to bring our community together through different faith traditions. Roxanne is a long-time volunteer with the Montana State Prison and Gallatin County Detention Center, where her ministry to the incarcerated is changing lives for the better. Roxanne has faithfully served her parish for over 16 years. As archdeacon, she founded our diocesan School for Deacons and has administrated the program since its inception. Roxanne received the 1997 Woman of Achievement Award from Bozeman Business & Professional Women. She was also awarded the 2008 Human Resource Development Council's "Swimming Upstream Award". Both of these awards attest to her giftedness as a leader in our community. Roxy was also awarded the 2011 Peacemaker Award, given by our Community Mediation Center. This award is given each year to someone who exhibits leadership in promoting peaceful resolution as a means to solving community conflict. It is without question, that Roxanne is revered in our community for her years of community involvement and service.



**Ann Langevin**  
*Community organizing*  
Diocese of Nevada

Ann Langevin has for several years served as the diocesan delegate to Nevadans for the Common Good, a broad-based community organization successfully advocating for those impacted by human trafficking, elder care, hospital patients' rights, Veterans' medical care, Medicaid reform and education funding. This year she was instrumental in getting her congregation to join as an institutional member of Nevadans for the Common Good, their first engagement with the Fourth Mark of Mission. She has also undertaken refugee support ministry through a refugee settlement center in Las Vegas and has persuaded others to join her in this effort. We are blessed to have many deacons who understand diaconal ministry as embracing the Third Mark of Mission. But finding Mark Four deacons is less common. Ann has been committed to social justice advocacy through broad based community organizing in the face of substantial opposition for several years. Her persistence has made an important difference for advocacy work in our diocese. She also undertook to engage benevolent ministry to refugees at precisely the time when there was a surge of anti-refugee sentiment in the nation generally and among Episcopalians in our diocese. Ann's determination and courage have been exemplary and heroic. .



**Carl Dunn**  
*Urban Ministry*  
Diocese of New Jersey

Although serving in a large parish in an affluent community, Carl ministers in nearby Camden, one of the poorest and most crime-ridden cities in the country. Carl performs services in Camden and also supports a medical clinic there with volunteer doctors and nurses from many churches in the area. This past year Carl organized local churches and institutions to bring Christmas presents that the families could not afford to Hispanic children living in poverty. On the Feast of St. Nicholas about 85 children were asked if they could have only one present this year, what would it be. Due to the efforts of many volunteer shoppers and gift wrappers and to the \$20,000 raised by Carl's fundraising efforts, these gifts were purchased and given as a surprise on the Day of the Kings. Carl was instrumental in organizing and connecting the surrounding churches, businesses and schools to realize his vision of what Christmas and Christ's message of serving the least of these would look like for so many underprivileged children and their families. Carl brought together 70+ volunteers who touched the lives of over 200 people in the community.



**Evelyn "Lynn" Werdal**  
*Ministry with Refugees*  
Diocese of New York

Prior to her ordination, Lynn had a successful career in nursing, serving as a registered nurse, a nurse ombudsman for patient care, Nurse/Administrator at Mt. Vernon Hospital in Mt. Vernon, NY and finally as Vice President in charge of Nursing at Griffin Hospital in Darby, CT. Lynn helped to establish both the feeding ministry and Thrift Store at St. Thomas Church, Mamaroneck, New York. She brought these skills with her to her new assignment at St. John's Church in Pleasantville as she shepherded them in establishing their own shop. The shop grossed over \$25,000 in its first year of operation. Lynn has been involved in the work of Rural and Migrant Ministries in the

Hudson Valley of New York. She is currently involved in assisting refugees who are relocating to the tri-state area of NY, NJ and CT. Lynn and her team have recently welcomed their first family who have been living in a refugee camp in Jordan for 4 years. As well as furnishing apartments, they assist these families with day-to-day challenges such as enrolling children in schools, learning English, seeking employment opportunities and finding health care providers. Lynn is the author of "What do the Others Do?: Reflections from my Deacon Thinkin' Journal." Lynn has been an active member of the diaconal community in the Diocese of New York. She has shared her experiences and expertise with many within the diaconal community both those in the ordained ranks and those in formation. Her common sense, humor and wisdom permeate all of her works. She encourages the diakonia of others by word and example.



**Christine McCloud**  
*Archdeacon/ Homeless Ministry*  
Diocese of Newark

As the founder and executive director of Turning Point Community Services, Inc., an emergency shelter for women and their children, Chris has worked tirelessly over the years to develop and implement special needs housing programs, supportive services and jobs training programs. These programs help facilitate a woman's ability to become self sufficient by helping her recognize and break the cycles of violence, substance abuse, poverty and incarceration that

have permeated her life and have kept her at increased risk for repeated cycles of homelessness. In addition to her work with homeless women and children, she has worked with former incarcerated men by providing opportunities for job training and assisting them to find employment, often helping them to reconnect and foster positive relationships with their children. Chris currently serves on the Standing Committee, as co-Chair of the Task Force on Dignity, as Chair of the Marge Christie Congregational Growth and Vitality Fund Board, as a member of the diocesan anti-racism committee and has recently been appointed Archdeacon. Chris's steadfast faith and compassion have impacted the lives of the many individuals in need. Her dedication is an inspiration not only to the diaconal community but to all those who seek to respond to Jesus' call to love one another. As a member of the Diocese of Newark's diaconal community, Chris has mentored and supported many new deacons to move into their diaconal ministries with confidence and assurance.



**Ernestina “Tina” Campbell**  
*Inspiring, Enabling and Empowering Diaconia*  
Diocese of Northern California

Ernestina “Tina” Campbell was the first deacon raised and ordained in the Diocese of Northern California. Tina was its first Archdeacon for Diaconal Ministry. And Tina was the first deacon from Northern California to serve on the AED (then NAAD) Board and most recently as AED president. Supporting and encouraging Deacons, newly formed Deacons, aspirants, and the Diaconate has been an important aspect of Tina’s ministry before and during her 25+ years as a deacon. Tina is a long-time, active member of Sacramento ACT (PICO) currently working to bring more attention to the issue of affordable housing—having spent a considerable amount of energy and

visibility calling for Health Care Reform. Tina has actively encouraged Community Organizing for deacons particularly by visibly participating in PICO and training others to do one-on-one conversations. Presently non-parochial, Tina serves occasionally at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento, where she is involved in their outreach. She chairs the CPE Advisory Committee for the U.C. Davis Medical Center. A faculty member at the Episcopal School for Deacons, Tina has been working as a spiritual director in the dioceses of Northern California and San Joaquin for almost two decades. Tina Campbell represents the face of the diaconate in Northern California. Our first home-grown deacon, Tina was tasked by the newly consecrated Bishop Jerry Lamb to find the “hidden” deacons in the diocese. From that point on Tina worked to build the diaconate from scratch. When Bishop Lamb retired the number of canonical deacons had risen from 1 – at his consecration – to 25!



**Patricia Micklow**  
*Advocacy for Women*  
Diocese of Northern Michigan

Pat has dedicated her life to issues of justice, peace and advocacy as a 96th District Court Judge, a post she held for 14 years, in her private life and in her vocation as Deacon. Prior to being a judge she was an assistant prosecuting Chief Civil Council for the County of Marquette, Michigan. Outside of her professional work, Pat has served on numerous state and national committees dealing with Gender Bias and Domestic

Violence issues. She is passionate about the subject, having written one of the seminal articles on domestic violence in the courts when she was in law school. She has written several published articles and worked on legislative reform as a member of the Michigan State Bar's Task Force on Gender Bias; the Michigan Supreme Court's Task Force on Gender Issues in the Courts, and the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. Her work in this area also included developing a national curriculum for judicial education on the role of criminal court judges in domestic violence cases. Pat has served as chancellor of the diocese since 2000. In her parish she spear-headed the mobile homeless shelter “Room at the Inn” and served on their board for several years. Pat’s ministry has been to use her many gifts and accomplishments to advocate for women, breaking down barriers and providing hope.



## **Senitila McKinley**

### *Ministry with Homeless/Literacy* Diocese of Oregon

After a decade of addressing illiteracy and homelessness through personal and partnership efforts, in 2000, Senitila founded the nonprofit, community-based Seashore Family Literacy, which serves low-income and homeless youth and families, providing food and clothing as well as educational programs. In addition to the literacy program and Saturday breakfasts, nonprofit Seashore provides healthful after-school snacks five days a week to some 70 children, operates a free bicycle program, offers clothing and household goods to anyone who needs them, and gives teens on-the-job skills and a paycheck through Project JOY (Job Opportunities for Youth) -- among other things. She recently retired from the Lincoln County School District where she worked as an advocate for homeless students. She serves St. Luke's in Waldport (and occasionally St. Stephen's in Newport), a coastal town with high unemployment. She serves on the Diocesan Commission on Poverty and Homelessness. Deacon Senitila has brought the redemptive love of Christ to the streets, bridges, and woods of her community, offering warm clothing, food, literacy, and pastoral support. All she does is done in love, driven by the commandment to love one another as Christ has loved us. She has brought the hopes, needs, and concerns of the world to the Church through her preaching and to others through her testimony in the legislature.



## **Pamela Nesbit**

### *Archdeacon/Victims of Abuse* Diocese of Pennsylvania

For the 20 years she has served as a deacon, Pam has worked tirelessly for the good of the order. She has served in parishes all over the diocese, showing them what diaconal ministry is and helping them connect to their communities as the hands and hearts of Christ. When the diaconate had fallen into disarray she worked with bishops, deacons and the commission on ministry to revive the diaconal formation program which she leads. She walks with potential deacons through their journey from pre-postulancy through ordination and ministry offering support and encouragement. Pam's passion is the importance of the diaconal vocation. She is convinced that the church desperately needs people who are called to engage, activate and lead the Diakonia of all believers. She has worked to that end as a board member and President of the Association for Episcopal Deacons. She is currently the Vice President of the Fund for the Diaconate which works to support deacons in financial need. She has worked internationally and ecumenically on behalf of deacons and diaconal ministers of all kinds. She is the Vice President of Diakonia of the Americas and Caribbean. Last year Pam went to Haiti to preach to the 21 Deacons in Formation there, the first manifestation of the vocational diaconate in that diocese. She was able to bring them the good will and perspective of deacons in the United States. They have asked her to return this fall to be their "Godmother" at their graduation. Until last fall, Pam worked as a Clinical Psychologist in private practice for 40 years. Once ordained, her practice became a ministry, offering psychotherapy, especially to victims of abuse, at very reduced rates. Through her leadership, compassion, presence and witness Pam has shown herself to be worthy of the St. Stephen Recognition.



**Ann Staples**  
*Ministry with the Community*      Diocese of  
Pittsburgh

In 1996, Deacon Ann Staples spearheaded the founding of the Coal Country Hangout Youth Center in Northern Cambria, PA, and has served as its executive director ever since. Coal Country is a full-service youth center providing programs otherwise unavailable to the youth of this economically depressed and geographically isolated region of Appalachia where 14.9 percent of the population lives in poverty. Coal Country provides a day care and preschool serving more than 40 children. Its youth programs are wide-ranging and include recreational activities such as basketball and volleyball, free instruction in the arts and a computer lab. Coal Country has sponsored experiential education programs in local history ranging from permanent community sculptures documenting the region's history to the creation of a documentary film, "We Never Got the Welcome Home: Vietnam Vets of Western PA Remembered," which was funded by a grant from the History Channel. Coal Country's mission is to continue to explore ways to respond to the educational, cultural and spiritual devastation experienced by families as a result of the collapse of the area's primary industry of coal mining. Deacon Ann is a fierce advocate for community ministry being the lifeblood of the church and continues to provide a prophetic voice to both the community and the church. For 20 years, Ann Staples has been an exemplary example of living out the calling of deacons to embody the church in the community. Northern Cambria is in Appalachia, where folks are tight-knit and wary of outsiders. Deacon Ann is truly a missionary, having been able to insert herself into that community and, over time, gained the affection and trust of the people. Deacon Ann has been able to provide necessary and worthwhile services to a disadvantaged area by being a visible presence in the community – by getting to know elected officials, businessmen, community developers, teachers and school administrators, and people on the street. She has cultivated relationships across the board, committed to strengthening human bonds, knowing that this community is deeply relational. In addition to serving as executive director of the Coal Country Youth Hangout, Ann also serves as deacon-in-charge at the small Northern Cambria parish of St. Thomas. Clearly, the people of Northern Cambria are not a project to her – they are human beings, made by God and redeemed by Jesus Christ. Deacon Ann has a heart that people have come to trust and she continues to serve those people well as a good and faithful servant.



**Janice Grinnell**  
*Archdeacon*  
Diocese of Rhode Island

Archdeacon Jan has been instrumental in the work we are doing here in Rhode Island to restart and rekindle the vital ministry of the diaconate across the diocese. She has made a point of making herself available to visit any congregation that desires to hear the voice of a deacon in the pulpit. She personally meets with any person who might be hearing a call to ordination as a deacon and quickly becomes their primary cheerleader and mentor as they make their way through our discernment and formation process. She has been an integral part of the work we are doing in Province 1 to form a province-wide deacons school to train deacons who will be able to work across diocesan boundaries and in multiple settings. It's a part of our

vision here in the Province to create a clear recognition that the diaconate must be as equally valued and supported as the presbyterate. Jan serves as the deacon at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church on the campus of the University of Rhode Island in Kingston Rhode Island. She is the campus chaplain and is active in creating ministry events that regularly attract numerous undergraduate participation. She is a common site on campus, setting up shop in a donut or coffee shop and inviting students and faculty to drop by and chat with her about anything that might be on their mind. Jan also works to bring issues of addiction to the attention of the church and has written a book showing the similarities between Christian and 12-step spirituality.



**Bill Jones**  
*Archdeacon/Homeless and prisoners*  
Diocese of Southern Virginia

Bill's ministry can be seen in Matthew 25. He ministers to those most marginalized in culture, the homeless and those in prison. Bill served on the board of the North American Association for the Diaconate, the predecessor to AED, and served as President. He has also served on the board of the Fund for the Diaconate and is currently their Grant Coordinator. Bill's ministry in the world has been in the Commonwealth of Virginia's prison system, including death row. Bill served on a taskforce to bring Kairos ministry to the prisons of Virginia. Currently is he serving on the board of Home Again, a nonprofit organization that serves the homeless community. Bill has served as a deacon in our diocese for almost 27 years. He is the former Archdeacon and has been

an active member of the community of deacons throughout his ministry. These many ministries to prisoners, to the homeless and to his brother and sister deacons show his compassion for all children of God and love of servant ministry to those on the fringes of society.



**Larry Allen**  
*Servant Leader*  
Diocese of Western Missouri

In addition to his regular liturgical and pastoral duties, Deacon Larry Allen recruits and equips members of the St. Michael's outreach ministry group to provide coverage for multiple food and necessity pantries. Lay volunteers under Larry's leadership support a major Kansas City metro area emergency food assistance program. Larry also supervises, trains and schedules the volunteer staff for the non-food Necessity Pantry at St. Michael's which is a cooperative effort of five Episcopal Churches in Eastern Jackson County, MO. Deacon Larry coordinates contributions from the area Episcopal Churches in support of this Jubilee ministry and also seeks support from other local non-Episcopal congregations.. Deacon Larry is active in the Independence, MO. Ministerial Alliance, having served in various roles on the board of directors for the last 10 years. He is an active member of the City of Independence Hunger and Homeless Coalition and brings the needs of the marginalized to the attention of officials of the City and to the attention of the parish. Deacon Larry is the Jubilee Ministry Officer for the Diocese of West Missouri and has served in that role for many years. During that time several new Jubilee Ministry sites have been established in the diocese and recognized by the General Church. Deacon Larry has a true heart for diaconal ministry and he serves alongside all who volunteer for ministry within the walls of the church and outside in the world we serve. He is a compassionate and caring man who brings Christ into the world and who reflects the needs of the world to the Church, both through his actions and through his words. Larry's sermons always speak to the needs of the world in ways that motivate others to become part of "the solution". Larry offers himself in ministry for all parish worship and is constantly present to help feed the hungry, pick up clothes for those in need, and serve in quiet ways within the community. As a deacon, Larry puts in countless hours both in serving the marginalized and in leading others into that service.



**Gerald Hilfiker**  
*Archdeacon/Prison Ministry*  
Diocese of Western New York

In addition to his parish duties Deacon Jerry has served the Springville community as a liaison to the local police to deal with homelessness, and with Love Inc., an organization that deals with poverty. As a former educator, Jerry has carried those skills forth to serve the larger Episcopal community. He has served for many years as a co-coordinator and mentor for the EFM program. He is one of the leaders of the Gifts Discernment Seminar for parishes, and for the "Called To Serve" programs designed to develop lay leadership in parishes.

Jerry and another Deacon developed and led the previous Diaconal Formation Program when the previous Archdeacon retired. He brought an organized, compassionate, and personal approach to the program that the participants responded to with outstanding favor. In 2011, Deacon Hilfiker was elected to the position of Archdeacon, and has served as a valuable asset to our new Bishop, performing the duties of the office with joy, leadership, respect, and a high degree of competence. He mentored many new deacons as well as veteran ones, and brought a high degree of spirituality and substance to our retreats. He also initiated a Deacon Council. The ministry that makes Jerry's heart sing is prison ministry. He has been an enthusiastic member of Collins Christian Ministries, that twice a year runs "retreats" for candidates at Collins Correctional Facility, as well as weekly groups. Jerry has served in all aspects of the inside team, including several stints as retreat rector and spiritual director. He currently serves as the President for CCM. Throughout all his clerical, diocesan, and ministry assignments, Jerry demonstrates a calm, quiet presence that always creates a positive experience for those working with him. He also exudes an experiential wisdom that people respect. Gerry is a genuinely good person, filled with the spirit of God, and dedicated to Diakonia.

## *In the Tradition of St. Stephen* *Deacons Recognized 1995—2013*

Siw Olmelid	Conv. Of Epis. Churches in Europe	Ecumenism Mentor	2013
William H Ealy	Diocese of Alabama	<i>Faithful Minister to those in Need</i>	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
Joanna Seibert MD	Diocese of Arkansas	<i>Music, Healing and 12 Step</i>	2003
Veronica M Ritson	Diocese of Arizona	<i>Ministry to Persons with AIDS</i>	1995
AnnS. Johnson	Diocese of Arizona	Ministry of Social Justice	2013
Charles E. Gearing	Diocese of Atlanta	Archdeacon	2010
Terry Howell	Diocese of Atlanta	Foster Parent/Prison Ministry	2013
Lawrence Holman	Diocese of Bethlehem	<i>Ecumenical Ministry to the Aging</i>	1995
George Loeffler	Diocese of Bethlehem	<i>Problem Solver and Bishop's Chaplain</i>	1997
Nancy Ford	Diocese of British Columbia	Deacon Director	2007
Larry Nicolay	Diocese of Calgary	<i>Warden of Lay Readers</i>	2007
Paul Stewart	Diocese of Calidonia	<i>Rural Parish Deacon</i>	2001
Arlinda Cosby	Diocese of California	<i>Convalescent Hospital Chaplain</i>	1999
Mary Ellen Gallagher	Diocese of California	<i>Ministry to Homeless</i>	2001
Gerald E. Shaon	Diocese of California	<i>Missionary to Nicaragua</i>	2003
Nina L. Pickerrell	Diocese of California	<i>'Vicar' of Bay View Mission</i>	2005
Katherine E. M. Salinaro	Diocese of California	<i>Deacon Formation/World Mission</i>	2007
David George	Diocese of Central Florida	<i>Prison Ministry</i>	1997
Joan Verret	Diocese of Central Florida	<i>Health Care ministry</i>	1999
Linda Brondsted	Diocese of Central Florida	<i>Archdeacon and Teacher</i>	2001
Guy Galfo	Diocese of Central Florida	<i>Diaconal Presence and Prayer</i>	2003
Sharon Britcher	Diocese of Central Florida	<i>Mustard Seed Ministries</i>	2007
Aileen Walthers	Diocese of Central Florida	Interfaith Ministry	2013
Barbara A. Hary	Diocese of Central Pennsylvania	<i>Ministry to Young and Old</i>	2003
Gwendolyn Dillon	Diocese of Chicago	<i>Servant to Marginal Persons</i>	1995
Richard H. Pemble	Diocese of Chicago	<i>Archdeacon &amp; Ecumenical Ministry</i>	1999
Sunny L. Lopez	Diocese of Chicago	<i>Peace and Justice Ministries</i>	2001
John Nachtrieb	Diocese of Chicago	<i>Diaconal Leadership</i>	2003
Sue Nebel	Diocese of Chicago	<i>Deacon School Director</i>	2005
David E. Grauer	Diocese of Chicago	<i>Deacons Council &amp; MDGs</i>	2007
Elizabeth G. Meade	Diocese of Chicago	<i>Diaconal Leader</i>	2010
Larry Green	Diocese of Chicago	<i>Ministry with Youth and Homeless</i>	2013
Robert (Bob) Davidson	Diocese of Colorado	<i>Crisis and Outreach Ministry</i>	1995
Marcia Stackhouse	Diocese of Colorado	<i>Children's Min &amp; Diaconal Formation</i>	1997
Sally K. Brown	Diocese of Colorado	<i>AIDS, Justice and Children</i>	1999
Bethany Ann Thomas	Diocese of Colorado	<i>Community Leader/Ecumenical Bridge Builder</i>	2007
Robert Snow	Diocese of Dominican Republic	<i>Diaconal Missionary</i>	2003
Sr. Priscilla Wright	Diocese of Dominican Republic	<i>Missionary in Education &amp; Health</i>	2010
Jacque Guernsey	Diocese of Eastern Michigan	<i>Social Action &amp; Education</i>	1999
Claudia Hollinger	Diocese of Eastern Michigan	Community Organizing	2013
Patricia H Schumacher	Diocese of East Tennessee	<i>Appalachia Medical &amp; Social Care</i>	1997
Susan Berman	Diocese of Fond du Lac	<i>Health Care for Elderly</i>	2003
Mary Lou Weiner	Diocese of Idaho	<i>Soup Kitchen and Nutrition</i>	2001
Merle Smith	Diocese of Iowa	Chaplain	2007
Robert V Parker	Diocese of Kansas	<i>Social Service Ministry Leadership</i>	1995
Jim Upton	Diocese of Kansas	Archdeacon	2005
Stephen L. Segebrecht	Diocese of Kansas	<i>Health and Education in Africa</i>	2013
Christine Ross	Diocese of Kootenay	<i>Social Concerns Ministry</i>	1999
Dixon Barr	Diocese of Lexington	<i>Directing Diocesan School for Ministry</i>	1995
Mary Kilbourne-Huey	Diocese of Lexington	<i>Cancer Hospice Director</i>	2001
Elizabeth Belasco	Diocese of Long Island	<i>Outreach and Teaching</i>	2003
Richard Montrose	Diocese of Long Island	<i>Prison/Halfway House</i>	2007
Larry Steele	Diocese of Los Angeles	<i>Mentor and Chaplain</i>	2010
Patricia Hendrickson	Diocese of Los Angeles	<i>People with Special Needs</i>	2013
Charles N deGravelles	Diocese of Louisiana	<i>Prison Ministry</i>	1999
Ormonde Plater	Diocese of Louisiana	<i>Archdeacon—Writer—Historian</i>	2001
Jan Bales	Diocese of Louisiana	<i>Deacon Formation Director</i>	2003
Audrey S Delafield	Diocese of Maine	<i>Hospital Chaplain</i>	1997
Thomas Benson	Diocese of Maine	<i>Chaplain to Deacons &amp; Retired Clergy</i>	2001
H. Jeffrey Ferguson	Diocese of Maine	<i>Congregational &amp; Prison Ministry</i>	2003
Margaret Peggy Day	Diocese of Maine	<i>Outreach, Mentor, Service</i>	2005
Geoffrey Todd Smith	Diocese of Maine	<i>Outreach/Safe Church Trainer</i>	2007
Aaron Perkins	Diocese of Maine	<i>Correction Center Chaplain</i>	2010

Charles "Chick" Carroll	Diocese of Maine		
Br. Ed Munro	Diocese of Maryland	<i>Chaplain Port of Baltimore</i>	1995
Nancy B Foote	Diocese of Maryland	<i>Archdeacon and Deacon Training</i>	1997
Miriam (Mimi) Mathews	Diocese of Maryland	<i>Prison Ministry</i>	2001
Lauren M. Welch	Diocese of Maryland	<i>Advocacy and Urban Ministry</i>	2003
Madeleine Beard	Diocese of Maryland	<i>Public Policy and Justice</i>	2010
Linda Hollis	Diocese of Maryland	<i>Seafarers and Military Families</i>	2013
Ron Tibbetts	Diocese of Massachusetts	<i>The Poor and the Homeless</i>	2005
Pat Zifcak	Diocese of Massachusetts	<i>Diaconal Formation/Ministry with Homeless</i>	2013
Jack Trembath	Diocese of Michigan	<i>Jail Chaplain</i>	1997
Jeffernell Howcott	Diocese of Michigan	<i>Archdeacon</i>	2003
Linda J. MacDonald	Diocese of Michigan	<i>Archdeacon and Outreach</i>	2005
Thalia F. Johnson	Diocese of Michigan	<i>Improving Race Relations</i>	2007
Antoine Linterieur	Diocese of Milwaukee	<i>Chaplain and Patient Advocate</i>	1999
Barbara Ramnaraine	Diocese of Minnesota	<i>Social Action and Advocacy</i>	1997
Evelyn (Lyn) Lawyer	Diocese of Minnesota	<i>Teaching and Elderly</i>	2003
Jan Dougherty	Diocese of Minnesota	<i>Diaconal Formation/Advocate for Justice</i>	2007
Lynne Hough	Diocese of Mississippi	<i>Hospital Chaplain</i>	2005
Maureen May	Diocese of Nebraska	<i>Nursing Home Ministry</i>	1995
Gary A Peterson	Diocese of Nebraska	<i>Small Town Jail Ministry</i>	1997
Colleen Lewis	Diocese of Nebraska	<i>Servant Leadership</i>	1999
Cheryl Harris	Diocese of Nebraska	<i>Servant Ministry</i>	2013
Lionel Starkes	Diocese of Nevada	<i>HIV/AIDS Ministry</i>	1997
Barbara A/ Lewis	Diocese of Nevada	<i>Chaplain &amp; Diocesan Secretary</i>	2007
Michael Margerum	Diocese of Nevada	<i>Community Organizing</i>	2010
Willis D. Ottery, Jr.	Diocese of New Hampshire	<i>Hospital Chaplain</i>	2001
Carol Berry Stoy	Diocese of New Jersey	<i>Crisis and Social Service Ministry</i>	1997
W. Keith McCoy	Diocese of New Jersey	<i>Diaconate Leadership</i>	1999
Tina Mertz	Diocese of New Jersey	<i>Counseling &amp; Crisis Intervention</i>	2001
Johnine V. Bryer	Diocese of New Jersey	<i>Prison Ministry</i>	2007
Teresa A. Saruda	Diocese of New Jersey	<i>Social Justice</i>	2010
Carmen Viola	Diocese of New Jersey	<i>Disaster Relief</i>	2013
David Havard	Diocese of New Westminister	<i>Social Advocacy and Outreach</i>	1997
Christian Cross	Diocese of New Westminister	<i>Modeling Deacon Leadership</i>	1999
John T. Struthers	Diocese of New Westminister	<i>Diaconal Renewal</i>	2003
Tess Meadows	Diocese of New Westminister	<i>Volunteer in Mission</i>	2005
Lizz Lindsay	Diocese of New Westminister	<i>Social Justice and Hospitality</i>	2010
Pittman Potter	Diocese of New Westminister	<i>Ministry with the Homeless</i>	2013
Claudia Wilson	Diocese of New York	<i>Congregational Support</i>	1999
Judith Borzumato	Diocese of New York	<i>Feeding Ministry</i>	2007
Sue Bonsteel	Diocese of New York	<i>Ministry in Jails and Prisons</i>	2013
Jane Rokeby	Diocese of Niagara	<i>Advocacy</i>	2007
Kermit M. Bailey	Diocese of North Carolina	<i>Advocacy for the Disabled</i>	2007
Beth McKee-Huger	Diocese of North Carolina	<i>Community Organizing</i>	2013
Charles Nelson	Diocese of North Dakota	<i>Jail and Prison Ministry</i>	1995
Cindy Long	Diocese of Northern California	<i>Ministry among the Poor</i>	2013
Christine Maki	Diocese of Northern Michigan	<i>Deacon with St. Mark's Crystal Falls</i>	2007
Charl Ann Kapp	Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania	<i>Milk Fund</i>	2007
Marjorie Saulnier	Diocese of Nova Scotia and P.E.I	<i>Community Service Mentor</i>	2010
Mary K Shehane	Diocese of Olympia	<i>University Chaplain</i>	1999
Dennis Taylor	Diocese of Olympia	<i>Parish Nursing</i>	2007
Brent Brentnall	Diocese of Olympia	<i>Community Needs</i>	2010
Brenda C. Berktoed	Diocese of Oregon	<i>Centre for the Diaconate</i>	2007
Judy Ray	Diocese of Pennsylvania	<i>Urban and Children's Ministry</i>	2001
James Ley	Diocese of Pennsylvania	<i>Social Justice Advocacy</i>	2010
D Michael Jackson	Diocese of Qu'Apelle	<i>Liturgical Ministry and Writing</i>	1995
Lorna Baird	Diocese of Quebec	<i>To the Elderly and Sick</i>	2005
Philip B. Fleming	Diocese of Quincey	<i>Disaster Relief</i>	2007
Margaret C F Higbie	Diocese of Rhode Island	<i>Hospital/Institutional Chaplaincy</i>	1995
Eloise S Neilsen	Diocese of Rhode Island	<i>Romanian Orphan Outreach and Hospice</i>	1997
Elizabeth L. Wright	Diocese of Rhode Island	<i>Homeless Women and Children</i>	1999
Jean Barry	Diocese of Rhode Island	<i>Advocacy and Justus for the Homeless</i>	2003
Leroy S. Buck Close	Diocese of Rhode Island	<i>Haitian and Social Justice</i>	2010
Dorothy L. "Ricky" Brightman	Diocese of Rhode Island	<i>Advocate for the Hungry</i>	2013
Lewis Powell	Diocese of Rio Grande	<i>Diaconal Leadership</i>	2007
Thomas Bates	Diocese of Rio Grande	<i>Servant Leadership</i>	2013
Thomas Finn	Diocese of Rochester	<i>Healthy Food Ministry</i>	2013
Rose Moran & Doris Bruguier	Diocese of South Dakota	<i>Pastoral and Social Care</i>	1999
Virginia Bird	Diocese of South Dakota	<i>Hospital Pastoral Care</i>	2007
Arlene Epp Pearsal	Diocese of South Dakota	<i>Servant Leadership</i>	2013
J Segar Gravatt	Diocese of Southern Virginia	<i>Hospital Chaplain and Archdeacon</i>	1997
Anne C. Pugh	Diocese of Southern Virginia	<i>Ministry to the Aging</i>	2003

Becki Dean	Diocese of Southern Virginia	Ministry among the Homeless	2013
Marilyn Sapharas	Diocese of Southwest Florida	<i>Ministry to HIV/AIDS</i>	1995
Jimmie Ruth Hunsinger	Diocese of Southwest Florida	<i>Deacon Administrator</i>	1999
William H Moore Jr	Diocese of Springfield	<i>Archdeacon—Many Ministries</i>	1995
Dolores Nicholson	Diocese of Tennessee	<i>Diaconal Service</i>	2010
Robert C Long MD	Diocese of West Missouri	<i>Health Care and Substance Abuse</i>	1997
Patricia Ticknor	Diocese of West Missouri	<i>Congregational Pastoral Care</i>	2001
Linda S. Yeager	Diocese of West Missouri	<i>Teacher and Chaplain</i>	2007
Gary Waple	Diocese of West Virginia	<i>Cluster Ministry Pastoral and Social Care</i>	1997
Nora Belle May	Diocese of Western Kansas	<i>Spiritual Director and Writer</i>	1997
Judith A. Neiman	Diocese of Western Michigan	<i>Ecumenical Hospice Care</i>	1999
David C Meyers	Diocese of Western Michigan	<i>Outreach and Teacher</i>	2001
Constance F. Tyndall	Diocese of Western Missouri	<i>Spiritual Leadership</i>	2010
Shirley Trail	Diocese of Western New York	<i>Prison and Halfway House Ministry</i>	1995
Bruce Gillies	Diocese of Western New York	<i>Convenor of Deacons</i>	2010
Milton Crisler Greer	Diocese of Western North Carolina	<i>Towel Ministry</i>	2001
David P. Nard	Diocese of Western North Carolina	<i>Chaplain / Archdeacon</i>	2007
Alice Mason	Diocese of Western North Carolina	<i>Women's Jail Ministry</i>	2010
		<i>Women and Children's Housing</i>	

## **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 diakonia 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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