



## Triennial Assembly 2016 - Diakonia: Engaging God's Mission Open Space Notes

### Forming a Community of Deacons

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South Dakota: 15 deacons, 4 retired, geographic challenge  
2 "paid" deacons; AD Stipend \$150/mo plus travel  
Low attendance at Clergy Conference and Diocesan Convention because of schedule and cost  
Using "ZOOM" - problem with etiquette; organized deacons to petition the bishop re: actions  
Formation is 13 consecutive Saturdays

Chicago: ca 90 deacons, about 50 active; Annual Retreat attended by about 30; renewal of vows on  
Sunday evening before clergy conf  
ListServe useful for connecting deacons - Yahoo group  
Annual Retreat  
Restructured the leadership: AD to Committee of Seven  
Deacon's Lunch at Convention  
Deacon presence at funerals of deacons and Deacon spouses

Kootenay: 5 deacons; the deacons prepare the holy oils. Traveling with your bishop. Funds in Budget  
for deacons; Harriet Karabelas

Minnesota: Chip said, ca 60 active deacons, ca 20 retired; formation is done in Fairibault; Commis-  
sion for the Diaconate; geographic and time issues for

Oregon: Carter said, Deacons don't show up for events. Quarterly lunches for all deacons - primarily  
retired deacons. Reception for deacons at Clergy Conference and Diocesan Convention hosted by the  
ADs

El Camino Real: Annual Deacon Day. Deacons Dining.

Social Media platforms.