

**Committee on the Diaconate**  
**Report to the 222<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Convention**

The **School for Deacons** has undergone significant changes over the past several years and continues to evolve as a viable asset to the continuing education process in the Diocese. The **Committee on the Diaconate** has had the challenge of functioning within the evolutionary process as we shepherd aspirants and candidates in their discernment in the formation program.

The **School for Deacons**, with The Rev. Linda Moeller as Director, continues to emphasize formation as the foundation of diaconal study. The Advisory Board assists on focussing school development into a more thorough and comprehensive avenue for ministry study. Members of the Advisory Board include The Reverend Eric Brechner, Chaplain to the School for Deacons; The Reverend Frank Crumbaugh; The Venerable Victoria Cuff, Deacon; The Venerable Dr. John Hanson, Deacon; and The Reverend Helen Orlando, Deacon.

The **Committee on the Diaconate** is responsible for interviewing, identifying and recommending applicants for diaconal study. The Committee works closely with The Reverend Canon Elizabeth Geitz, Canon for Ministry Development, to assure that both the selection process and the preparation of individuals who have expressed a call to diaconal ministry, is thoughtful, intentional and fair.

Deployment of deacons in the diocese is the responsibility of the Venerable Keith McCoy, with input from the other members of the new team of Archdeacons for Deacons, The Venerables Victoria S. Cuff, and Dr. John Hanson.

The Diaconate Class of 2005 was ordained to The Sacred Order of Deacons in June 2005. This class included CIPHER Deavours, Martha Dooley, Catherine Esposito, Carol Gilbert, Donald Krautter and Theodore Moore.

The members of the Class of 2007 are Frank Castellon, Rich Wisnewski, Jim Gowland, Pete Cornell, Sharon Sutton, and Joanna George.

The Committee is involved in the North American Association for the Diaconate which, through publication and conferences, works within the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada to promote the diaconate, educate the church, and support deacons in ministry.

The **Committee on the Diaconate**, co-chaired by The Venerable Victoria Cuff, Archdeacon for Deacons and The Reverend Lynn H. Johnson, Deacon, consists of The Reverend Anna Powell; The Reverend David L. Laquintano; The Reverend Carolsue Cummings, Deacon; The Reverend Tom Sweeney, Deacon; Carroll Wilson, and Sally Runyan.

The Committee extends sincere gratitude and appreciation for the years of service, dedication and effort extended by The Venerable Carol Stoy, Archdeacon for Deacons.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Lynn H. Johnson, Deacon, Co-Chair  
The Venerable Victoria Cuff, Deacon, Co-Chair  
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