

Report of the Committee on the Diaconate to the 223rd Annual Diocesan Convention

The School for Deacons continues to grow and evolve as a viable asset to continuing education in the Diocese under the leadership of the Rev. Linda Moeller, director. The venerable Victoria Cuff, archdeacon for discernment is the liason between the School for Deacons and the COD.

The Committee on the Diaconate is responsible for interviewing, identifying and recommending applicants to the School for Deacons. It also continues to shepherd students in the school through the ordination process. The Committee works closely with the Rev. Elizabeth Geitz, Canon for Ministry Development, to assure that the discernment, selection process and preparation of those who have expressed a call to the diaconate is thoughtful, intentional and fair.

The Archdeacons have oversight for deacons in the Diocese, which is divided into 3 areas for that purpose. In addition the archdeacons have responsibility in 3 special areas. The Venerable Keith McCoy is Archdeacon for Deployment in the diocese. The Venerable John Hanson is Archdeacon for Pastoral Care and the Venerable Victoria Cuff is Archdeacon for Discernment. The Archdeacons report directly to the Bishop.

Members of the class of 2007 in the School for Deacons are Frank Castellon, Richard Wisnewski, James Gowland, Peter Cornell, Sharon Sutton and Joanna George. They are all currently candidates for ordination.

Members of the class of 2009 are rose Broderick, Susan Cushinotto, Judith Krom, Christopher Cox, David Lawson-Beck, Joseph Sweeney, and Carmen Viola.

The COD 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, to educate the church about the diaconate, and to support deacons in ministry.

The Committee on the Diaconate, co-chaired by the Rev. Lynn H. Johnson, Dcn and the Ven. Victoria cuff consists of the Rev. Anna Powell, the Rev. David L. LaQuintano, the Rev. Carolsue Cummings, Dcn., the Rev. Tom Sweeny, Dcn., Mr. Carroll Wilson, Mr. Cedric Richardson.

Respectfully submitted,

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