

Committee on the Diaconate Report to the 225th 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 liaison 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 and for deacons in the Diocese in three 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.

Candidates in 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, Dcn. consists of the Rev. Anna Powell, the Rev. David L. LaQuintano, The Rev. Debra Brewin-Wilson, the Rev. William Parker, the Rev. Carolsue Cummings, Dcn., the Rev. Tom Sweeny, Dcn., the Rev. Emily Holman, Dcn, the Rev. Catherine Esposito, Dcn., Mr. Carroll Wilson, Mr. Cedric Richardson. Ms. Nancy Miller, Ms. Nancy Metcalf.

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