



**Mini Workshop  
Be a Participant with Partners**

***Ministry on the Margins - March 2011***

John 20:21 says, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” We are a sent people, on mission with God to help bring transformation and reconciliation to this world. As Jesus is an example of going to meet with people to bring God’s healing and grace to them, so we, as a church must be sent into our communities to do the very same.

Let the following exercise be a catalyst for your diaconate to re-imagine the ministries of your church!

1. Consider the programs and ministries that your church offers. List them and reflect on the ways that each of them is having a positive impact in the broader community.
2. Read the final report from Immanuel CRC in Hamilton found at [www.diaconalministries.com/communityministry/documents/HamiltonImmanuelCOS.pdf](http://www.diaconalministries.com/communityministry/documents/HamiltonImmanuelCOS.pdf) and discuss the impact that a COS may have on your church’s ministries.
3. Review the list of Operation Manna Partners (found in the Operation Manna Campaign materials that will come to your church in March), and connect with Diaconal Ministries staff to find out ways to learn from and network with these exciting ministries.

**Other possible activities:**

- A.** Visit the website [www.diaconalministries.com](http://www.diaconalministries.com) for many diaconal resources.
- B.** Contact the Diaconal Ministry Developer in your classis to serve and support your church’s diaconal ministry. Enjoy various workshops to become equipped in ministry.
- C.** Share with each other stories of transformation within your community. For other stories of transformation, check them out on Diaconal Ministries Canada’s website at [www.diaconalministries.com/communityministry/cts.htm](http://www.diaconalministries.com/communityministry/cts.htm)

Diaconal Ministries Canada is your resource!

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