



DIACONAL  
MINISTRIES  
CANADA

## Mini Workshop

### **Be a Participant with Partners** **The privilege of ministry September 2010**

“When a person is called into ministry, it is because the Holy Spirit has given a nudge in a particular direction. Even when we feel hesitant, unqualified or unsure, the Spirit will peel back those layers of hesitation to expose and energize the gifts that were given to us and meant for service, gifts to be used for the benefit of others.” Henry Bosch, Diaconal Ministries Canada staff

*Let the following exercise be the catalyst for your diaconate  
to become excited, encouraged and equipped for diaconal ministry!*

1. **Consider** and share your initial response to your calling in diaconal ministry! Name potential ways to experience “*the privilege of ministry*” by all participants around your diaconal table. (10 min)
2. Read the article on the Partners’ second page titled “*Let this year of ministry be one that invites, informs, includes and involves*”. **Discuss** with each other how “the privileges of ministry” may be shared on a regular basis at diaconal meetings. Choose **1 or 2 ways** to become more equipped and informed for ministry during this upcoming year. (10 min)
3. As a diaconate, share with your church family various opportunities to become involved in ministry. **Resolve** to multiply the ministry of your church by seeking out and supporting the varied gifts and passions within God’s people for diaconal ministry. (10 min)

#### ***Develop your passion and skills in diaconal ministry by:***

- A.** Encouraging all deacons to visit the website [www.diaconalministries.com](http://www.diaconalministries.com) for many “how-to” resources.
- B.** Contacting 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.** Participate in an equipping event in your area such as a workshop led by a Diaconal Ministry Developer, a Day of Encouragement or invite a speaker from a local community ministry to share possibilities of participation.

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