



10-Minute Workshop

Stories of Faith - September 2011

Hebrews 11 is a book that reflects on 'faith in action'. When reading this scripture passage you can place the names of deacons, past and present, in line with God's leaders of faith. "By faith," deacons respond with care and compassion in situations that are unknown, uncomfortable, or layered with pain. "By faith," deacons address injustices, carry the burdens of others, and offer themselves to the ministry of mercy despite how hard the road may be.

Let the following exercise be a catalyst for your diaconate to celebrate the work God has called you to as deacons!

1. Consider and list the activities of your diaconate. Reflect on the activities that have given life to you as a deacon and to you as a team of deacons. How has God used you to care for others – how have you been blessed, and how have those you have ministered to been blessed?
2. Read through the materials found in the "encouraging justice" section of DMC's website (<http://www.diaconalministries.com/justice/index.html>) and discuss how you might shape your ministry to encourage justice.

Other possible activities:

- A.** Visit the website 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.** Attend a Day of Encouragement near you to be equipped for ministry and participate in your local Diaconal Conference to learn from other deacons and to share stories.

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