



## **Diaconal Ministries Canada Mini Workshop**

### **Be a Participant with Partners Transitions: going out, coming in... June 2009**

Therefore, being “full of the Spirit and wisdom” (Acts 6: 2), let your heart be moved to compassion for the poor, stand up for those who cannot stand, and give voice to those whose voice is seldom heard. Let your service include genuine encouragement and frequent kneeling on the promises of God. Through your love-in-action, may His grace and mercy become known.

*Let the following exercise be the catalyst for your deacons and elders to implement ways to transition effectively into the role of their ministry!*

1. **Recall** ways and occasions in your serving opportunities when there was vibrancy, passion and real engagement by the participants in the ministry. What might prevent your deacons/your elders to be vibrant, eager and effective at this time?  
(10 min)
2. Read the lead article on the Partners issue titled “Transitions: going out and coming in...” and the support article on page 2 titled “Mentors aid transitions”. Divide into groups (if needed) so that all may **participate**. **Determine** next steps that you will take as a group to become equipped for the ministry to which you have been called i.e. learning exercises using available printed materials, workshops, peer learning, mentors.  
(10 min)
3. Note the article on page 2 “God of compassion, God of justice”. Within the article, note the people groups who continue to experience many injustices, restrictions and limited resources in our communities. As deacons and elders, identify a people group and **resolve** to take some next steps to be engaged in an advocacy opportunity.  
(10 min)

***Continue to develop your passion and skills in diaconal ministry:***

- 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.** See this site [www.diaconalministries.com/diaconalministry/justice.htm](http://www.diaconalministries.com/diaconalministry/justice.htm) to become informed about the various people groups who require our involvement in justice. Identify ministry opportunities and advocacy opportunities for your church.

Diaconal Ministries Canada is **your** resource!

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