



DIACONAL
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Mini Workshop

Be a Participant with Partners **DMC is what?... and for whom? December 2009**

In your church ministry, particularly in the life and leadership of deacons, we hope that DMC becomes a very visible and familiar acronym. May it become so recognizable that its initials become 'synonymous' with support, a catalyst, encouragement and empowerment. The people connected to Diaconal Ministries Canada (DMC) have a profound desire and commitment to serve the church of Jesus Christ and in effect, the church may become a transforming presence of the hope of Jesus Christ in their communities.

Let the following exercise be the catalyst for your diaconate to become passionate and equipped in meaningful ministry!

1. **Consider** some obstacles and/or current barriers to meaningful ministry. Identify one ministry area in which you as deacons will seek out resources to share with others so that the diaconate may become better equipped and more prepared for ministry. (10 min)
2. Read the article on the Partners' second page titled "*Diaconal Ministry Developers*". **Discuss** a ministry area in which your diaconate would be assisted by an experienced and equipped Diaconal Ministry Developer. (10 min)
3. Identify a marginalized/vulnerable people group in your community from the eight listed in the Justice area on the website (under Diaconal Ministry). As a diaconate, name one group of vulnerable people in your community. **Resolve** to take one ministry opportunity and one advocacy opportunity. (See website for suggestions!) (10 min)

Develop your passion and skills in diaconal ministry by:

- A.** Encouraging all deacons to visit the website 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.** Sharing with your congregation Ministry and Advocacy opportunities related to vulnerable people groups: www.diaconalministries.com/diaconalministry/justice.

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