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Mini Workshop

Be a Participant with Partners **Re-imagine the image of your church April 2009**

John's vision in Revelations 7:9 of all nations and tribes gathered around the throne of God, must emerge through Christ's body during this present age. Indeed as Jesus modeled room for all in the sphere of his relationships – His body, the church can do no less.

*Let the following exercise be the catalyst for your diaconate
to re-imagine the image of your church family!*

1. **Consider** evidence of Canada's changing demography in your community. Name some external challenges to the embrace of peoples from other "nations and tribes" in your church community. (10 min)
2. Read the lead article on the Partners issue titled "Re-imagine the image of your church". Divide into groups (if needed) so that all may **participate**. **Discuss** internal constraints to being a "neighbour" to those of diverse socio-economic, religious and cultural backgrounds. (10 min)
3. Note the article by Rob Datema and the book "The Multicultural Leader" on the second page of the Partners. Look at the lists of challenges and constraints that you have noted in #1 and #2 above. As a diaconate, identify and **resolve** to take some next steps to be a catalyst within the church to address some of the items on your lists. (10 min)

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