



Mini Workshop

Be a Participant with Partners “Give us today our daily bread” March 2008

When we pray “give us today our daily bread” we are reminded that God faithfully provides for our day-to-day needs. Through your support for Operation Manna, churches and para-church organizations across Canada are testifying to God’s love and provision by responding to needs in their communities.

Let the following exercise be the catalyst for your diaconate to enhance its involvement in community ministry!

- 1. Consider** and share a time when you felt all your resources (perhaps financial, emotional or physical) were exhausted. How did God provide “enough for today” in that situation? How has God used your diaconate to respond to someone in a similar situation? (10 min)

- 2. Review** the article “Possibilities and potential for a new café.” Identify a ministry currently supported by your diaconate, and discuss how God might be calling your church to become involved in ways that expand the reach of this ministry. Invite someone from that ministry to a future deacons’ meeting and discuss opportunities for enhancing your partnership. (10 min)

- 3. Resolve** to review the Operation Manna offering resources when they arrive in early April. Pray together for the 20 ministries that are responding with the love of Christ to people hungry for meaning and direction in their lives. DMC encourages your diaconate to hold an offering for Operation Manna in May (or within the coming year). (10 min)

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- A.** Visit the website www.diaconalministries.com for resources.
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