



DIACONAL  
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## Mini Workshop

### **Be a Participant with Partners** **Reaching Out in a New Direction March 2010**

***Prompt us to seize new opportunities to worship God with offerings of wealth, time, and ability.*** This phrase from the “Form for the Ordination of Deacons” is a direct request made by the congregation to each deacon, “Prompt us. Remind us. Show us how we can worship God with everything that we have!”

*Let the following exercise be the catalyst for your diaconate to examine how God may be calling your diaconate and church to reach out in a new direction.*

1. **Consider** when you first became a deacon and heard the expectations outlined in the Form for Ordination. Share what the phrase in bold above (“prompt us...”) meant to you when you heard it the first time. How have you and your diaconate responded to this calling in different ways over time? (10 min)
2. How is your diaconate and members of your church already caring for and loving people experiencing difficult circumstances? **Discuss** how your diaconate could extend those programs in new ways to reach out to people in need in your local community. (10 min)
3. Read the article on the Partners’ second page titled “Seizing New Opportunities”. There are various ways in which your diaconate might currently identify new ministry opportunities. The article outlines three DMC resources that may be of help to your diaconate.

**Resolve** to gather more information about one of these three resources. Diaconal Ministries Canada staff and Diaconal Ministry Developers are available, if needed, to help you put these resources to use. (10 min)

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

- A. Visit our website [www.diaconalministries.com](http://www.diaconalministries.com) for many, varied resources to be equipped in diaconal ministry.
- B. For more resources on ways to involve your church members in ministry, check our denomination’s resources from Faith Alive at [www.faithaliveresources.org](http://www.faithaliveresources.org).
- C. 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.

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