

Diaconal Ministry Developer

Diaconal Ministry Developers are individuals with a passion for diaconal ministry who serve the diaconates of their particular classis. The DMDs provide support, encouragement and training to the diaconates and also offer support to the local diaconal conference. *The DMD works alongside the staff of Diaconal Ministries Canada.*

A Diaconal Ministry Developer partners with a diaconate to:

a) Equip deacons by

- training deacons in their roles and diaconal ministry opportunities in churches and communities,
- assisting diaconates to carry out their mission by setting goals and developing gift-based ministry, and
- support, encouragement and sharing helpful resources in/for diaconal ministry.

b) Stimulate and strengthen community ministry by

- encouraging deacons and churches to participate in community ministry
- exploring opportunities for community ministry through a Community Opportunity Scan.

c) Develop diaconal ministry in partnership with:

- CRWRC** to increase the involvement of diaconates/churches with refugee sponsorship. Contact: **Rose Dekker**
- Office of Social Justice** to heighten education for advocacy ministry *for* and *with* voiceless ones in the local community. Contact: **Karen Bokma**
- Christian Stewardship Services** to inspire faithful stewardship of time, talents, treasures and trees. Contact: **Rick DeGraaf**
- Christian Reformed Home Missions** to develop visionary leaders / churches that seek to become more missional.
Contact: **Martin Contant in west, Ben Vandezande in east**

Diaconal Ministry Developers in your **Classis** are: