

Justice and Stewardship

Justice

Seeking justice involves asking the deeper question about “why” some of our vulnerable neighbours suffer injustice, and then pursuing an answer which includes the structures (organizations, governments, etc) of society and how they too can perpetuate the injustice. As we begin to find answers, we create awareness of injustices and speak out for justice through advocacy.

When deacons are installed in the church they are called, in Christ’s name, to both “relieve victims of injustice” and “be prophetic critics of the waste, injustice, and selfishness in our society.” Since they often walk closely with those who experience injustices, deacons have a special opportunity and responsibility to, not only respond directly to immediate needs with compassion, but also to promote awareness of injustice and engage in advocacy for justice.

Diaconal Ministries Canada is committed to sharing, with the church, ways of living the biblical call to justice and to mobilize for advocacy. While justice often requires impartiality, there are times when God calls us to partiality, to live out a special concern for the vulnerable people groups in our country. We have identified 8 people groups, on our website www.diaconalministries.com, who we believe are vulnerable to injustices in Canadian communities:

Aboriginal people	Immigrants
People who are homeless	One parent families
People experiencing mental illness	Working poor
People living with disabilities	Refugees

For more information, view www.crcjustice.org.

Stewardship

"*Inspiring Faithful Stewardship*" is a key part of the deacon's charge. Stewardship has to do with the special steward/manager relationship we have with God - the master Creator. It involves our time, our talents (skill/abilities), our treasure (money/material wealth) and our trees (creation/environment).

Diaconal Ministries Canada partners with [Christian Stewardship Services \(CSS\) Education](#). Contact them for presentations and resources that will inspire your congregation to become better managers and very generous givers of all the gifts of God.