

Social Justice and Stewardship

Social Justice

Part of the deacons' role is to be advocates *for* and *with* the voiceless ones in their own local communities. Deacons and church members alike need to be encouraged to build one-on-one relationships with those who are disadvantaged, who experience injustice and who have special needs. Walking with others in difficult circumstances presents opportunities for growth in understanding and compassion.

Deacons can start a congregational social justice group, designate a social justice deacon or join in the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) network. The Office of Social Justice is a resource and partner with Diaconal Ministries Canada in this work.

For more information view www.crcjustice.org or contact Karen Bokma, the Social Justice Coordinator in Canada at bokmak@crcna.ca

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 Rick DeGraaf at [Christian Stewardship Services \(CSS\) Education](#). Contact him for advice, presentations and resources that will inspire your congregation to become better managers and very generous givers of all the gifts of God.