

## Classis Diaconal Conference

**A diaconal conference/committee (*titled this in some classes*):**

- Is a gathering of deacons representing the different diaconates within a classis to promote the ministry of deacons.
- Is a gathering whose primary goals are:
  - mutual encouragement & prayer,
  - mutual sharing by deacons about their ministry,
  - opportunities for learning and training,
  - and identification of ministry opportunities in the community.

The following are additional activities often carried out by a conference / committee:

1. Provide assistance for community ministries, especially those supported by Operation Manna.
2. Host events to encourage and equip ministry leaders of the church.
3. Link with CRWRC to promote development work overseas.
4. Encourage volunteer work through ServiceLink.
5. Communicate and report to classis.
6. Promote refugee ministry with CRWRC.
7. Promote stewardship with Christian Stewardship Services.
8. Promote justice opportunities.

The diaconal conference (or committee) representative of your church is (it will likely be one of your church's deacons):