

## Diaconal website

[www.diaconalministries.com](http://www.diaconalministries.com)

*This website has resources such as:*      devotions                      refugee sponsorship  
justice opportunities                      assistance for your church “to excel in the grace of giving”  
best practices to organize a day of encouragement                      advocacy                      mini-workshops  
community ministry opportunities                      offering as a time of worship                      book lists

### **Diaconal Ministries Canada: vision statement**

Transforming Communities in Christ: anchored in II Corinthians 5:17-20

*“Therefore, if anyone be in Christ, there is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore, Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”*

Where there is reconciliation in Christ, there is transformation. Paul describes how God has reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, and urges every community of believers to participate in the task of reconciliation.

#### **Goals:**

***Community Ministry:*** Encourage diaconal ministry, in Christ’s name, in the local community.

***Education/Training:*** Stimulate vision for ministry and provide encouragement and opportunities for skill development in diaconal ministry.

***Justice/Advocacy:*** Encourage deacons to be advocates *for* and *with* marginalized people in their local communities.

***Partnership:*** Develop and grow partnerships that strengthen diaconal work.

***Promotion/Communication:*** Share its vision, resources and services, with diaconates, churches and partner groups.