

What's involved...

According to the Book of Common Prayer, deacons are “to interpret to the church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world.”

The Whitaker School of Theology is committed to educating, equipping and empowering deacons to do the ministry of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Michigan.

A uniquely designed Deacon Formation Program has been developed in response to the canons of the National Church and from a growing clarification in the church's understanding of who a deacon is and what a deacon does.

The intense, three year program will include integrated classes on such topics as Theology, Church History, Anglicanism, Scripture, Ethics, Book of Common Prayer, Homiletics, Spirituality as well as practical field education. In a Field Education Practicum, a candidate will experience the life of a deacon first hand while being mentored by several qualified faculty members.

Faculty

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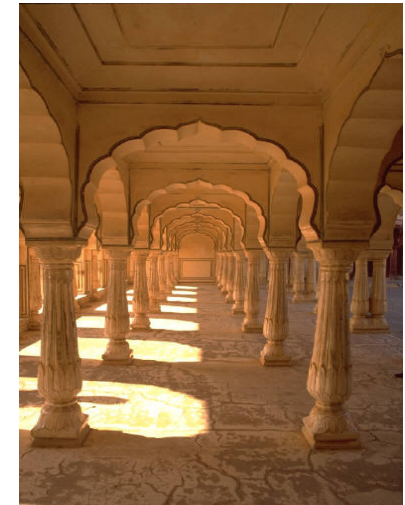
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WHAT IS A DEACON?

Deacon Formation Program

Education for the Diaconate



Providing new pathways to education



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Three Year Curriculum

2009-2010

Theology	(8)
Scripture: <i>Hebrew Scriptures</i>	(12)
Role of Deacon	(2)
*Proclaiming the Word I: <i>Homiletics for Deacons</i>	(4)
Spirituality	(2)
Church History	(8)
Theory & Practice of Ministry	(2)
Total CEUs	38

2010-2011

Moral Theology & Ethics	(8)
Scripture: <i>New Testament</i>	(12)
Personality and Human Relations (PRH)	(8)
Claiming the Prophetic Voice of the Deacon	(2)
Faithful Living: Discerning a Rule of Life	(4)
Contemporary and Social Issues	(4)
Total CEUs	38

2011-2012

Anglican Studies	(4)
Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal	(10)
Scripture: <i>Exegesis</i>	(12)
History & Tradition of the Diaconate	(2)
Servant Leadership & Spirituality	(2)
Theory & Practice of Ministry	(4)
Contemporary and Social Issues	(4)
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What is a deacon?

Deacons are living icons of servant ministry. While we all vow at our baptism to seek and serve Christ, Deacons take on the special mantle of being servants to all God's people.

They are the bridge builders between the needs of the world and the Gospel message proclaimed by the Church.

Deacons are an essential element in keeping the Church connected and accountable to living a Gospel mission.

*-The Rt. Rev'd Wendell N Gibbs, Jr.
10th Bishop of Michigan*

Other Requirements...

- ◆ The Annual Opening Retreat
 - ◆ Ministry Retreat January 8-10, 2009
 - ◆ The Becoming the Household of God Conference
 - ◆ Field Placements during postulancy and candidacy
 - ◆ Monthly Peer Group sessions
 - ◆ Monthly individual meeting with Spiritual Director
 - ◆ Monthly meeting with Mentor
 - ◆ Eliminate Racism and Prevention Trainings
 - ◆ Worldviews Workshop in coordination with U of M in June for those who are approaching ordination or within two years of ordination
 - ◆ Year End Review with Peer Facilitator, Mentor and Whitaker Coordinator
 - ◆ One Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) unit during postulancy
 - ◆ Involvement in Outreach Ministry
 - ◆ Attendance at the Whitaker Year End Celebration
- * **The Proclaiming the Word**, a unique preaching workshop specifically for Deacons.
- *** Each session of 3.0 hours constitutes one Continuing Education Unit (CEU).