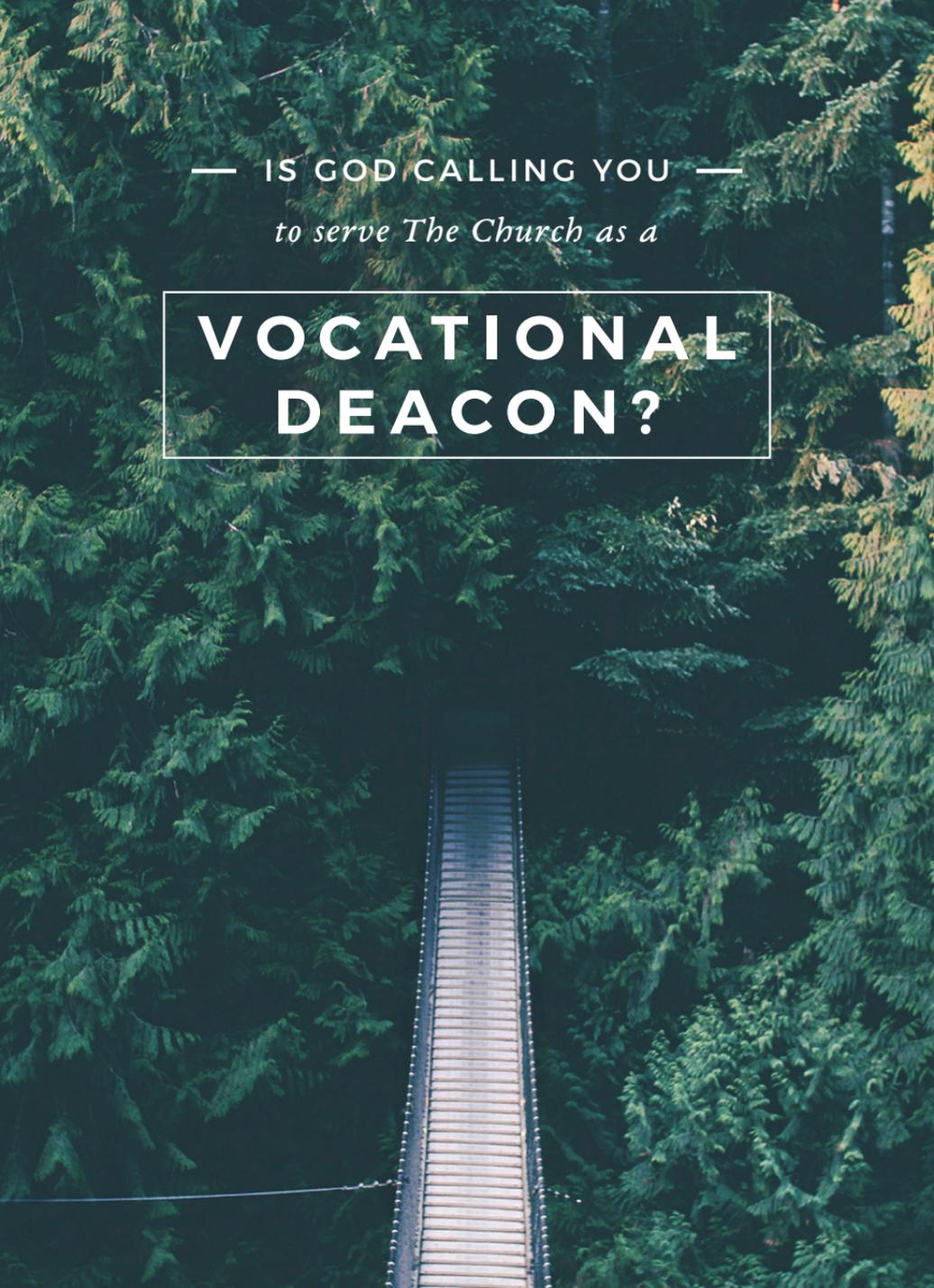


— IS GOD CALLING YOU —

*to serve The Church as a*

# VOCATIONAL DEACON?



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“For even the Son of Man  
came not to be served but to  
serve, and to give his life as  
a ransom for many.”

*ESV Mark 10: 45*

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## The Vocational Diaconate

The Anglican Church in North America ACNA, with the Diocese of Anglican Network in Canada ANiC, affirms the Anglican threefold pastoral ministry of Bishop, Presbyter and Deacon, and recognizes the importance of the Vocational Diaconate as an essential and historic ministry of the Church. [ACNA Constitution and Canons 2019 Title III.Canon 1.Section 1 and Canon 3.Section 3-1]

In view of the dire need of evangelistic outreach and disciple making in the much secularized and pluralistic North American culture, the Asian and Multicultural Ministries in Canada AMMiC, a ministry of ANiC, takes a step forward with strong resolve to deploy a more diverse team of labourers for God’s Kingdom harvest. With the blessing from our Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Charles Masters, we now launch a discernment process to ordain non-stipend permanent deacons to serve in AMMiC churches. We thus invite you to prayerfully consider God’s call to the vocational diaconate.

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## MODELED AFTER CHRIST THE SERVANT

Ordained deacons assist bishops and presbyters in the ministry of Liturgy, Word and Charity. Non-stipend Vocational Deacons assist the rector/priest-in-charge and serve in diverse roles in their home church community, such as pastoral care to specific people group, teaching the catechumen, or assisting in parish ministry. Details of any assignment have to be discerned in consideration of the deacon's gifts and passion, and to be mutually agreed with the rector/priest-in-charge. Other Non-stipend Vocational Deacons may assist the Area Bishop in AMMiC ministry projects.





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## QUALITIES OF A DEACON

### ACTS 6:1-7

Be of good repute, full of faith, full of the Holy Spirit, and full of wisdom.

### 1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13

Must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain.

Must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.

Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households.

*Spirituality and holy living are expected of both male and female deacons.*

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# EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

## REQUIRED COURSES:

1. Survey of Scripture
2. To Be A Christian: An Anglican Catechism (ACNA Approved Edition 2020)
3. Spiritual Formation
4. Survey of Church History

## ONE COMPULSORY COURSE FROM THE LIST

1. History and Theology of the Diaconate OR Equivalent
2. Anglicanism and Liturgy OR Equivalent
3. Face-Shame culture and its implications for ministry and personal growth
4. Anglican Faith in the 39 Articles

## MENTORING:

Mentoring by a recognized Spiritual Director is required.

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*Course exemptions can be granted if the candidate has taken the same subject matter or its equivalent in a qualified theological institute as approved by rector/priest-in-charge and AMMiC Area Bishop.*

*Details can be found in "Formation of a school for lay leadership training and vocational diaconate in AMMiC" available on the AMMiC website ([www.ammic.ca/vocational-deacon/](http://www.ammic.ca/vocational-deacon/)) or email to [connect@ammic.ca](mailto:connect@ammic.ca).*

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## Respond and Discern

- Talk to the rector/priest-in-charge of your home parish/church plant first, and together prayerfully discern the calling.
- Fulfil the education requirement for ordained permanent diaconate.
- Officially submit an application for Vocational Diaconate to the rector/priest-in-charge and AMMiC Area Bishop.

The candidate will go through an AMMiC Discernment of Vocation Event DOVE and a retreat. God willing, the successful candidate will be ordained and licensed to serve in his/her home parish/church plant.

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