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# Deacon Training Manual

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A collection of biblical and practical essays written by seasoned churchmen drawing upon a wealth of leadership knowledge, experience, and wisdom. Study questions for each essay.

*Paul's Vision for the Deacons We Believe in You Pub*  
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The Deacon I Want to Be  
Review and Herald Pub Assoc  
This book is designed to assist  
the Trustee's Ministry in its role  
and duties in the local church.  
Deacons in Today's  
Black Baptist Church  
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Southern Baptist Convention adopted its Bold New Thrusts in Foreign Missions with the overarching goal of sharing the gospel with every person in the world by the year 2000. The formation of Cooperative Services International (CSI) in 1985 and the assigning of the first non-residential missionary (NRM) in 1987 demonstrated Foreign Mission Board's (now International Mission Board) commitment to take the gospel message to countries that restricted traditional missionary presence and to people groups identified as having little or no access to the gospel.

Carlton traces the historical development along with an analysis of the key components of the paradigm and its significant impact on Southern Baptists' missiology. Dr. Carlton has produced an outstanding, one-of-a-kind work addressing the influence of the non-residential missionary/strategy coordinator's role in Southern Baptist missions. This well written, scholarly text examines the twentieth century global missiological currents that influenced the leadership of the International Mission Board, resulting in a new paradigm to assist in taking the

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gospel to the nations. Dr. Carlton writes as both a missiologist and a missionary. This work reveals the keen eye of a scholar, but also the heart of a practitioner who desires to see the multiplication of disciples, leaders, and churches across the globe. This text is a must-read for anyone longing to know more about the recent history of the International Mission Board and the theology and missiology behind the SC role and church planting movements." J. D. Payne, National Missionary, North American Mission Board and Assistant Professor of Church Planting and

Evangelism, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. "I have enjoyed friendship and partnership in the gospel with Bruce Carlton in different capacities. When I served as the Strategy Coordinator for a South Asian city Bruce was my supervisor. He helped me understand what I was trying to do and how I should be doing it. Since my return to pastoral ministry in America, Bruce has been a missiological dialogue partner. In both capacities Bruce has been a "flame stoker"--fanning the flames of commitment to "make disciples of all nations." I'm glad that Bruce has taken on the task of

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explaining and evaluating the development of the Nonresidential Missionary (NRM) and Strategy Coordinator (SC) paradigms. He writes from three important perspectives. Bruce writes as an insider. In Cambodia Bruce was a practitioner of what has developed into the SC approach. His work was at the wellspring of hundreds of reproducing churches. After leaving Cambodia, Bruce taught and mentored many men and women in methodologies for planting reproducing churches. Bruce has lived through the development of these paradigms as an effective practitioner. Bruce writes as an insightful researcher. He asks important questions about the NRM, SC, and Church Planting Movement paradigms and searches for honest answers. Finally, Bruce writes as a respecifier of the relational character of missions. On the front lines of gospel advance the Spirit mediates the word through people. Grand strategies and paradigms also develop within relational contexts. From these three perspectives Bruce helps us understand why the paradigms have developed as they have and equips us to ask key questions as we look

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forward." " E. Coye Still, III, PhD R. Bruce Carlton served in Asia from 1986 to 2007 as a church planter, Strategy Coordinator and trainer in areas and among peoples with little or no access to the gospel. He is the author of Acts 29: Practical Training for Facilitating Church-Planting Movements Among the Neglected Harvest Fields, a manual for training Strategy Coordinators that has been translated into seventeen different languages. Presently, Carlton serves as the Associate Professor of Missions at Boyce College, a school of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

in Louisville, Kentucky, USA.

Servants in Charge B&H Publishing Group

What does it mean to be a deacon in the black Baptist church today? What personal qualities should a candidate for deacon possess? What does the ministry entail? What relationship should exist between the pastor and deacons? What does Scripture say about the origins of the office of the deacon? How has the historical context of being black and Baptist in American influenced the evolution of that office? How do we fulfill the scriptural purposes of a deacon ministry in our local black Baptist churches today? Rev. Dr. Marvin McMickle explores these issues and more in this practical resource for today's church leaders.

Deacons B & H Books

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**Basic Norms for the Formation of Permanent Deacons [and] Directory for the Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons**

Crossway

Instructional Manual for the training of individuals for the office of a Deacon

**Training Leaders for Service**

Createspace Independent Pub

A Bible study that helps current and prospective deacons grow spiritually and serve faithfully in the local church. Sessions look at the deacon and his worthiness, his work, his wife, his worship, and his witness.

**Diakonia** Herald Press

Who Do Deacons Need to Be?

What Do Deacons Need to

Know? What Do Deacons Need

to Do? These three questions

form the basis for Exemplars:

Deacons as Servant and Spiritual

Leaders. They are designed to

encourage robust conversation

within diaconates as well as

between deacons, clergy, and

other laity. All of us grow

spiritually as we listen and speak

to one another with open minds

and loving hearts. For deacons to reach their full potential as spiritual leaders, thoughtful and prayerful conversation must happen. This workbook was born from years of pastoral experience and a growing conviction that congregational renewal must include lay renewal. Nearly every Baptist church has a diaconate, so it seems reasonable that if lay renewal is to happen, it must include deacon renewal.

Exemplars can be helpful as a study guide for an individual deacon or in a small group or retreat setting where deacons study together, hold one another accountable, and offer support for one another as they seek to be exemplars of Christ and servants of Christ's church.

**Agape Family Fellowship**

**International**

**Deacon/Deaconess Training**

**Manual** B&H Books

Indifference toward deacon development places the church in a precarious state. By and large, congregations stand to be weakened by deacons who have not discovered the

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exciting possibilities of the office. When pastor and congregation disregard the need to have trained deacons, the office is allowed to recede into one of mere honor rather than service established in Christ. On the other hand, trained deacons or those in training discover exciting opportunities with which the office of deacons is filled. They come to perceive the office as one of service rather than honor. The church is strengthened exceedingly by their effective and efficient leadership under the sight of the pastor. Unquestionable, God is looking for a special breed of deacons—a New Testament breed who are Spirit-filled and qualified. To say that deacons are qualified is to say also that they are trained for the work of deacons.

**The Baptist Deacon** Lewis & Roth Publishers

Deacons serve God's people and God's church in so many ways.

They assess needs, promote stewardship and hospitality, collect and disburse resources, confront injustice, and develop programs of assistance. Whether you're a seasoned deacon or someone who's new to church leadership, this handbook will help you perform your duties with efficiency and compassion in a way that shows the love of God to those around you. The Deacon's Handbook is a book every deacon should own and use.

*Made, Known, Loved*

Oxford University Press on Demand

This is the first comprehensive study of the Greek word "diakonia," from which the word "deacon" is derived.

Diakonia and its cognates appear frequently throughout the New Testament, but its precise meaning has long been disputed. Today, it is usually translated "service" or "ministry." As Collins

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shows, this understanding of diakonia has been important to the development of a modern consensus about the nature of Christian ministry. Based on the understanding that diakonia is "service" and that the diakonos (deacon) is a "servant," nearly all Christian bodies today agree that the central idea of ministry is that of helping the needy, and that the "servant" church should be humbly devoted to helping the world, after the model of Jesus. Collins conducts an exhaustive study of diakonia in Christian and non-Christian sources from about 200 BCE to 200 CE. He finds that in all such sources the word is used to mean "messenger" or "emissary," and has no implications of humility or of helping the needy. This discovery undermines much of the

theological discussion of ministry that has taken place over the past fifty years.

**Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual.** P & R Publishing

Training manual for deacons  
**Biblical Principles of Sex**  
USCCB Publishing

Through the debates about the inclusion of LGBTQ people in the life of the church, one overlooked community is LGBTQ youth. *Made, Known, Loved: Developing LGBTQ-Inclusive Youth Ministry* builds on experience and wisdom cultivated through The Naming Project, a ministry created at the intersection of youth, faith, and LGBTQ identity. Formed at a time when the overlap of such categories was unthinkable, The Naming Project provides a place where youth of all sexual orientations and gender identities can be safe and affirmed in their identity and faith. Because of that foundational work, other pastors and youth ministers often reach out to leaders of The Naming Project with their



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questions about LGBTQ-inclusive youth ministry. Made, Known, Loved provides the guidance these leaders have been asking for. The book first helps congregation leaders and parents examine the values of the congregation and youth group. It focuses on keeping young people, including LGBTQ youth, safe and helping them feel respected and see themselves as beloved children of God. The book also provides a how-to manual for LGBTQ-inclusive youth ministry, sharing the best procedures and practices from the fifteen-plus years of The Naming Project's ministry, including its ongoing summer camp. Made, Known, Loved shows congregations how to create a program that affirms LGBTQ youth in their faith and their identity, accepts and welcomes diverse sexual orientations and gender identities, and equips future leaders for the church and the LGBTQ community.

*The Deacon's Handbook* Lifeway Church Resources

Elders or deacons have a vital calling and function in building

strong congregations. But they need clear guidelines and training to be effective. This manual provides practical instruction to help pastors and congregational leaders bring clarity and purpose to this key role. Every session in Training Ministry Teams reflects on Jesus' method of training leaders. In "Sent Out with Instructions" lay leaders will learn what they need to minister as deacons and elders. An "As You Go" section contains group assignments designed to move participants to act.

*Who Rules the Church?*  
Fortress Press

It is wonderful to be saved!  
Praise to God for His unspeakable gift. It is a wonder God doesn't take us straight to heaven at the moment of our salvation. He loves us so much and has paid such a price for our salvation that you would think that He would want us to be with Him immediately. But God doesn't do that. He

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leaves us here to serve.

### **My Role As a Church**

**Trustee** Moody Publishers

This book speaks to the responsibilities of deacons who operate under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, but are subject to the pastor. "The Pentecostal Deacon" will be a one-of-a-kind book in your library. No other book speaks to the unique calling of spirit-filled deacons and deaconesses, nor details the multiplicity of ways pastors can use them in accordance to Biblical teachings. In addition, no single volume of work can better prepare deacons for their role as a servant, while confirming the pastoral role in the selection, training and support of these mighty warriors of God. No longer do Pentecostal, Holiness, Charismatic, and other Pastor-led and spirit-filled churches have to use deacon training manuals that are not reflective of their doctrines.

### The Biblical Deacon

Training Manual iUniverse

A godly deacon is a great asset to the work of God.

His servant leadership

benefits the entire church

family, and his support and

care for the pastor is

invaluable. The Ministry of

a Baptist Deacon is written

for local church deacons

who desire to invest

themselves in the work of

God and give themselves to

the service of God's people.

It is designed as a handbook

to equip deacons as servant

leaders. This two-part

manual scripturally defines

the office and

responsibilities of a deacon

as well as providing

practical helps for local

church ministry. This book

also includes several

appendices with sample

forms, financial procedures,

and a sample church

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constitution.

## **The Pentecostal Deacon OCMS**

### How Can Deacons Mobilize Service in the Church?

Deacons are essential to a church's health—yet confusion abounds regarding their biblical job description. What's their God-given role in a local congregation and how do they relate to the church's overall mission? In this short book, Matt Smethurst makes the case that deacons are model servants called to meet tangible needs, organize and mobilize acts of service, preserve the unity of the flock, and support the ministry of the elders. Clearing away common misconceptions, Smethurst offers practical guidance for deploying deacons and helping churches to flourish.

### *A Deacon Training Manual*

Lifeway Christian Resources

Includes training on the Deacon Family Ministry Plan and one copy each of: The Deacon Family Ministry Plan Really Works; How Can a Deacon Help You; Family Information Form; Family Ministry Calendar; Monthly Report; Referral Form; Prayer List Form.

### *The Deacons Handbook*

USCCB Publishing

Dr. Ernestine Battle designed this manual to help identify some of the most basic principles of servant leadership, out of an experience of years as a "participating-observer" in a ministry that did not have a formal training program for its leaders. Every church should have quality people; those who lead, encourage, and direct others to become even greater and more effective Christians. The church needs more women and men who are

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prepared to lead. This training manual provides extensive research on servant leadership, a curriculum of basic and foundational courses to help develop and grow ministry leaders.