

Deaconess Job Description

Vision

The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men, in the which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments be duly ministered according to Christ's ordinance in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same. (Article XIX)

Mission

The fundamental agency of the mission of the Church to extend the Kingdom of God is the local congregation. The chief agents of this mission are the people of God (ACNA Canon 6.1).

Strategy

The people of God are the chief agents of the Mission of the Church to extend the Kingdom of God by so presenting Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit that people everywhere will come to put their trust in God through Him, know Him as Savior and serve Him as Lord in the fellowship of the Church (ACNA Canon 10.1).

The Deaconess

A Deaconess is a baptized, confirmed member of the laity in good standing who has been called and commissioned to a life of prayer and service through the local church. Being a lay ministry, the mission and work of a Deaconess flows from her baptism. By call and commission, through solemn prayer by the Bishop, a Deaconess assists diocesan or parish clergy with focused care and fixed attention. As distinct from other baptized laity on mission who are generalists, a Deaconess is a supported and equipped lay woman specialist on mission in the local church.

Responsibilities and Duties

A Deaconess could assist in the following areas of ministry (in relationship with appropriate clergy direction and support):

- Service
- Mercy Ministry
- Counseling
- Spiritual Guidance/Direction
- Catechesis
- Lay Leadership of Morning and Evening Prayer
- Other duties as designated by Bishop or local parish Priest