

**Course:** The Deacon: In the Church and in the World

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**Course Objectives:** The student will gain a more comprehensive understanding of the role of the deacon within the framework of the complete ministry of the church and as contrasted with their experiences in the fieldwork placement.

**Course Outline:** Session 1: Exploring the changing role of the deacon  
Break  
Session 2: Sharing of fieldwork experiences  
Lunch  
Session 3: The service for the Ordination of a Deacon  
Break  
Session 4: Where do we go from here?

**Required Reading:** Barnett, James. The Diaconate: A Full and Equal Order

Concentrate on chaps. 2, 3, 8 – 10, 12.

The Book of Common Prayer

Ordination of a Deacon (pages 537 – 547)

**Post-Class Assignment** (required for credit): 3-5 page, double-spaced paper answering one of the following questions:

In what way(s) do you think the role of the deacon in the early church differs from that of the deacon's role today?

OR

How has your fieldwork experience met or not met your expectations of your call to diaconal ministry?

**Please note:** Post-class assignment is due no later than 30 days following class.