

OUTLINE OF A PRESENTATION TO PRESBYTERY About Diaconal Ministry

TAKE 60



SUGGESTED OUTLINE

1 hour with Slide/Tape and Facilitator

5 minutes (individually)

On paper record your answers to the following questions:

1. What is a Diaconal Minister?
2. What do you think Diaconal Ministers do?
3. How does one get to be a Diaconal Minister?

15 minutes (total group)

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15 minutes (small groups)

Discuss

1. What you learned from the presentation.
2. Suppose this group was designing a guidebook for an interview committee, interviewing a candidate interested in becoming a Diaconal Minister. Make a list of the things you think would be important in a candidate for Diaconal Ministry, and a list of questions that would be appropriate to ask of such a person. (You might consider recording your two lists—1) characteristics and important things to look for, and, 2) actual questions, and passing them on to the Education and Students Committee of your Presbytery.)

5 minutes **Feedback from groups to plenary**

15 minutes (small groups—same groups or different)

Discuss

Suppose you are members of a joint Pastoral Relations Committee.

1. How would you go about determining if a position existed for a Diaconal Minister?
2. Design a job description for a Diaconal Minister.

(if there are several small groups, the Facilitator may ask different groups to design a description for a Diaconal minister: in a multiple staff situation doing educational ministry; doing a service ministry; doing a pastoral care ministry; doing an overall education, service and pastoral care ministry within a multiple staff situation; working as the only "paid" minister with a pastoral charge. These may be collected and given to your Presbytery Pastoral Relations and Pastoral Oversight Committees.)

5 minutes **Feedback to the Plenary**

5 minutes **Questions, comments, etc.!**

There is more contained in the outline than can likely to be covered, so the planning process may alter the outline to suit the situation.

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