



Recommended Reading for Further Study of Diaconal Ministry
Committee on Diaconal Ministries
of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
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Diaconal Ministry Articles from *Ordained Servant*

Some Old Testament Roots and Their Continuing Significance: The Task of the Deacon
by Dr. C. Van Dam (January 1992)

The Deacons by John Calvin
(January 1992)

Reforming the Diaconate: Part 1: Defining the Diaconal Task
by William Shishko (April 1992)

Reforming the Diaconate: Part 2: Training Prospective Deacons
by William Shishko (September 1992)

Reforming the Diaconate: Part 3: Putting Principles into Practice
by William Shishko (January 1993)

Pointers for Elders and Deacons: Part 1
Translated from Diakonia (July 1993)

Pointers for Elders and Deacons: Part 2
Translated from Diakonia (October 1993)

Are Deacons Members of the Session?
by R. Dean Anderson (October 1993)

Pointers for Elders and Deacons: Part 3: Deacons
Translated from Diakonia (January 1994)

Do We Need the Ministry of Mercy Today?
by P.Y. De Jong (July 1994)

The Pastoral Wisdom of John Calvin
(July 1994)



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The Ministry of Mercy for Today
by Peter de Jong (July 1994)

Deacons and/or Trustees?
by Roger Schumurr (January 1995)

A Proposed Job Description for a Deacon
by A.G. Edwards III (January 1995)

The Biblical Qualifications for Deacons: Part 1
by Archibald Alexander Allison (January 1997)

The Biblical Qualifications for Deacons: Part 2
by Archibald Alexander Allison (April 1997)

The Biblical Qualifications for Deacons: Part 3
by Archibald Alexander Allison (July 1997)

Balancing Sensitivity and Stewardship in Diaconal Assistance
by Deacons of Franklin Square OPC (July 1998)

A Training Program for Deacons
by William Shishko (July 2000)

Organic Officer Training
by William Shishko (May 2013)

If You Are a Deacon
by Nathan Trice (March 2014)

The Spiritual Nature of the Office of Deacon
by Carl Carlson (August-September 2017)

Diaconal Ministry Articles from *New Horizons*

God's Gift of Deacons
by Ron Pearce (March 2010)

Debt and the Christian Life
by Garrett Miller (June 2014)



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The Heavy Burden of Debt
by Gregory de Jong (June 2014)

Counting the Cost of Seminary and Other Education
by Jamie Dean (June 2014)

Refugee Relief: Foreign Missions at Home
by Al Tricarico (October 2016)

A Presbyterian Approach to Mercy Ministry
by Nathan Trice (February 2017)

A Servant's Summit: Deacons as Visitors
by Jamie Dean (February 2019)

Diaconal Wisdom from Diaconal Veterans
by Christopher Sudlow (February 2019)

Reflections on My Service with the CDM
by Lendall Smith (February 2019)

Serving for the Selfie?
by Nathan Trice (February 2019)

Book Reviews:

A Historical and Biblical Examination of Women Deacons
By Brian M. Schwertley
Reviewed by the Editor of Ordained Servant (July 1998)

Helping Without Hurting in Short-Term Missions: Leader's Guide
by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert
Reviewed by David Nakhla (May 2015)

Not Just a Soup Kitchen: How Mercy Ministry in the Local Church Transforms Us All
by David S. Apple
Reviewed by David Nakhla (July 2015)

Not Just a Soup Kitchen: How Mercy Ministry in the Local Church Transforms Us All
by David S. Apple
Reviewed by the Deacon Board of Grace Reformed OPC, Reedsburg, WI (December 2015)



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The Deacon: Biblical Foundations for Today's Ministry of Mercy

by Cornelius Van Dam

Reviewed by Lendall Smith (October 2017)

The Deacon: Biblical Foundations for Today's Ministry of Mercy

by Cornelius Van Dam

Reviewed by David Nakhla (October 2017)

Books:

Resources for Deacons: Love Expressed through Mercy Ministries

by Timothy J. Keller (1985)

New Testament Deacon: The Church's Minister of Mercy

by Alexander Strauch (1992)

New Testament Deacon: Study Guide

by Alexander Strauch (1995)

The Ministry of Mercy for Today

by Peter Y. De Jong (2003)

When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself

by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert (2009)

What Is Mercy Ministry? (Basics of the Faith)

by Philip G. Ryken and Noah J. Toly (2013)

Not Just a Soup Kitchen: How Mercy Ministry in the Local Church Transforms Us All

by David S. Apple (2014)

Helping Without Hurting in Short-Term Missions: Leader's Guide

by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert (2014)

Helping Without Hurting in Short-Term Missions: Participant's Guide

by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert (2014)

Ministries of Mercy: The Call of the Jericho Road (3rd Edition)

by Timothy J. Keller (2015)



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Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence: A Practical Guide to Walking with Low-Income People

by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert (2015)

Seeking Refuge: On the Shores of the Global Refugee Crisis

by Stephan Bauman, Matthew Soerens, and Issam Smeir (2016)

Serving God in a Migrant Crisis: Ministry to People on the Move

by Patrick Johnstone with Dean Merrill (2016)

The Deacon: The Biblical Roots and the Ministry of Mercy Today

by Cornelis Van Dam (2016)

Neighborology: Practicing Compassion as a Way of Life

by David S. Apple (2017)

Papers and Articles:

Christian Charity or The Duty of Charity to the Poor, Explained and Enforced

by Jonathan Edwards (1732)

The Office of Deacon

by Stuart Robinson (June 1855)

The Diaconship

by James B. Ramsay (April 1859)

The Diaconate, Part 1

by John L. Girardeau (January 1879)

The Diaconate, Part 2

by John L. Girardeau (January 1880)

The Importance of the Office of Deacon

by John L. Girardeau (January 1881)

Report on the Diaconate

by John L. Girardeau, Robert L. Dabney, Thomas E. Peck (1884)



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Report of the Subcommittee on Diaconal Ministries

Presbyterian Church in America (1978)

ReformedDeacon.com

The Biblical Foundation of the Diaconate

by George W. Knight III (July 1996)

My First Year as a Deacon

by Scott Pearce (February 2018)

Two Miles Without a Cloak or Tunic

by Scott Pearce (February 2019)

Ministry of Word and Deed in Karamoja

by Chris Cashen (May 2019)

Excerpts with a Link to Purchase:

The Diaconate: God's Office of Temporal Affairs

by C. Nick Willborn (1995)

The Deacon: A Divine Right Office with Divine Uses

by C. Nick Willborn (2009)

The Gospel Work of the Diaconate: A Ministry Proportional in Number

by C. Nick Willborn (2014)

Website:

ReformedDeacon.com

Website of OPC Deacon Tim Hopper (Pilgrim OPC, Raleigh, NC)