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DAVID NAKHLA
“Overview of PDC
Mandate & Role of CDM”



JOHN FIKKERT
“Diaconal Needs &
Counseling Pastors” &
“Obadiah Fund Workshop”



JOHN SHAW
“Assisting Churches &
Mission Works without
Deacons”



TIM HOPPER
“Promoting & Encouraging
Diaconal Work in
Presbytery”



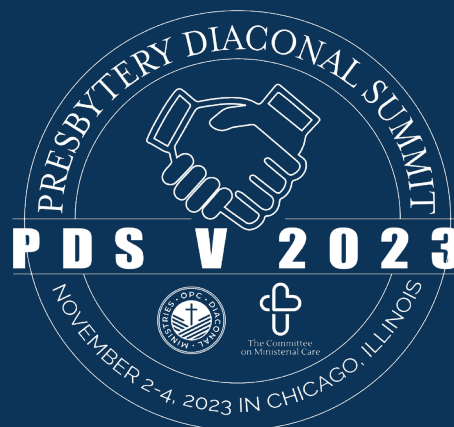
MIKE CLOY
“PSE Response to
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PRESBYTERY DIACONAL SUMMIT

November 2-4, 2023



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Thursday, November 2		
12:00 - 4:30 PM	Arrival	
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Dinner	
7:00 - 7:30 PM	Welcome/Devotional	Rev. Chris Cashen
7:30 - 8:20 PM	CDM Session #1: Overview of PDC Mandate & Role of CDM	Mr. David Nakhla
8:20 - 8:30 PM	Break	
8:30 - 9:00 PM	PDC Reports (3 PDCs; 10 min. each)	
9:00 - 10:00 PM	Fellowship	
Friday, November 3		
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	
8:00 - 8:15 AM	Scripture Reading & Prayer	Rev. Chris Cashen
8:15 - 9:15 AM	CMC Session #1: Diaconal Needs & Counseling Pastors	Rev. John Fikkert
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9:30 - 10:30 AM	CDM Session #2: Assisting Churches & Mission Works without Deacons	Rev. John Shaw
10:30 - 11:00 AM	PDC Reports (3 PDCs; 10 min each)	
11:00 - 11:15 AM	Group Photo & Break	
11:15 AM - 12:10 PM	CDM Session #3: Promoting & Encouraging Diaconal Work in Presbytery	Mr. Tim Hopper
12:10 - 12:30 PM	Q/A & Sharing	
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch & PDC Reports (3 PDC's; 10 min. each)	Mr. David Nakhla
1:30 - 2:30 PM	CMC Session #2: Obadiah Fund & Workshop	Rev. John Fikkert
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Brainstorming: What can the CMC & CDM do for you?	
3:00 - 3:15 PM	Break	
3:15 - 4:00 PM	CDM Session #4: Case Study: PSE Response to the Kentucky Flood	Mr. Seth Long & Mr. Mike Cloy
4:00 - 4:30 PM	Conference Wrap-Up	
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Dinner Off-site	
7:00 - 9:00 PM	Fellowship	
Saturday, November 4		
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	



Post Summit: Help us with future summits by taking our brief survey!



All sessions will be held in "Ballroom AB" and meals will be in the "Grand Court" room of the Comfort Suites, Chicago, IL

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CDM Session #1:
Overview of PDC Mandate & Role of CDM



- The Network of Deacons
- The Linchpin of that Network.
- The Proposed Mandate for the PDC
- Baby Steps Forward



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CDM Session #2:
Assisting Churches & Mission Works without Deacons



- The non-negotiable: elder oversight of every mission work
- The negotiable (?): deacon oversight of every mission work
- The danger of ignoring mercy ministry in a mission work

Some examples to consider



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Promoting & Encouraging Diaconal Work in Presbytery



“[A PDC...] promotes, encourages and coordinates diaconal work within the presbytery.”
—from the “Proposed Mandate for the Work of the PDC”

WAYS IN WHICH YOUR PDC HAS PROMOTED AND ENCOURAGED DIACONAL WORK:

WAYS IN WHICH YOUR PDC COULD CONSIDER PROMOTING AND ENCOURAGING DIACONAL WORK:



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CDM Session #4:
PSE Diaconal Committee Response to Kentucky Flood



1. Why did the PSE Diaconal Committee Respond to Neon OPC? (slide 1)
 - A. Guard against trusting the means of creation over trusting the power of God.
 - B. Reflect resurrection glory, not worldly fear – death does not win!
2. Where did the PSE Diaconal Committee's response to Neon fit with the Neon Church? (slides 2 and 3)
 - A. To assist the Neon Session in administering mercy to restore the peace of worship.
 - B. To demonstrate the love of Christ to the Regional Church.
3. What did the PSE Diaconal Committee's response learn about Neon's preparation for disaster? (slides 4 and 5)
 - A. The critical need for Deacons who know their sheep and the region's nuances.
 - B. The concept of a provisional Deacon as part of a mission work provisional session.
4. How did the PSE Diaconal Committee support the Session of Neon? (slides 6 and 7)
 - A. Established a proven operational framework to synchronize disaster response
 - B. Remembered that the OPC needs the Neon Church as it is a picture of redemption to a "twice suffering" people.



I. Reforms within Your Presbytery Diaconal Committee

1. Become acquainted with your fellow committee members.
2. Educate yourself regarding diaconal ministry in the OPC.
3. Establish a pattern of committee meetings.
4. Establish a pattern of presbytery attendance.
5. Ascertain the personal investment of fellow committee members.
6. Establish a protocol for responding to diaconal needs.
7. Brainstorm regarding diaconal ministry opportunities.

II. Reforms Within Your Presbytery

1. Establish a pattern of reporting at presbytery meetings.
2. Establish contact with each of the retired ministers of the presbytery (or their widows).
3. Propose positive personnel changes to the committee.
4. Take initiative as a committee in the review of the terms of new calls.
5. Seek funding from the presbytery to maintain adequate reserves.
6. Propose appropriate changes to the by-laws.
7. Verify adequate medical insurance for all the ministers of the presbytery.

III. Reforms Within Your Regional Church

1. Introduce your committee to each of the local diaconates.
2. Educate local diaconates on the protocol for receiving diaconal assistance.
3. Establish a roll of deacons within the presbytery (with gifts inventory).
4. Disseminate diaconal ministry updates to the local diaconates.
5. Communicate diaconal needs to the local diaconate.
6. Organize diaconal seminars or conferences for the presbytery.
7. Offer assistance to congregations without diaconates.

Proposed Mandate for the Work of the Presbytery Diaconal Committee (PDC)

1. Regarding Local Congregations
 - a. Stands ready to assist local diaconates with matters that exceed their local resources.
 - b. Stands ready to assist congregations and mission works without local deacons.
 - c. Promotes, encourages and coordinates diaconal work within the presbytery.
 - d. Communicates and promotes diaconal ministry opportunities within the presbytery.
 - e. Educates and encourages the presbytery to carry out diaconal responsibilities in response to various needs.
2. Regarding the CDM
 - a. Promotes the work of the CDM within the presbytery.
 - b. Serves as Presbytery's liaison between the CDM and the churches of Presbytery in evaluating local requests for aid which the Presbytery is unable to provide for, and referring these to the CDM.
3. Regarding Disaster Relief
 - a. Promotes the work of disaster relief among the churches of our presbytery, in coordination with the CDM, other OPC presbyteries, and the broader church in general.
4. Regarding Ministers
 - a. Inquires and acts to ensure that every retired minister of the Presbytery, every minister's widow and his dependent family have adequate resources to meet their normal needs.
 - b. Seeks to discover cases of pastors in need and gives them aid as they are able, if they judge that circumstances warrant such aid.
5. Regarding Anticipating Needs
 - a. Assesses needs by conducting a survey of the financial needs of the churches in Presbytery.
 - b. Brings to the presbytery's attention the work of other Christian relief agencies.
6. Regarding Diaconal Funds
 - a. Raises funds from the churches of Presbytery to meet particular needs that come to their attention.
 - b. Recommends an annual per capita amount.
 - c. Requests funds from the CDM.
7. Regarding Deacons of the Presbytery
 - a. Keeps a roll of active deacons of Presbytery and makes such a roll available to Presbytery.
 - b. Promotes contact between the local deacon boards.





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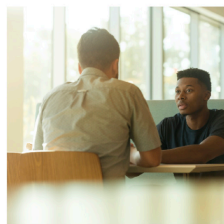
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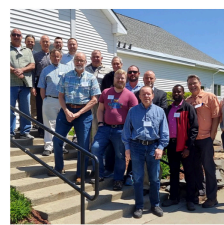
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Who makes up the CDM?

Who are the current CDM Members

What does the CDM do?



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