

College of Deacons

Canon 3.5 - College of Deacons

1. There shall be a College of Deacons whose purpose is to provide communal support and encouragement to deacons exercising their ministries throughout the Diocese of Niagara.
2. The diocesan Bishop shall appoint a Director of Deacons and may appoint both a Deputy Director of Deacons and a Chaplain to the College of Deacons. The Director and Deputy Director, if any, shall serve at the Bishop's pleasure and assist the Bishop in the placement and supervision of deacons. The Bishop's Chaplain to the College will function as a pastor to the deacons on behalf of the Bishop.
3. The College of Deacons shall be composed of:
 - (a) all deacons in good standing and holding a Bishop's Permission
 - (b) the Director of Deacons;
 - (c) the Deputy Director of Deacons, if any; and
 - (d) the Bishop's Chaplain to the College of Deacons, if any.
4. There shall be an Executive Council of the College of Deacons whose purpose is to advise and assist the Bishop, Director of Deacons and Deputy Director of Deacons, if any, in seeking and promoting the vitality of diaconal ministries in the Diocese of Niagara.
5. The Executive Council of the College of Deacons shall be composed of:
 - (a) the Director of Deacons, who shall serve as Chair;
 - (b) the Deputy Director of Deacons, if any;
 - (c) three delegates duly elected from the membership of the College of Deacons;
 - (d) the Bishop's Chaplain to the College of Deacons, if any; and
 - (e) the Bishop or his/her designate.

(replaced, 2015)

Purpose of the College

The College of Deacons shall recommend standards and educational opportunities for candidates while supporting and encouraging all Deacons in their ministry. They shall assist the Director in planning an annual retreat/conference and conduct elections for member(s) of Synod. The College shall advise the Bishop on matters she/he may refer to them from time to time.

(new, 2003)

Director and Deputy Director of Deacons

The office of Director of Deacons has been held by:

Reverend Deacon Rod McDowell	April 2022–Present
Reverend Deacon Jean Ruttan-Yates	November 2013–March 2022
Reverend Deacon Richard Beaudoin	April 2008–2012
Reverend Canon David Long	2003–April 2008

The office of Deputy Director of Deacons has been held by:

Reverend Deacon Sheila Plant	April 2022–Present
Reverend Deacon Rod McDowell	November 2013–March 2022
Reverend Deacon Jean Ruttan-Yates	November 2011–2013
Reverend Deacon Anne Crawford	December 2006–September 2011
Reverend Deacon Bill Phipps	2004–December 2006