

**REQUEST FOR DEPLOYMENT OF A DEACON**  
**Diocese of Minnesota**

*“The deacon is called by God through the diocese, from the congregation, as a symbol of Christ’s service to the world. Under the authority of the bishop, the deacon’s principal ministry is to encourage and support the Church’s response to those who are poor, weak, sick, and lonely with justice, compassion, advocacy, and humility. The deacon’s gifts are expressed in a variety of ways, complementing the ministry of the laity, bishops and priests.”*

Statement Approved by the Commission on Ministry  
February 11, 1993

1. Parish Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Rector’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sr. Warden’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please answer the following questions:

A. What process have the rector and vestry followed in deciding to request the deployment of a deacon? Have both met to discuss and complete this form?

B. Do the rector and vestry concur on the role of the deacon? Is their understanding of the diaconate different in any way from the one expressed above in the Commission on Ministry’s statement?

C. How would a deacon facilitate the parish's mission?

D. Has a deacon previously been deployed to the parish? If so, what was his/her term of service and what were his/her essential responsibilities? Was his/her ministry judged to be effective?

E. Is the parish willing to accept the deployment of any qualified deacon, or is it requesting the deployment of one particular deacon?

F. If a particular deacon is being requested, who is this person, what is his/her relationship to the parish, and why is he/she being sought?

G. Are there major changes or conflicts taking place within the parish that could impact the functioning of a deacon?

H. Are there other factors which the Bishop and Archdeacon should consider as they respond to the parish's request for the deployment of a deacon?

**Please have the Rector and Senior Warden sign below:**

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Rector

Senior Warden

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Date

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Date

**Please send the completed form to:**

**The Ven. Irma Wyman  
The Episcopal Center  
1730 Clifton Place, Ste. 201  
Minneapolis, MN 55403-3242**