

DEACONS: Much More Than Sunday

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Discussion Guide

1. Introduction to the video: This video is intended to show the audience the call and character of deacons, and demonstrate some possible roles for deacons assigned to congregations in the Episcopal Church. You'll meet Deacon Bonnie and follow her through a very busy day – not a typical day, but one that demonstrates her character and the diversity of her involvement apart from her liturgical duties on Sunday.
2. Watch the video. As you watch, please observe the deacon's role, manner and effect on others.
3. Consider these discussion questions:
 - A deacon's role is to lead the congregation, individually and collectively, to bring Christ's love from the church to the outside world. How does Deacon Bonnie fulfill that role?
 - What do you surmise about Deacon Bonnie's character? How is that character expressed across her interactions with various people?
 - What can we tell about Mother Julie's expectation of the deacon's role? How do Deacon Bonnie's and Mother Julie's expectations differ?
 - What effect do you think Deacon Bonnie has on her congregation?
 - How is a deacon's role similar to a priest's? How is it different?
4. The video points to the charge given to deacons at ordination. How do we see Bonnie fulfilling each of these:

Charge given to deacons at ordination*	How do we see Bonnie fulfilling this charge?
<i>You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known to those among whom you live, and work and worship.</i>	
<i>In the name of Jesus, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely.</i>	
<i>You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world.</i>	
<i>Let your life and teachings so reflect Christ's commandments that through you, many may come to love and serve him.</i>	
<i>At all times, your life and teachings are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.</i>	

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