

Diaconate Working Group
Diocese of Rupert's Land
"Capacities" of a Deacon
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"Capacities" needed in candidates seeking diaconal ordination:

We recommend that candidates being interviewed for diaconal ordination give evidence of the "capacity" to:

1. work as members of a team
2. demonstrate an attitude of service rather than of a dominator
3. act within the discipline of a community
4. call others into servanthood ministry
 - i. identifying such individuals
 - ii. directing and enabling them to engage in diaconal ministry
 - iii. administering the ministry of such individuals
5. live out a servanthood understanding of the "heart of a deacon"
6. live with the ambiguities related to being at the threshold between the church and the world
7. avoid the two dangerous poles:
 - i. to be caught in an ecclesiastical straightjacket regarding the world, and/or the church
 - ii. to be caught in the world's straightjacket regarding the church, and/or the world
8. relate the Gospel as it needs to be realized in the world
9. have a passion for diaconal life and ministry
10. relate worship to life