

So what exactly is a Deacon???

Word and Service Ministry



Key Terms

- Ministry of the Baptised / Vocation
- Diakonia
- Deacon
- Diaconate
- Diaconal

Deacons in Scripture



**Acts 6:1-8;
8:26-40**

The Commissioning of
the Seven Deacons and
the acts of Stephen

**1 Timothy
3:1-13**

Requirements of a
Deacon in the Early
Church

**Romans 16:1-2
Philippians 1:1-2**

Deacons listed by name
including Phoebe.

**1 Corinthians
12:4-31**

Ministry of the
Baptized.

History of the Diaconate



Imperial Church / Middle Ages

312-1550 CE



Rebirth of Modern Diaconate

18th-18th Century

Early Church

100-300 CE



Reformation

1517-1800 CE



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Deacons in the ELCA

Why are there so many
names for Deacons?

Three Lay Rosters



Diaconal
Ministers

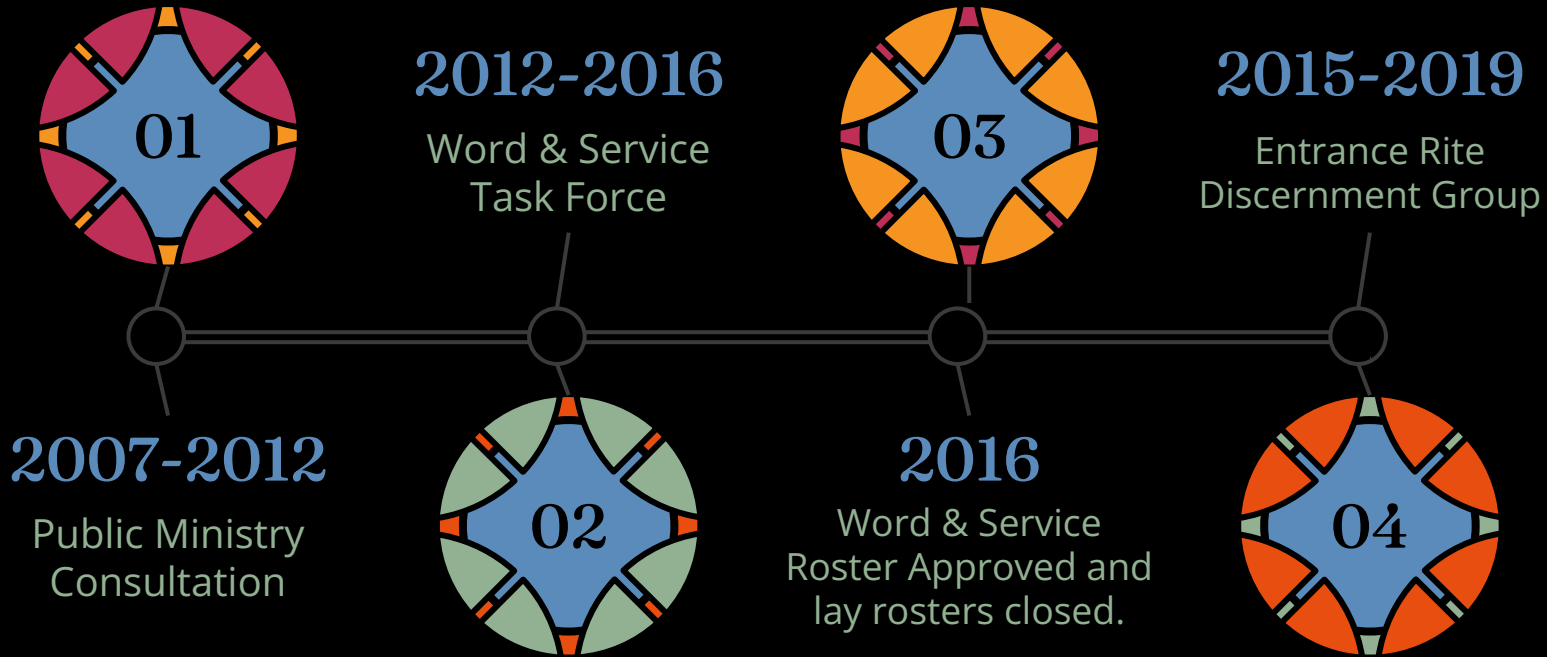


Deaconess



Associate in
Ministry

Ministers of Word and Service



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Word & Sacrament / Word & Service

Kerygma-Eucharistia-Diakonia

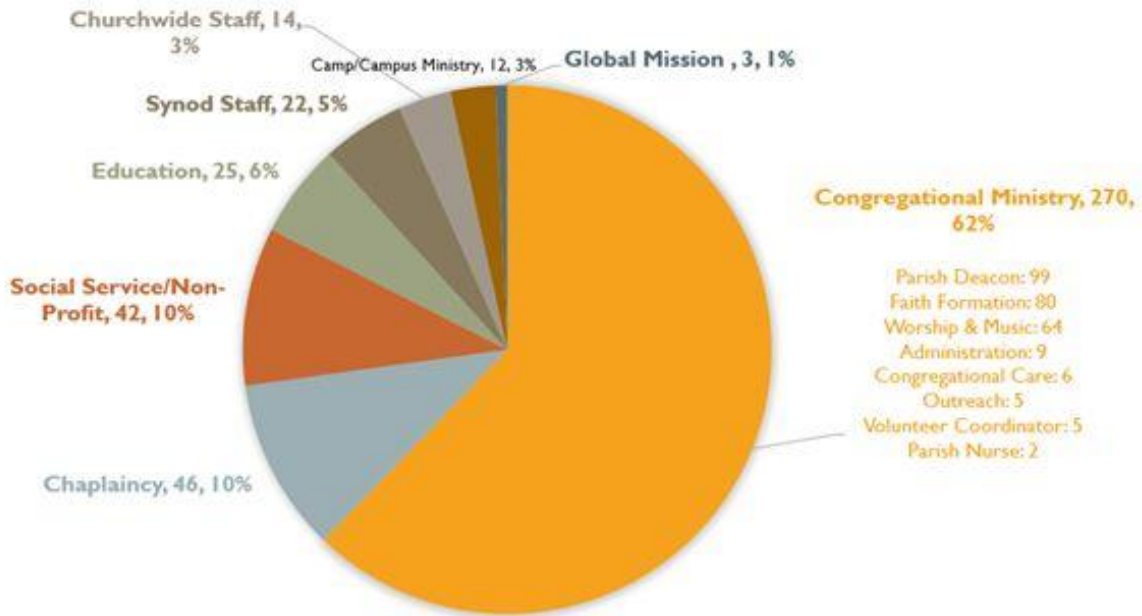
The ministry of word and sacrament and the ministry of word and service are distinct offices with different and yet complementary calls and responsibilities. Those called and ordained to the ministry of word and sacrament proclaim the word of God within the gathered community, baptize, and preside at the table for the sake of the gospel. Those called and consecrated or ordained to the ministry of word and service proclaim the word of God to the world and the world to the church in ways that equip the baptized in their vocation of loving the neighbor.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Be rooted in the word of God, fulfilling a gospel-centered purpose that proclaims and furthers the reign of God among us in the community, the nation and abroad;
 - Daily return to baptism with prayer and attention to their spiritual lives;
- Advocate a prophetic diakonia that commits itself to risk-taking and innovative service both within the church and on the frontiers of the church's outreach, giving particular attention to the suffering places in God's world;
- Work for justice in solidarity with the poor and oppressed proclaiming God's love for the world;
- Equip the baptized for ministry in God's world, affirming the gifts of all people;
- Encourage mutual relationships that invite participation and accompaniment of others in God's mission;
 - Practice stewardship that respects God's gift of time, talents and resources;
 - Be grounded in a gathered community for ongoing diaconal formation;
- Share knowledge of the ELCA and its wider ministry of the gospel, and advocate for the work of all expressions of this church; and
 - Identify and encourage qualified persons to prepare for ministry of the gospel

What Deacons Do

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION



Deacon Partnerships



Lutheran
Diaconal
Association



DIAKONIA/
DOTAC



Deaconess
Community



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Administrative

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Shalom

Living as God intended

Discomfort & Risk

Courage and Ambiguity

Bridge Building

Reconciliation and Humility

Theology of the

Liberating Hope

Join Me for my Ordination!

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Questions?



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