

# DEACONS' MANDATE

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*I charge you deacons, to inspire faithful ministries of service to one another, to the larger community, and to the world.*

*Remind us that the Lord requires us "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Mic. 6:8). Teach us to be merciful and to seize new opportunities to worship God with offerings of wealth, time, and ability. Realize that benevolence is a quality of our life in Christ and not merely a matter of financial assistance. Therefore, minister to rich and poor alike, both within and outside the church. Weigh our opportunities for giving and service and use the church's resources discerningly.*

*Be compassionate to those in need and treat them with dignity and respect; hold in trust all sensitive matters confided to you. Encourage with words that create hope in hearts and with deeds that bring joy into lives.*

*Be prophetic critics of the waste, injustice, and selfishness in our society, and be sensitive counselors to the victims of such evils. Let your lives be above reproach; live as examples of Christ Jesus; look to the interests of others.*

*And in all your ministries help us participate in the renewing of all things even as we anticipate its completion when God's kingdom comes.*



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