

## **Report of the Committee on the Diaconate to the 228<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention**

**The School for Deacons** continues to grow and evolve as a viable asset to continuing education in the Diocese under the leadership of the Rev. Linda Moeller, Director. The Venerable Victoria Cuff, Archdeacon for Discernment is the liason between the School for Deacons and the COD.

**The Committee on the Diaconate** is responsible for interviewing, identifying and recommending applicants to the School for Deacons. The Committee also continues to shepherd students in the school through the ordination process. The Committee works closely with the Archdeacons to assure that the discernment, selection process and preparation of those who have expressed a call to the diaconate is thoughtful, intentional and fair.

**The Archdeacons** have oversight for deacons in the Diocese in three special areas. The Venerable Keith McCoy is Archdeacon for Deployment in the diocese. The Venerable John Hanson is Archdeacon for Pastoral Care and the Venerable Victoria Cuff is Archdeacon for Discernment. The Archdeacons report directly to the Bishop.

Currently there are 6 members in the class of 2012: Hank Bristol, Sally Maurer, Janet Daniels, Clive Sang, Carl Dunn and Ted Foley. They will complete their studies this spring and, “God willing and the people consenting”, will be ordained to the Diaconate May 5, 2012. The next class of students will begin their studies in the School for Deacons in September 2012.

The COD is involved in the Association of Episcopal Deacons (formerly the North American Association for the Diaconate), which, through publications and conferences, works within the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada to promote the Diaconate, to educate the church about the diaconate, and to support deacons in ministry.

**The Committee on the Diaconate** is co-chaired by the Rev. Lynn H. Johnson, Dcn and the Ven. Victoria Cuff, Dcn. The following persons serve on the committee; Presbyters: the Rev. Anna Powell, the Rev. Justin Falciani, and the Rev. Maria Sanzo; Deacons: the Rev. Richard Wisniewski, the Rev. Tom Sweeny, the Rev. Emily Holman, the Rev. Catherine Esposito, and the Rev. Mary Ann Jensen; Lay persons: Mr. Carroll Wilson, Mr. Cedric Richardson, Ms Nancy Miller, Ms Nancy Metcalf.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Venerable Victoria Cuff, Deacon, Co-Chair  
The Reverend Lynn H. Johnson, Deacon, Co-chair