**119th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Utah**

**Report of the Diaconate**

**Members**

* Deanna Sue Adams St. Michael's, Brigham City
* David Christian St. Peter's Clearfield
* Marsha Heron St. Elizabeth's, Whiterocks
* Hollinger, Renee Church of the Resurrection
* Libby Hunter Cathedral Church of St. Mark, Salt Lake City
* Sandra Jones St. Luke's, Park City
* Anita Miner All Saints, Salt Lake City
* Alison Desiderio Peterson St. Mary's Provo
* Patricia Sanchez Church of the Good Shepherd, Ogden
* Robert Shoop St. James', Midvale

**Mandate**

The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church in the world, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.

**Goals**

To continue to place deacons at the parishes within the diocese. Supporting the Tuttle School of ministry. To continue ongoing training / education for the in-place Deacons.

**Action items**

The Tuttle School for Discipleship and Ministry is continuing its second two year program. There are currently five students enrolled in the program. The curriculum used is from the IONA Collaborative from the Seminary of the Southwest.

The Deacons are now meeting bi-monthly, via Zoom with the Bishop and the Priests in charge of parishes

**Analysis of action**

From the Tuttle School, the students are very engaged and continue to invest of themselves.

**Findings and conclusions**

The ministries of the current deacons are functioning and we provide service to our parishes and the world. Expansion of that ministry will serve to aid in the outreach of the diocese.

**Deanna Sue Adams**: On Sundays I either assist the priest at the Altar or conduct or assist with Morning Prayer.  I email a weekly update on Sunday services including any events and a prayer list. I attend Bishop's Committee meetings.  In the community, I volunteer at the hospital for four hours on Fridays.  Staff is aware of my presence if I am needed for any pastoral emergency. I represent St. Michael's at the Interfaith Group.  We just finished a Walk with Jesus  that included area churches and wards. Attendance was 65 persons and several animal friends.. We also do a yearly cannery project for the Pantry. We can beef stew, approximately 200 cases.. St. Michael's members participate. I am on the board of the Family Support Center here in Brigham.

**Patricia Sanchez:** Shepherd's Bowl (weekly distribution) sack lunches. Shepherd's Fold  (weekly distribution via voucher, social service agencies). linens, pillows, blankets, bedspreads and wash clothes. Interfaith Works (Chairperson). Adult Education Committee (Chairperson)

Facilitate and teach weekly Bible Study. Coordinate with administrative assistant for the Prayers of the People. Pastoral care and weekly scheduling of Lay Eucharistic Visitors. Pastoral care for the Homebound of the congregation. Vestry - monthly pastoral report, seat but no voice Camp Tuttle - one week or partial week each summer.

**Alison Desiderio Peterson**: I am the head chaplain at The INN Between (facility that offers medical respite and end of life care for the homeless), I’m “on call” 24/7 to serve those who wish prayers as they are actively passing away. I’m involved in the NODA (No One Dies Alone) training, where we train others to be with those that are actively passing away. I speak to the spiritually of both the person sitting with the dying, and the person who is dying. I officiate a Morning Prayer Sunday Service once a month. I’m currently in the process of guiding a resident who would like to initiate a ‘bible study’.

**Sandra Jones:** Support and train the sub-deacons in their duties. Support and train the Lay Eucharist Visitors. Support and train the laity that lead the Prayers of the People. Support and train the members of the altar guild, and attend their meetings. Participate in St. Luke's ministry with the Road Home and the Pamela Atkinson Resource Center. Participate with and support The ToKalon Community Garden at St. Luke's. Facilitate adult educational classes, both as solo facilitator, and with Rev Ashley. Provide pastoral care and visits when needed. Attend vestry meetings with voice but no vote. Attend Mission Committee meetings as clergy representative.

Outside of St. Luke's serve the veterans at the Veterans Center and serve and support the veterans and staff who serve and support those veterans.

**Robert Shoop**: I serve with Fr. Christopher weekly at the table. I coordinate and create the prayers of the people. I am the chair of the pastoral care team. I coordinate two social ministries, the bi-annual camping trip and the monthly games night gathering. I serve on the ministry team. I regularly visit some shut in parishioners and occasionally lead and serve some funerals. I lead weekly morning prayer for the men’s coffee group am a member of the diocesan disciplinary board. I mentored the New Testament for the Tuttle School and occasionally fill in when needed to facilitate other sessions.

**Recommendations:** No action from convention is required at this time.

**Statement of how the group’s work fits into the mission strategy of the Diocese**

The very nature of the diaconal ministry projects the mission of the church in the world. We serve our parishes and are one of the faces of the Episcopal church in the secular world. Expansion of that ministry will enhance that ability.

Submitted respectfully, The Ven, Robert Shoop, Archdeacon