

What next?

- Approach your minister, presbytery secretary or Perth Theological Hall for further details.
- Individuals are encouraged to undertake a Period of Discernment. This process may be commenced at any time.
- Following the Period of Discernment, you may decide to apply to become a candidate for the ministry of deacon. A selection process is conducted annually, involving your presbytery and a synod selection panel.
- Preparation for the ministry of deacon involves theological study and ministerial formation through Perth Theological Hall.
- Both the Period of Discernment and the studies for the Ministry of Deacon take into account your prior learning experience.



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deacon

Ordained deacons serving in ministry
with people on the margins

UNITING
Church in Australia

Is God calling
me to care for
the poor and
oppressed?

Deacons help the church to
seek social justice for all
people through compassion,
advocacy and education.

Pioneer

Deacons serve in pioneering ministries with people who experience disadvantage and injustice. In community service agencies, schools, prisons, congregations and other settings, deacons build bridges between church and community in the name of Christ. Deacons serve in full-time or part-time placements.

Pastor

Deacons are carers. As a deacon, you stand beside people who struggle and suffer, offering encouragement and support.

In a variety of places, deacons serve in ministry with elderly people, refugees, homeless people, people seeking work, young people and people with disabilities. Being a deacon is also about helping others to be compassionate and caring.

Prophet

Deacons are advocates. They are passionate about the church's mission in seeking peace and justice for all people. Deacons help educate the whole church about issues of justice and human need, and encourage others to use their gifts of service.

The ministry of Deacon

Deacons are people who

- are committed to serving God and the church
- show integrity and spiritual maturity
- have qualities of leadership
- are enthusiastic about the church's mission
- are bridge-builders, linking the needs of the world with our life of faith.
- have 'people skills' in communication and caring
- have an ability to relate to people 'on the margins'
- are life-long learners, willing to keep developing their skills, wisdom and faith
- accept the doctrines and oversight of the church.