

Clergy:

Local Church:

Deacon's Secondary Appointment Discussion with Senior Pastor

When deacons and provisional deacons serve in an agency or setting beyond the local church, the bishop, after consultation with the deacon or provisional deacon and the pastor in charge, shall appoint the deacon or provisional deacon to a local congregation where they will take missional responsibility for leading other Christians into ministries of service. In this ministry the deacons and provisional deacons shall be accountable to the pastor in charge, the charge conference, and other bodies that coordinate the ministry of the local church.

¶331.5, 2016 Book of Discipline

1. What is the distinct role of the deacon in this church?
2. What are the deacon's strengths in leading the church in following Jesus, making disciples, and transforming lives and communities?

Before completing the next section, please make sure that you have read "[A Portrait of Fruitful Clergy Leadership](#)."

3. Based on your discussion and "[A Portrait of Fruitful Clergy Leadership](#)," what are one or two primary areas in which the clergy could more effectively connect the church to the world in order to accomplish the mission to follow Jesus, make disciples, and transform lives and communities?

4. What concrete steps will the deacon, senior pastor, S/PPRC, and church leadership take to achieve these goals?