

## A Guide for Developing the Deacon's Continuing Education Plan

The following questions are suggested as discussion starters to support the deacon in developing the three-year continuing education plan approved as part of the revitalization strategic plan.

1. What continuing education has been done in the past year? How did it benefit the deacon and/or the local church?
2. What growing edges in ministry have been identified throughout the year, or in the annual assessment process, in which the deacon may benefit from further education?
3. What educational opportunities might help the deacon in leading the congregation toward fulfilling its mission and vision?
4. What special gifts or interests does the deacon have that might be enhanced through further education?
5. Is the plan for continuing education balanced? Does it provide a variety of learning opportunities. Does it encourage the deacon to explore new subjects?
6. What education will enhance the deacon's long-term future in ministry? How does the three-year plan support the deacon's long-term objectives?
7. How are the S/PPRC and the congregation encouraging the deacon's continuing education and supporting it financially?