

Gwynne Lawlor

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Sent: 07 November 2012 10:26 AM
Subject: RE: Distinctive Diaconate

Dear Gwynne,

I am very happy for you to attend the Conference in Berlin. We need to be exploring our understanding of the diaconate. I am happy to get the deacons together next year to reflect on their ministry. God bless you on your journey to ordination!

Yours,
+David

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From: Gwynne Lawlor [mailto:gwynne@lawlor.co.za]
Sent: 05 November 2012 18:20
To: David Bannerman
Subject: Fw: Distinctive Diaconate

Hi there!

I think that you are aware of the email correspondence I have had with the London Company of Deacons. (See email below) They sent me the info on deacons I left for you with Di Edridge. I know the Dean has impressed on us that until you sign us with the sign of the cross, ordination - or "making"... as a deacon is "made"- has not happened for a deacon, therefore I am aware that I am "jumping the gun" in sending you this email!BUT, Rupert has generously said that he is prepared to pay for my ticket to Berlin if you, our Diocese and our Church think it is right for me to attend this conference. The Distinctive Diaconate has grabbed my imagination!

As mentioned to you before, it worries me that the Company of Deacons has no record of Southern African Anglican deacons ... and I know there are a few permanent deacons (distinctive deacons).

I know you are writing about the Diaconate. I am looking forward to reading it.

On the 7th of this month I am starting a 40 day preparation - discussed with my Spiritual Director for ordination (resonates beautifully with all we learned on the Camino) without escaping my daily responsibilities, broken down into four parts. Examining and breaking down prejudices emerging in interaction with others (stage 1), building positive interaction by recognising Jesus within each person encountered (stage 2), fostering the growth of compassion, with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, that flowered in such matter of fact ways on the Camino (stage 3), and in the final 10 days just resting in our Lord and waiting on him (stage 4). In all of this he has asked me to consider the role and support of my husband. Beautiful! Towards the end of the 40 days will be our retreat - I am longing for this!

Hope you don't mind these messages - For me you have always been friend as well as Bishop!
I do not expect a reply as I know you are busy. God Bless.. Gwynne

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