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Dear Fellow Deacons,

On behalf of the Board and our staff, thank you for your ministry. 3100 deacons serve The Episcopal Church in a wide variety of ways. Our goal is to be of service to you.

The Fund's purpose is to serve those of our order who are in financial need. We do this partly through providing grants, and partly by connecting those deacons with diocesan resources. The Fund will contribute to the support of eight deacons this year, with over \$92,000 in grants. We consider and approve other applications as they are presented; several are pending.

The past year has been another one of significant changes. You approved the revised bylaws and certificate of incorporation. Our Grants Manager, Dn. Bill Jones, and our Treasurer (and lately Fund Accountant) Tony Marshall, both retired after decades of service to the Fund, and we conducted a broad search for their replacements. We reviewed our 2014 Road Map, and updated our next steps. We are beginning work on adding different types of grants to support diaconal ministries.

We continue to develop our relationships with other groups. With AED, we are looking at a report from The Cornerstone Group related to fundraising which would enable both organizations to expand their work. Our conversations with CPG have led to two communications with diocesan bishops this year about the possibilities of deacons enrolling in the TEC pension system. We have joined the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes, and have already started raising awareness in that organization. The board voted to move part of our portfolio into more socially responsible investing.

Those are the highlights. Please read AED's quarterly journal, *Diakoneo*, where we report more completely on our semi-annual board meetings. Also, visit our website at www.fundfordiaconate.org.

We ask for your prayers for the deacons we serve, as well as for us in our ministry to them. Please participate in our elections, and help us support the deacons of The Episcopal Church.

Yours in the Servant Christ,

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The Rev. W. Keith McCoy
President