

## SUGGESTIONS OF POTENTIAL AREAS FOR VOCATIONAL DIAKONIA

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### Introduction:

The following is a list of services and positions where theologically trained laypersons can make valuable contributions to the life of the Orthodox Church in North America. These suggestions are designed to encourage greater reflection on the various areas where the contribution of theologically trained laypersons can be made. These suggestions also seek to aid such laypersons in identifying those tasks and areas where they may be of service to the Church.

This dimension of active service is a true and essential aspect of Orthodox Christianity. The various examples of the Saints bear witness to the fact that there are many forms of service to the life of the Church. All Christians have been called to serve their Lord and His Church according to the best of their talents and abilities.

### I. Parish and Diocesan Ministry:

- A. Parish Lay-Assistant; Parish Co-ordinator
- B. Consultant
- C. Choir Director
- D. Chantor
- E. Pastoral Counselor and/or Spiritual Director
- F. Youth Director
- G. Director of Ministry to the Elderly
- H. Director of Adult Ministry ( including: Married, Family, Single, Widowed and Visitation Ministries )
- I. Administrator
- J. Steward ( including: fund and resource raising )
- K. Preacher ( see also: Communications section)

- L. Teacher (see also: Education section)
- M. Iconographer
- N. Monastic Vocations
- O. Ordained Diaconate

II. Education Ministry:

- A. Religious Education Director (including: Childhood, Adolescent and Adult Education)
- B. Principal of Parochial School
- C. Author of Catechetical Materials
- D. Religion and/or Theology Instructor (Theologian)
- E. Campus Minister and/or Student Counselor
- F. Director of Catechetical Programs, Retreats and Conferences
- G. Translator
- H. Orthodox Press Editor (see also: Communications section)
- I. Theological Librarian

III. Missions:

- A. Domestic
- B. International

IV. Communications Ministry:

- A. Artist
- B. Photographer
- C. Journalist
- D. Ecumenical Relations Delegate
- E. Radio/Television/Film Producer
- F. Author
- G. Publisher
- H. Public Speaker and/or Preacher

V. Visitation Ministry:

- A. Hospital Lay-Chaplain
- B. Mental Hospital Lay-Chaplain
- C. Nursing Home Lay-Chaplain
- D. Home and "Shut-ins" Visitor

VI. Community Service Ministry:

- A. Counselor
- B. Administrator
- C. Social Worker
- D. Prison Minister