

OPC Committee on Diaconal Ministries
Reading List for Further Study of Diaconal Ministry

Books:

1. What Is Mercy Ministry? (Basics of the Faith)
by Philip G. Ryken and Noah J. Toly
2. New Testament Deacon: The Church's Minister of Mercy
by Alexander Strauch
3. Ministries of Mercy: The Call of the Jericho Road (3rd Edition)
by Timothy J. Keller
4. Resources for Deacons: Love Expressed through Mercy Ministries
by Timothy J. Keller
5. The Ministry of Mercy for Today
by Peter Y. De Jong
6. When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor
by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert
7. The Deacon: The Biblical Roots and the Ministry of Mercy Today
by Cornelis Van Dam
8. Not Just a Soup Kitchen: How Mercy Ministry in the Local Church Transforms Us All
by David S. Apple
9. Neighborology: Practicing Compassion as a Way of Life
by David S. Apple
10. Serving God in a Migrant Crisis
by Patrick Johnstone with Dean Merrill
11. Seeking Refuge: On the Shores of the Global Refugee Crisis
by Issam Smeir, Matthew Soerens, and Stephan Bauman
12. Ministries of Mercy: The Call of the Jericho Road (2nd Edition)
Audio CD, Unabridged
by Timothy J. Keller

Papers and Articles:

1. Christian Charity or The Duty of Charity to the Poor, Explained and Enforced
by Jonathan Edwards
<http://www.biblebb.com/files/edwards/charity.htm>
2. The Diaconate, Part 1 (January 1879)
by John L. Girardeau
<http://www.pcahistory.org/HCLibrary/periodicals/spr/v30/30-1-1.pdf>
3. The Diaconate Part 2 (January 1880)
by John L. Girardeau
<http://pcahistory.org/HCLibrary/periodicals/spr/v31/31-1-6.pdf>
4. The Importance of the Office of Deacon (January 1881)
by John L. Girardeau
<http://pcahistory.org/HCLibrary/periodicals/spr/v32/32-1-1.pdf>
5. The Deaconship (April 1859)
by James B. Ramsay
<http://www.pcahistory.org/HCLibrary/periodicals/spr/v12/12-1-1.pdf>
6. The Office of Deacon (June 1855)
by Stuart Robinson
<http://pcahistory.org/topicalresources/deacons/OfficeOfDeacon.pdf>
7. Report on the Diaconate (1884)
by John L. Girardeau, Robert L. Dabney, Thomas E. Peck
<http://pcahistory.org/topicalresources/deacons/1884-PCUS-Report.pdf>
8. Presbyterian Deaconesses (1889)
by B. B. Warfield
<http://www.pcahistory.org/findingaids/warfield/deaconesses-1889.pdf>
9. The Deacon: A Divine Right Office with Divine Uses
by C. Nick Willborn
Excerpt and link to purchase:
<http://reformeddeacon.com/the-deacon-a-divine-right-office-with-divine-uses/>
10. The Diaconate: God's Office of Temporal Affairs
by C. Nick Willborn
Link to purchase:
<http://reformeddeacon.com/the-diaconate-gods-office-of-temporal-affairs/>

11. The Gospel Work of the Diaconate: A Ministry Proportioned in Number
by C. Nick Willborn
Excerpt and link to purchase:
<http://reformeddeacon.com/the-gospel-work-of-the-diaconate-a-ministry-proportioned-in-number/>
12. The Biblical Foundation of the Diaconate
by George W. Knight III
<https://www.opc.org/OS/html/V5/3f.html>
13. Reforming the Diaconate Part 1
by William Shishko
<https://www.opc.org/OS/html/V1/2f.html>
14. Reforming the Diaconate Part 2
by William Shishko
<https://www.opc.org/OS/html/V1/3c.html>
15. Reforming the Diaconate Part 3
by William Shishko
<http://www.opc.org/OS/html/V2/1b.html>
16. God's Gift of Deacons
by Ronald Pearce
http://opc.org/nh.html?article_id=642
17. If You Are a Deacon
by Nathan Trice
http://www.opc.org/os.html?article_id=409
18. A Presbyterian Approach to Diaconal Ministry
by Nathan Trice
http://www.opc.org/nh.html?article_id=910
19. Principles of Diaconal Ministry
From the Committee on Diaconal Ministries of the OPC
http://opc.org/CDM/2016-03-14_Principles_of_Diaconal_Ministry_from_CDM_Manual.pdf
20. Report of the Subcommittee on Diaconal Ministries (1978)
From the Presbyterian Church in America
<http://pcahistory.org/pca/2-159.pdf>