# NOTE: Deacon Candidates may do a contextual project or a sermon

## **GUIDELINES CONTEXTUAL PROJECT**

## **GENERAL DIRECTIONS:**

- 1) Your contextual project should be an original example of your ministry of Word and Service using a biblical text of your choosing.
- 2) Title of Project: Is it related to main theme?
- 3) Setting: Describe your context for ministry. Where do you serve? Who do you serve? What are your primary responsibilities?
- 4) Purpose: As a deacon you are called to a ministry of Word and Service. How does your project proclaim this ministry in your setting?
- 5) Brief Description of Project: In fifty words or less describe your audience, location, number of sessions, type of project.
- 6) Outline: Provide a detailed outline of the entire project.
- 7) Exegesis of the Biblical text you chose (2-3 pages)
- 8) Main Body: Provide a narrative of one component, presentation or session of your project.
- 9) Provide an audio or videotape of your presentation. Where matters of confidentiality would prohibit, secure written permission of the participants.

### AREAS OF EVALUATION. All of these may not apply to your project.

- Sources: What supportive materials are being used? Is proper credit given to sources?
- Illustrations (where applicable): Are illustrations varied, fresh, true to life, accurate, right length?
- Transitions: Are transitions natural, creative, easy to follow, varied, clear?
- Text/Narrative: Does the project show evidence of good research?
- Appeal: Is the appeal rational, logical and systematic? Does the narrative/text provide practical help or support?
- Writing style: Literary, oral, abstract, concrete, conversational, clear, direct, energetic, flowing, truthful, natural.
- Cultural sensitivity: Was inclusive language used? Was the narrative/text sensitive to current events and social issues?

#### **GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING CONTEXTUAL PROJECT SCALE:**

#### Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, and Needs Improvement

A copy of the evaluation of your Contextual Project will be returned to you. The assigned readers will be pleased to discuss the evaluation with you.