



## **The Diaconate in the Diocese of British Columbia - Milestones**

1982	William Savage is ordained deacon and assigned to Parksville as an assistant
1991	The Diocese of BC agrees to restore an intentional diaconate
1992	Early deacons: three deacons are ordained and placed: Denis Wheeler, Margaret Edgar and Dolly Beaumont
1998	Early deacons: six deacons are ordained and placed: Suzanne Crerar, Eric Detchon, Nancy Ford, Charles Massey, Ron MacLuskie, Gil Shoesmith. (Ron and Charles were later priested.)
2004	<p>Bishop James Cowan establishes a Commission on the Diaconate, which made the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• establish a Chapter of Deacons</li><li>• appoint a Director of Deacons</li><li>• establish a diaconal discernment conference</li><li>• develop a formation/education program for deacons</li></ul>
2005	Deacon Nancy Ford is appointed Director Deacons
2006	Candidates from BC and New Westminster meeting in Abbotsford for a shared diaconal discernment weekend
2006	Deacon Betty McLeod Miller is elected the first chair of the Chapter
2007	BC hosts New Westminster for a diaconal discernment weekend at the Bethlehem Retreat Centre
2007	Deacon Nancy Ford is recognized by the North American Association for the Diaconate (NAAD) for her work on the diocesan formation and training program
2008	BC welcomes participants from the Diocese of Olympia at a diocesan discernment weekend
2010	The Chapter prepares a powerpoint presentation on the diaconate for Synod
2011	Deacon Nancy Ford is elected to the board of the Association for Anglican Deacons in Canada (AADC)
2012	The Chapter enters into a covenant with Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria
2013	"Pathways to Compassion," a documentary on the diaconate, was completed and premiered at the World Diakonia Conference in Berlin. It is later launched in BC, and briefly available on YouTube

- 2014 Deacon Nancy Ford is appointed to General Synod's Faith Worship and Ministry task force on the diaconate.
- 2016 General Synod adopts the Iona Report on the diaconate
- 2017-2020 Deacon Nancy Ford serves as Chair of AADC.
- 2017 Victoria hosts the triennial AADC conference.
- 2022 Deacon Nancy Ford retires as the Director of Deacons and is succeeded by Dean Ansley Tucker
- 2022 The Chapter hosts a clergy day on the diaconate, with guest speaker Archdeacon Bruce Morris from Vancouver
- 2023 Dean Ansley Tucker and Deacon Nancy Ford serve on the Strategic Planning committee of Anglican Deacons Canada (ADC).
- 2023 The diocesan Educational Trusts Board agrees to make funding available from the Mann Scholarship Trust for the training and education of deacons for ordained ministry
- 2023 Dean Ansley Tucker chairs a group charged with producing succinct theological statement on the diaconate for adoption by General Synod in 2025