

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall consist of Ordained Baptist Deacons who are actively participating in carrying out the role and function of a Deacon in the respective Churches.

HOW YOU CAN BECOME A MEMBER

You can join as an individual Ordained Deacon being a member in good standing of a Baptist Church in Richmond and Vicinity.

PRESIDENTS - PAST AND PRESENT

Deacon W. R. Minor	1902-1931
Deacon Paul Carrington	1932-1935
Deacon James S. Christian	1936-1965
Deacon Grover O. Chiles	1966-1970
Deacon Robert A. Bracey, Jr.	1971-1976
Deacon James H. Taylor, Jr.	1977-1980
Deacon William W. Manning	1981-1984
Deacon Charles D. Carter	1985-1986
Deacon James H. Taylor, Jr.	1987-1988
Deacon Grace R. Williams	1989-1991
Deacon William A. Hudgins	1992-1993
Deacon Wilton L. Washington	1994-1997
Deacon Harold Neal	1998-2001
Deacon Donald M. Holman	2002-2005
Deacon Teresa G. H. Mason	2006-

2008 OFFICERS

President	Deacon Teresa G. H. Mason
First Vice President	Deacon Phillip W. Page, Sr.
Second Vice President	Deacon Juanita Armistead
Recording Secretary	Deacon Otelia W. Thomas
Asst Recording Secretary	Deacon Margery L. Houston
Corresponding Secretary	Deacon Catherine S. Mankin
Asst Corresponding Sect.	Deacon Everett Pulliam, Jr.
Treasurer	Deacon Mary Ann Mason
Asst Treasurer # 1	Deacon Lawrence R. Houston
Asst Treasurer # 2	Deacon Julia Hopkins
Financial Secretary	Deacon Frederick Amy, Sr.
Asst Financial Sect # 1	Deacon Janice D. Waddy
Asst Financial Sect #2	Deacon Bernard Sumler
Chaplain	Deacon Albert L. Williams
Asst Chaplain #1	Deacon Thomas L. Joyner
Asst Chaplain #2	Deacon Wallace L. Hurte
Substitute Chaplain #1	Deacon Rufus Bowman
Substitute Chaplain #2	Deacon Evangeline C. Brooks
Parliamentarian	Deacon George P. Armistead III
Historian	Deacon Thomas H. Epps
Marshalls (Four) – Deacons	James B. Bagby, Jr., Jane Edmonds, Barbara C. Washington, Shirley E. Eddleton
Substitute – Deacon	Thermond L. Thomas

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Annual Membership, Auditing, Banquet, Budget, ByLaws, Community Service, Conference Membership Directory, Conference Representatives, Education, Hospitality, Membership, Memorial, Program, Publicity, Recruiting, Scholarship, Sick, Site, Statisticians and Ways and Means

DEACONS' CONFERENCE OF RICHMOND AND VICINITY



Since 1902

**Continuous Service In Leadership To
Church and Community**

SERVANT LEADERS AT WORK...

MOVING IN A NEW DIRECTION

PRESIDENT

DEACON TERESA G. H. MASON

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

MISSION STATEMENT

To bring about a closer relationship between all Deacons of the Baptist Churches; and to assist in their spiritual growth and development in accordance with Acts 6:3 & 1st Timothy 3:8-11.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote spiritual interest; To foster closer relationship between all deacons of the Baptist Churches; To discuss the principle and duties applying to deacons of our churches; To discuss in depth, how we can better assist our pastors in advancing the general interest of the church both temporal and spiritual; To participate in home mission work; To give aid to the sick and distress and to support the activities of the State and National Deacons Conventions.

HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

The Deacons' Conference of Richmond and Vicinity was organized in 1902 at the First African Baptist Church. Deacon W. R. Minor of the Second Baptist Church was the first president and served for twenty-nine years.

The Conference has a rich history steeped in the glorious heritage of the Black Church. The Conference was a predominantly male organization until the late 70's. At which time, in the Richmond community many churches with a clear vision through divine guidance, moved to ordained female deacons. These women joined the Conference and are active members. Rebecca T. Madison of The Mount Carmel Baptist Church was the first female Deacon to join the Deacons' Conference. On December 19, 1988, the first woman elected president was Deacon Grace R. Williams of the Mount Tabor Baptist Church.

2007 marked "105" years: "Partners with Pastors for Greater Ministry." Seven past presidents were honored.

We praise God for all He has done through His servant Leaders in this great organization, as we continue to grow, to share and to serve.

MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Conference shall be held on the Monday after the fourth Sunday of each month except August (Sabbatical).

AFFILIATIONS

The Conference holds membership in the Virginia State Baptist Deacons Convention and the National Baptist Deacons Convention of America, Inc. And Its auxiliaries.

MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE

Sick and Confined Visitation
Christmas Donations to Members Confined
City-Wide Revival
City-Wide Youth Revival
Special Awards
Children's Home of Virginia Baptist, Inc.
Salvation Army Shoe Fund
Christmas Mother
Funeral Memorial Donations
Conference Representative Offerings
(Deacon and Deaconess Day)

VSBC Youth Department
(State Youth attending NBDC)
VSBC Scholarship (Minnis & Hicks)
VSBC Life Ministry

NBDC State Rally (Mission & Scholarship)
NBDC Souvenir Journal
NBDC Youth Department
(Local Youth attending NBDC)

SCHOLARSHIP

The Robert A. Bracey, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is named for one of our past presidents. The Conference offers scholarships annually to deserving students whose Churches are members of the Conference. Four scholarships are given @\$1,000.00 each to awarded applicants.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Conference offers an educational session each month. Topics for these sessions revolve around our National and Local Themes. They are also a significant part of our monthly meetings and provide opportunities for spiritual growth. Additionally, educational sessions are facilitated by members of the Education Committee as well as pastors and special guests from the community.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

A Conference Educational Workshop is held annually. The purpose of the workshop is to continue educating our Deacons on their roles and responsibilities as servant leaders.

ANNUAL PROGRAMS/ EVENTS

City Wide Deacons & Deaconess Day and Memorial Service; Annual Conference Workshop; Scholarship Benefit Event; Spiritual Enlightenment Journey; and Annual Awards and Fellowship Banquet.

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