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1. How do you envision contributing to the AADC Board? What are your special talents and gifts? (125 words)

I have served on many church and secular committees and councils. The organizations ranged in scope from local to regional to national and even international. My roles included being executive officer, chair, advisor, finance director and director at large. Within the church I have held a variety of positions including, to name a few: Warden of Deacons, Board member-at-large for Association of Episcopal Deacons, a member of the Bishop's Committee on Ministry and co-chair on the Board of the Calgary School of Mission and Ministry. In my secular career I was the Executive Director of the Geoscience Council of Canada and twice served as a Director for the AAPG (a 35000 member international geoscience organization). God has gifted me with administration skills and an ability to anticipate where organizations are heading. I hope to bring my breadth of diverse experience to the AADC Board to help it achieve its goals over the next three years.

2. What is your vision for the future of the AADC? (125 words)

Deacons should help "champion the church's social responsibility toward the poor, the practice of hospitality and the need for Christians to live in simplicity" (Diana Butler Bass, 2009). The AADC should encourage its members to set examples within their communities. The Association needs to continue defining the distinct nature of the Diaconate and communicating that distinctiveness to its members and those outside. There continues to be a lack of clarity for the role of deacons by other clergy and the laity. We need to find ways to encourage those who may be called to become a priest that the diaconate may be a valid option. The AADC can help provide consistency for the discernment and formation processes for Deacons. We need to find ways to increase our membership. I have worked with several NGOs to revitalize their membership. I hope that I might be able to help AADC grow and become stronger.

3. My background

I come from Anglican roots and expect to be a "cradle to grave" Anglican. I have always felt comfortable in the "big tent" of our tradition. Prior to my ordination to the Diaconate in 2014, I served over 30 years as a licensed lay minister in our Diocese. I am currently the coordinator of Deacons for the Diocese of Calgary. I am involved in interfaith ministries, provide musical entertainment at the Calgary L'Arche Society coffee house, preach regularly in two Calgary parishes and before COVID, conducted services at several retirement homes and extended care facilities. I am an on-call Anglican chaplain in the Calgary Hospital region. My secular career as an international consulting geoscientist allowed me to work in diverse multidiscipline, multi-faith and multi-cultural settings.