

LEADER DEVELOPMENT DAY

Cast Studies – Board of Deacons

1. Roxanne and John, members of F.P.C. Pleasantville have just experienced a parent's worst nightmare, the loss of a child. How might the FPC Board of Deacons assist the family? How might the Board of Deacons help the congregation with this tragic loss?
2. The Covid 19 pandemic has forced the closure of Pleasantville's largest business and both members and non-members of FPC and living in the community have been greatly impacted. The county Food Bank would like to assist the community of Pleasantville with food supplements. As a Deacon at FPC Pleasantville. What would a vision of assistance look like? What process would you consider for this endeavor?
3. Sophia, who lost her husband not long after her retirement, started coming to FPC Pleasantville as a visitor. She attended pretty regularly for a couple of months, and then she disappeared. You bumped into her at the grocery store, and asked why you haven't seen her at church lately. She answered that it seems like everyone knows each other at the church, and she just didn't feel like she belonged. How could the Deacons help with hospitality and caring?
4. Millie has been the Deacon at the church who sends out cards, arranges for flowers, and keeps the whole enterprise going. Millie is facing some health challenges and is stepping down from this role. You've been asked to design a new approach to congregational care, which will be led by the Deacons. What would the new Congregational Care program look like?
5. Pastor Smith has asked the Deacons to develop a proposal to involve trained church members in the care of the homebound and those suffering from illness or grief. What would be a great program of visitation?
6. The newly formed Board of Deacons at First Presbyterian Church in Pleasantville, USA has been in discussion with the Session of their Church regarding the structure and function of the new Deaconate. The Session is split, with one group declaring the Deacons have been established for the sole discretion of the Session. The opposing group desires the establishment of the Board of Deacons based on community service and outreach. Is it possible for the Board of Deacons enter into this discussion? How can this discussion reveal the validation of the newly established Board of Deacons?