

NAAD Directors Conference
Ten scenarios w/pump priming questions

- 1. Create a social ministry focused field education experience for a deacon-in-formation in and for a small town (@200 folk) and an Episcopal Church with an ASA 15.**
- 2. A deacon-in-formation needs to have a field learning experience in a congregation that is not the one from which she is being sponsored for ordination. The nearest other Episcopal church is 80 – 100 difficult miles away.**
- 3. A deacon director asks you; “Our deacons-in-formation need to start doing theological reflection on their experience and learning soon after they begin. However, they will not yet have done the academic work in scripture, history, theology that will comprise or at least inform the theological tools with which they will reflect. How do we address this?”**
- 4. As Archdeacon for Deacons, you have just concluded a meeting with your bishop who has moved “continuing education” to the top of his priority list. There is no practice or culture of ongoing learning in the diocese, particularly among deacons. You have been charged with motivating and organizing the deacon community to “get serious about con. ed.” . How are you going to do that?**
- 5. A quote from a new director of a deacon program: “We have a small program. My predecessor tried to do a seminary-like program that was heavily academic and rigorous. The interim director who succeeded him swung the pendulum the other way to totally subjective experiential learning. I am trying to establish something in “the middle.” Any advice for me?”**

- 6. Everyone agrees that our people need C.P.E. but they all have full-time jobs, with deacon school on weekends. They can't take 10 weeks off to work in the local hospital. What are we to do?**

- 7. "None of the basic Church History [or Theology or Ethics] texts available seem to even mention the diaconate. What do you use?"**

- 8. "We need to be much more intentional about spiritual formation in our deacon program. What is the best way to incorporate it into a ministry formation experience?"**

- 9. A group in the Commission on Ministry wants to institute a General Ordination Examination to be given after deacons-in-formation have completed their program. How would you advise them?**

- 10. We have our students take online courses from CALL at CDSP. They each do this on their own. How can we integrate their work into the diocese's formation program?**