



1. As stated in Article 7 of the MEBC Bylaws, the qualifications for members of the Office of Deacons are:
  - a) Tested and a proven record of faithful service.
  - b) Respectful to others and above reproach in his life.
  - c) Sober-minded and self-controlled.
  - d) Not prone to violent actions or outbursts and is not quarrelsome in his actions with others.
  - e) A good leader of his household
  - f) Man of one wife
2. Deacons must be Biblically principled men who, through their collective Spiritual giftings, education, and experiences, faithfully fulfill the Membership care responsibilities of ...
3. Our Deacons will meet the responsibilities and related expectations noted below in varying degrees based on their current spiritual gifting and background.

#### Fundamental Responsibilities

- Receive and Control Benevolence Fund using it to respond to the physical and material needs of members or others in our community.
- Minister to members in spiritual or tangible needs
- Visit the sick and shut-ins.
- Prepare and serve the Lord's Supper
- Mobilize acts of service

#### Capability-based Expectations

1. Oversee the yokefellow ministry to help identify and develop potential new opportunities of Deacon service of men in the MEBC fellowship.
2. In addition to serving our Widows/Widowers and Shut-ins the MEBC Deacon Brotherhood also include active Military service personnel and families in the Watch-care ministry
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