

#04--Suggested Nomenclature for Deaf Mission Staff

1. **Missionary Pastor:** An ordained pastor of the LCMS. Priorities: 1) Making disciples; 2) Training Deaf people to serve as leaders in their congregation—a) Evangelism; and b) Diakonia (Christian service--Matthew 25). They will work with the Deaf Mission Action group of each worship area.
2. **DIT Congregational Pastor:** A graduate of the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis DIT program. He will enter into a mentoring relationship with a Missionary Pastor for at least five (5) years after graduation.
3. **Vicar:** A person in his vicarage year at one of the Seminaries or a male DIT student who has completed the first five DIT courses. Every vicar must have an involved mentor who is a pastor.
4. **Deacon:** A person authorized by a District President (DP) to serve a vacant parish and to consecrate the Lord's Supper. This person so authorized will be taking or have completed the District educational requirements for said title.
5. A Deaf "**Senior Liturgist**" (gloss for "top Liturger) is a male who serves as worship leader when the pastor is not leading. His congregation elects him to serve in this task. If he consecrates the Lord's Supper, the Congregation must annually seek the District President's approval. When he has completed the DeafPah! courses of LDMS, the District President may permanently certify him. If the Deaf candidate for "Senior Liturgist" has not yet completed all the DeafPah! courses, he must take at least 2 more courses each year. Every "Deaf Senior Liturgist" must have an involved mentor who is a pastor. Every Deaf Senior Liturgist shall be encouraged to enroll in DIT.
6. **Deaconess:** A graduate of an approved Deaconess program of the LCMS or a graduate of the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, DIT program. The deaconess shall serve as 1) a Bible woman; 2) a catechist; and involve herself in 3) diakonia (Christian service); and 4) koinonia (Fellowship) (Matthew 25.) Every Deaconess must have an involved mentor who is a pastor.
7. **Deaconess Intern:** A DIT female student who has completed the first five DIT courses. Every Deaconess Intern must have an involved mentor who is a pastor.