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**Subject:** First Deacon's Meeting of the Year.

Greetings to the Deacons of the Highveld,  
Hope you have all had a blessed time during the rest of Advent and now during the Christmas season. Our first meeting for the year is on 14<sup>th</sup> January, as you may have seen from the Diocesan calendar. Meetings start at 10am. The venue varies between the Board Room and the Fellowship room. Our first meeting is in the Boardroom.

I have asked to have the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> March changed to 11<sup>th</sup> March, because the 18<sup>th</sup> is the start of a long-weekend. The Bishop's secretary will make the necessary changes on the Diocesan diary for us.

Please diarize the meetings for the year as follows: 11/3, 20/5, 15/7, 16/9 and 18/11.

are still waiting to hear from False Bay as to whether they have permission from their Bishop to host the Conference and which of the two weekends in December it will be. Hopefully we will have an answer by the time of our meeting.

Please send agenda items to me. Feedback from the Conference iro logistics, finances, etc. and planning for Deacon Pieter's attendance at DIAKONIA will, of course, be on this agenda. There are other important issues:

Building up the diaconate in our own Diocese will require much prayer and discernment.

Perhaps we also need to explore getting permission from our Bishop, our own parish priests and the various archdeacons to preach on the diaconate so that our own people can learn about the distinctive diaconate as a vocation. Pre and post-ordination training requirements for deacons is another area to look at and perhaps we need to be inviting those priests who carry this responsibility to one of our meetings.

It would also be good to hear what your own plans are in exercising diaconal ministry in your parish settings.

There is much to discuss as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all of this.

Please pray earnestly.

Grace and Peace,

Gwynne