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- A. Review the confessional and Scriptural basis for the principles of the work of the deacons: Belgic Confession Article 30; Church Order articles 25, 26, 83; Form of Ordination of Elders and Deacons; Acts 6:1-7; I Timothy 3:8-13.
- B. The deacon does his work well by knowing and adhering to these!

The Principles of the Work of the Diaconate

I. Basic Principles.

- A. The fundamental principle of the work of the diaconate is that the deacons are called to relieve and comfort the poor, sick, and otherwise needy.

- 1. It is good to be reminded of this.
- 2. What are the fundamental points, the ABCs, of this work?
 - a. A =
 - b. B =
 - c. C =

- B. About the nature of this work, we note that:

- 1. It is an authoritative work.
- 2. It is a work of service.
- 3. It is a work of mercy.

II. Principles particularly important to remember in a tough economy.

- A. Diaconal Stewardship.
- B. Preventing Poverty.
- C. Doing Good to All.
- D. Gathering Alms.

III. Two final points.

- A. The blessing of a tough economy.
- B. The reward of grace for faithful deacons.