The Episcopal Church in Minnesota has forty-nine active deacons serving in thirty-eight faith communities. Deacons in the ECMN serve as a bridge between churches and their neighborhoods by engaging the gifts of the people with the needs of the world. Deacons encourage, foster, and organize many ministries, including: feeding the hungry in parish kitchens and through food shelves; serving the homeless; advocating for housing; protesting against gun violence and advocating for gun control; and working directly with immigrants to furnish their homes, assist in finding work, and improve their literacy skills. In 2016 Bishop Prior formed the Commission for the Diaconate, a networking resource for ECMN Deacons. Sixty percent of the active deacons in ECMN were ordained in the last six years.