DIACONATE PROGRAM
Cluster group guideline agenda

1) Pick a central location and have it in a Church and/or conference room of an Orthodox Church.

2) Opening prayer

3) Have some type of food and beverages provided.

4) Have the cluster group organized so that there is a block of time of 2-4hrs. There will be a lot to cover and a diverse level of experience. Have common sense breaks.

5) Have both liturgical and ministry topic discussions at each cluster group and not just one or the other. (Have the Metropolitan, Arch Deacon, experienced Deacon Clergy Mentor or experienced Deacon present if possible)

6) Understand what the Priest needs are at the local level to help the Program be most effective.

7) Give the Deacons and candidates a structure on what is expected of them as Ordained Clergy both liturgically and in local ministry. (This is the homework)

8) Always discuss family and the reality of time commitment.

9) Make sure the Diaconate spread sheet list of candidates and Deacons in the Metropolis is accurate or updated prior to the participants leaving. (Name, address, Cell #, Ordination date, etc)

10) Have someone designated as responsible for being the contact between the Metropolis and HCHC and give HCHC feedback on how the cluster group went.

11) Closing prayer