



July 10, 2008

## Diocese of Norwich – Diaconate

Office of the Vicar for Clergy  
201 Broadway  
Norwich, CT 06360

Dear Deacon and Wife:

You are cordially invited to attend the NADD Region I assembly this November. The diaconal community in New England will gather at the Hyatt Regency Newport Hotel, Goat Island, Newport, RI on Saturday November 8, 2008.

We are blessed to have Deacon Bill Ditewig as our keynote presenter. Deacon Bill is a professor of theology and religious studies at St Leo University in Tampa. As the former executive director of the Secretariat for the Diaconate at the USCCB and a participant in the development of the National Directory for the Diaconate, Bill brings a tremendous depth of understanding of the diaconate. He will be addressing *The Emerging Diaconate* which is also the title of his latest book. At the New England gathering, Deacon Ditewig will lead us in a day of interactive learning and dialog on the **Emerging Diaconate, Servant Leader in a Servant Church**.

The Registration Desk will be open on Friday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM for your convenience. Registration materials are not needed until Saturday morning. The registration desk will reopen at 7:30 AM on Saturday morning. Each attendee will receive a registration package containing conference material and a certificate of six (6) C.E.U.'s for diaconal continuing education.

The registration fee is \$110.00 per person. However, those who register early, that is prior to September 15, 2008, will receive a discount and pay only \$95.00 per person. This includes the Friday reception, Saturday continental breakfast, your entry to the general sessions, and Saturday lunch. Please note that the capacity of the meeting room is limited and while we try to accommodate walk-ins, we cannot guarantee that space will be available. Please register early to ensure your space.

On Friday evening there will be a reception that will include coffee, decaf coffee, tea, desserts, cash bar. So go ahead and enjoy dinner, but save room for dessert. The Friday night reception will be in the "Rose Island Room" starting at 8:00 PM.

Saturday morning, vendors will be setting up between 7:00am and 7:30am – please give them time and space to set-up; they will remain open until just before Mass in the afternoon. Please visit them during the day to make purchases. A continental breakfast will be available from 7:30am to 8:45am. Welcome and Morning Prayer is at 8:45am.

If you wish to stay overnight at the Hyatt hotel, we have been guaranteed a rate of \$130.00 per night, per room, plus local taxes for a block of rooms that NADD Region I has guaranteed. This rate will hold for the dates November 6, 2008 through November 10, 2008. The hotel will guarantee a specific block of rooms at this rate only until all the rooms in the block are reserved but no later than October 6, 2008. We suggest that you call early to make reservations. Please do not wait until the last minute!

I look forward to your participation at this gathering as part of the diaconal community of New England and the Diocese of Albany. Please send the light green registration form directly to Sharon Tartaris, and your hotel reservation directly (mail or telephone) to the Hyatt Regency Newport.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Michael Berstene

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### **NEWPORT CONFERENCE FACTS SHEET**

- Conference Hotel Room Rate is \$130.00 per night, for a set number of rooms. This rate is good Thursday through Monday. The special conference rate that the Hyatt Regency Newport offers us in the contract is available only until all the rooms that we have guaranteed are purchased. Once all our guaranteed rooms have been “booked” by our members, that special conference rate is no longer available, and you will be offered a much higher rate.

Rather than waiting until the last minute, please call the hotel as soon as possible and make your reservations. **When you register for the conference, we do not make the hotel reservations for you – you must do that yourself!**

- Normally, The Hyatt Regency Newport charges their guests for parking, and an even higher parking rate for valet parking. Under our contract, there is no charge if you park your car yourself. However, there is a significant charge if you use valet parking.
- This year the speaker is the well-known speaker and writer, Deacon William T. Ditewig. We expect that many will be interested in attending. However, we can only accept a total of five-hundred (500) attendees. Therefore, please do not wait to register!
- When completing your registration form, please be sure to print clearly. If we can't understand your handwriting, we will do our best, however your name on the attendees list and on your badge might be incorrect.
- Cancellations: there will be a \$25.00 cancellation fee for all cancellations between August 1, 2007 and September 30, 2007; there will be a \$50.00 cancellation fee for all cancellations made between October 1, 2007 and October 30, 2007; after November 1<sup>st</sup> there will be no refunds except for hardship reasons or extreme weather conditions. All cancellations must be approved by the (Arch)diocesan diaconate director.

*In order to accommodate the large number of people we will use two dining rooms again. We will be collecting the lunch tickets at the doors to the dining rooms. Please remember to bring the lunch tickets with you and cooperate with the people collecting the tickets. Those without tickets will not be allowed to enter and have lunch.*

NADD Region I - Diaconal Assembly 2008  
presents

Deacon William T. Ditewig, PhD

'The Emerging Diaconate'  
*Servant Leaders in a Servant Church*

Saturday, November 8, 2008  
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Newport, Rhode Island

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To register for the Conference: (Deadline is October 1, 2008)

1. Complete form below - Make check to: N.A.D.D. Region I  
Mail registration form & payment to:  
Mrs. Sharon Tartaris, 47 Stannard Avenue, Branford, CT 06405

If you would like confirmation of registration please email: [startaris@comcast.net](mailto:startaris@comcast.net)

2. Call the Hyatt Regency for your room reservation at 401-851-1234 by October 1.  
A **limited number** of rooms will be available at the conference rate **until October 1.**

Return bottom half only

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**Assembly Registration - 2008**

Please PRINT NEATLY

Arch/Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rev, Deacon, Mr, Mrs, etc.)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch selection (please Print selection for each): Regular, Salt-free, Diabetic

Self: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Standard Registration fee: \$110.00 per person (September 16 - October 1)

Early registration fee: \$95.00 per person if received before September 15.

Cancellation policy: A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 is imposed between Aug. 1 & Sept. 30.  
A non-refundable fee of \$50.00 is imposed for refunds requested between Oct. 1 & Oct. 31.  
No refunds will be given after Nov. 1 unless there is a hardship or extreme weather conditions.

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration will not be processed if payment is not included.

# HYATT REGENCY NEWPORT

One Goat Island  
Newport, Rhode Island 02840  
(401)851-1234

**PLEASE NOTE: Make your reservations as early as possible; there are only a limited number of rooms guaranteed at the discounted group rate, and once those are taken, a higher rate will apply. Each year we have increased the number of rooms at the discounted group rate, but all rooms in the hotel are not part of our group. If any of our group rooms remain available as late as October, reservations must be received no later than October 1, 2008.**

If a room will be shared by more than one person, please enclose names of additional occupants.

Check-out time is 11:00am. Rooms are available for check-in after 4:00pm.

Reservation must be guaranteed by a major credit card. If you do not cancel your reservation 72 hrs. prior to the day of arrival, you will either forfeit your deposit or the first night's room and tax will be charged to your credit card. (Be sure to ask the reservationist for a cancellation number.)

## NADD REGION 1 ASSEMBLY OF DEACONS

Rate below is valid for Thursday Nov.6, 2008 through Monday Nov.10, 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing Room with: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check preferences:

Single: 1 person, 1 bed \$130.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Double: 2 people, 1 bed \$130.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Double: 2 people, 2 beds \$130.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-smoking: \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking: \_\_\_\_\_

(All rooms subject to 13% Rhode Island Tax-subject to change)

## **Directions to the Hyatt Regency Newport 1 Goat Island, Newport RI 02840**

Phone 401-851-1234' Fax (401) 846-7210

**From Points South: New York or Hartford:** Take 1-95 North to exit 3A in Rhode Island (Rt. 138 East). Follow signs for Newport. Continue over Jamestown Bridge, then over Newport Bridge (\$2.00 toll). Take first exit after bridge, "Scenic Newport - Rt. 238." Turn right at stop sign at end of exit ramp. Proceed to second traffic light. Turn right at light onto Rt. 238/ America's Cup Avenue. Turn right at next traffic light onto Goat Island Connector Road. Proceed one block. At stop sign, continue straight over causeway.

*Hyatt Regency Newport* is straight ahead.

**From Western Massachusetts / Mass Pike:** Take Mass Pike (I-90).East to Rt. 146 South/Providence (exit 10A). Follow to I-295 South to Warwick.. At end of I-295, follow I-95 South to exit 9 (left exit). Follow Rt. 4 South for ten(10) miles .. At end of Route 4, follow Route 1 South for 1/2 mile. Take first exit - Rt. 138 East. Continue over the Jamestown Bridge; then over Newport Bridge (\$2.00 toll). Take first exit after bridge, "Scenic Newport - Rt. 238." Turn right at stop sign at end of exit ramp. Proceed to second traffic light. Turn right at light onto Rt. 238/ America's Cup Avenue. Turn right at next traffic light onto Goat Island Connector Road. Proceed one block. At stop sign, continue straight over causeway.

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**From Points Northeast: Providence/Warwick/T. F. Green Airport:** Take I-95 South to exit 9 (left exit). Follow Rt. 4 South for ten(10) miles .. At end of Route 4, follow Route 1 South for 1/2 mile. Take first exit - Rt. 138 East. Continue over the Jamestown Bridge; then over Newport Bridge (\$2.00 toll). Take first exit after bridge, "Scenic Newport - Rt. 238." Turn right at stop sign at end of exit ramp. Proceed to second traffic light. Turn right at light onto Rt. 238/ America's Cup Avenue. Turn right at next traffic light onto Goat Island Connector Road. Proceed one block. At stop sign, continue straight over causeway.

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**From Points North: Boston Area:** Take I-93 to Rt. 24 South to Fall River, MA. Continue on Rt. 24 across Rhode Island border. At the end of 24, follow Rt. 114 South approximately 11-12 miles to Newport. Proceed one mile past Newport city line. Take first right turn after Newport Police Station onto Marlborough Street. Continue straight to traffic light. At light, make right turn onto America's Cup Avenue. Make left turn at next traffic light onto Goat Island Connector Road. Proceed one block. At stop sign continue straight over causeway.

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There is a scheduled van shuttle service from T.F. Green (Providence) Airport available through Cozy Cab of Newport. Tel. 1-800-846-1502. Reservations required for return trip to airport. Drive time is approximately 40 minutes to hotel.

**For Transportation Arrangements, contact:**

**Guest Services, Hyatt Regency Newport (401) 849-2600**

**NEWPORT AREA HOTELS**

- **rated in top 20 hotels in Newport area**
  - **but in our price range**

**Mainstay Inn.....(401)849-9880**  
**Viking.....(401)847-3300**  
**One Murray House Bed & Breakfast.....(401)846-3337**  
**Vanderbilt Hall.....(401)846-6200**  
**Admiral Benbow Inn .....(401)846-4256**  
**Inntowne .....(800)457-7803**  
**Melville House .....(401)847-0640**  
**Admiral Fitzroy Inn.....(800)343-2863**  
**Jailhouse Inn.....(800)427-9444**

**We make no guarantees about availability or price**