

# Role of a Deacon in the Seventh Day Adventist Church

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*The pressures of clerical life often weigh on religious leaders. In the Christian faith the responsibility of the religious congregation falls on the shoulders of pastors, elders and deacons. Elders and deacons assist pastors in the work of the church. In the Seventh-day Adventist Church, deacons play an active role which allows the pastor freedom to take care of pressing matters in the congregation. Deacons are elected and ordained to their position in the church, as are the church elders.*

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## Communion Assistance

Deacons and deaconesses (female deacons) often assist with Communion. They provide water, towels, and basins for foot-washing. After the [service](#), they clean the basin and linen used.

## Maintaining Church Property

Deacons are often responsible for the care and maintenance of church property.

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## Visiting the Sick

Deacons visit the sick. They pray with them and offer them encouragement.

## Helping the Poor

Deacons often identify those who are needy in a community. [Money](#) for the needy is provided from the church treasurer.

## Preparing for and Helping with Baptisms

Deacons make sure that towels are provided for baptismal candidates. They help the candidates in and out of the baptismal pool.

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