

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

### **Gilbert Williams, Pastor of Hebron Seventh-day Adventist Church, Houston, TX**

Pastor White,

Greeting! Thanks again for this wonderful resource.

Your book is the best resource I have read on the subject to prepare Deacons and Deaconesses in Christian Service. I have referenced you and your book in a previous seminar. Please share this resource with my Conference President and Ministerial Secretary. They sometimes purchase large quantities of books for all workers. Feel free to use me as a reference.

Sincerely,  
Gilbert

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### **John Sweigart, Vice President for Administration at Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

I have been involved in church leadership training for about 25 years. Elder Vincent White, Sr.'s book about the 21st Century Ministry leadership position of Deacons and Deaconesses and its importance in developing committed and capable lay leaders was what brought him to my attention. The knowledge, scholarship and experience revealed in his book were matched by his genial manner and conduct of a camp meeting seminar for our conference. That camp meeting seminar has had continuing impact on the life and ministry of many local leaders and their churches in Kansas and Nebraska.

Elder John Sweigart

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### **Dr Paul Hunt, Leadership Specialist & Church Planter - Texas Conference**

Dr. Vincent White is a true professional. He is thorough and detailed in his approach with a warm and engaging style. Consulting with our leadership and deaconry, Dr White provided a wealth of experience and sound, practical advice. He is one of the very few leaders and authors in his field and I have no reservations in recommending him.

Dr. Paul Hunt, Pastor

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**Stephen P. Bohr, President/Speaker Secrets Unsealed | Pastor of Fresno Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, Fresno, CA**

Dear Brother Vincent:

I want to thank you so much for sending me a copy of The Twenty-First Century Deacon and Deaconess. What a blessed experience it was for me to read this book—it was a delight! Though I had studied about the role of deacons in the church, I did not realize how broad and important the job description was. The book is practical, informative, and balanced.

I especially appreciated the fact that you clearly distinguished between the ordination and job description of deacons and deaconesses versus the ordination of elders and pastors. As you clearly pointed out, there are so many these days who are using the ordination of deaconesses as justification to ordain women as elders and pastors. Thank you for making a clear distinction and the proper use of the Spirit of Prophecy.

I learned many things about the role of deaconesses in Scripture and church history. I agree with you that women clearly served as deaconesses in the early church as well as in later times. I also agree that we have forgotten the vital importance of the office. Your suggestions on how to recover the lost role of the deacon and deaconess in the church were very valuable.

Once again, thanks for sending me a copy of the book, I was blessed. My prayer is that God will continue to bless you as you instruct churches on how to revive this vital ministry of the church to the honor and glory of God.

In Christ,

Pastor Stephen P. Bohr

P. S. Enclosed please find a check for \$25 to cover the cost of the book and the shipping. I know that you sent me the book as a gift but I was so blessed that I wish to cover the cost.

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**Cheryl Murray, Retired NYC POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS SECTION**

I attended a seminar he had this past February [2012] and found him to be an excellent speaker full of knowledge with a strong passion for his field of work.

Cheryl Murray

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**Joseph F. Milner, Jr., Pastor of East Cleveland Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cleveland, TN**

After searching for years as a pastor to find adequate resources to aid me in the training of deacons & deaconesses, I was pleased to discover that Pastor Vincent White had published a book entitled “The Twenty-First Century Deacon and Deaconess.” This book provided several ideas for training deacons & deaconesses that I did not learn during my training at the seminary.

I invited Pastor Vincent White to my church to conduct a training seminar for our deacons and deaconesses. We used his book as our textbook. Pastor White used theory followed by hands on application of the issues discussed in the seminar. The training enhanced the skills of our deacons & deaconesses, and provided them with a sense of empowerment to carry out their duties in a professional manner which brought honor and glory to God. I have made several changes in the way that we carry out our Communion Service as a result of Pastor White’s training seminar at our church.

Joseph F. Milner, Jr., Pastor

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**Roberto Guerrero, Ordained Seventh-day Adventist Minister – South Atlantic Conference**

Dr. White is a man of God and his book on Deacons and Deaconesses is one of the books I still use to train my staff.

It is one of the books you need to get and read so you too can help train those who you have in churches.

Thanks again ... doc

Elder Roberto Guerrero, Pastor

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**Pastor Daniel Lubega, Pastor at South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

Dr. Vincent is a marvelous minister of the Gospel who combines excellence in preaching with excellence in teaching. His book on the ministry of deacons is a demonstration of his scholarship and spirituality. His presentations are both inspirational and informative. Any church would be richly blessed to receive his ministry.

Elder Daniel Lubega, Pastor

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**Samuel Thomas, Jr., Senior Consultant: Ministry Innovation | Leadership Development | Resource Mgmt. | Ministry Branding | Ministry Coaching**

Dr. Vincent E. White has invested the professional research to develop a Biblical hermeneutic for the offices of Deacon and Deaconess. Providing this invaluable asset for ecclesiastical systems from the church to management levels of organizational structures, Dr. White has created what can well be considered a one of a kind resource. Coupled with his dynamic book and workbook is a seminar which gives him a further edge for this important subject. His expert counsel provides responsible leadership development for congregations looking to go to the next level of church governance and organizational efficiency.

Elder Samuel Thomas, Jr.

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