

Election Of Chair for the Order of Deacons

¶ 308 charges the Board of Ordained Ministry with the task of nominating a chairperson for the Order of Deacons, the chair is to be elected by the membership of the Order. ¶ 309 states that members of the Order are those who have been elected into full membership in the annual conference.

Nominees:

Name	Clergy Status	Appointment
Lewis, Jonathan	FD	Director of Community Partnerships, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare
Soard, Eric	FD	Executive Director, Wesley College Foundation



Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lewis

Deacon in Full Connection

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Lewis is an ordained deacon and a Board Certified Chaplain. He serves full-time at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Memphis, where he is the Director of Community Partnerships in the Mission Integration Division, including leadership of the Congregational Health Network. Jonathan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from The University of Georgia, a Master of Divinity from Duke, and a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Counseling from Memphis Theological Seminary. Jonathan is also a part time campus minister at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and an adjunct instructor at Rhodes College. He is married to Maggie, an Occupational Therapist, and they have three children, James, Andy, and Kathryn.





Rev. Eric Soard is an ordained deacon and currently works as the Executive Director of Wesley College Foundation which directly support the work of Wesley College in Mwanza, Tanzania. He has an MA in International Development from Eastern University and completed his basic graduate theological studies at Asbury Theological Seminary. Eric started in ministry as a youth director and worked for 5 years in local churches in the legacy Memphis Conference before moving to Tanzania in 2010. In Tanzania Eric served with his wife and three kids as a missionary for 10 years, 2 as an volunteer and 8 years with the General Board of Global Ministries. During that time, he worked in orphan care, street children's ministry, church planting, women's advocacy, economic development, agriculture training, and organizational development.

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