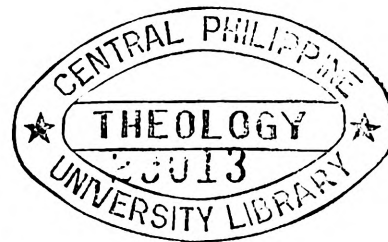


**THE ROLE OF *DIAKONOS* IN ACTS 6:1-8 AND ITS IMPLICATIONS TO THE
CURRENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF DEACONS
AMONG SELECTED DEACONS AND DEACONESSES
OF THE JANUAY-BADIANGAN CIRCUIT OF
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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted in compliance with the requirement for the degree Master of Ministry. It aimed to know and explain the role of *diakonos* in Acts 6:1-8 and its implications to the current understanding of the role of *diakonos* among selected deacons and deaconesses of the Janiuay-Badiangan Circuit of Baptist Churches. Fifty deacons and deaconesses were the respondents and the instrument used was the literary and survey research.

Specifically, it aims to:

1. define the term “deacon”.
2. understand the biblical origin of deacons/deaconess.
3. identify the role of deacons/deaconesses in the early church.
4. list the qualifications of a deacon/deaconess.
5. explain the procedure on how to become a deacon/deaconess.

The result of the study showed that deaconesses are majority in the service and in their retirement age. Some of them are well-informed about their roles, functions and responsibilities while others are not. But as long as service to the Lord is concerned, they are happy doing their part as God’s servant.