

# **CODE Forum 2026**

## **Introduction to the Papers and Workshops**

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#### **Human Dignity as a Corner Stone of Diaconal Practice.**

Due to global crises many diaconal responses happen in secular, multifaith and multicultural environments. They require high sensitivity to cultural features, to values and narratives in their contexts to avoid rough professionalism among diaconal practitioners. One of the criteria of how the contested values and principles are considered in such diaconal action is the actual experience of their clients as to how their human dignity has been affected through the diaconal intervention.

Therefore, in my paper I focus on the concept of human dignity specific to helping professions, sometimes referred to as being of a little use in practice due to its abstract nature. Yet, as one of the constitutive principles of social professions, human dignity should be readily reflected by both the practitioner and those they work with. To contribute to this, I refer to some philosophical and theological relations between the concept of human dignity perceived by a particular individual and the abstract general concept of dignity and using an interdisciplinary approach I propose how to communicate to diaconal workers what those they work with may perceive as relevant for sustaining their human dignity.