

“I serve neither for gratitude nor reward but from gratitude and love; my reward is that I may serve.”

– United Methodist deaconess and home missionary motto



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Who I Am Called to Be

For laity in The United Methodist Church who feel **called by God** to a make a **lifetime** commitment to full-time **cutting-edge** ministries of **love, justice, and service**, there is an opportunity to become part of a **covenant community** and join a **movement**.

## CONNECTION

“One of the things I really like about everything I do as a deaconess is it is a joyful time. It’s a celebration of God’s love with your community.”

– Deaconess Jamie LeJeune  
Mississippi Conference



## LOVE

“My ministry is truly a ministry of love, justice, and service. Love is the preeminent focus: love God, love all, recognize the sacred worth of all, and act to create systemic change in order to build the beloved community.”

– Deaconess Jeanne Roe Smith  
California-Pacific Conference



## CALL

“By answering this call to a lifetime vocation in a full-time ministry of love, justice, and service, I can best utilize the gifts that God has blessed me with.”

– Deaconess Celeste Eubanks  
Alabama-West Florida Conference



## SERVICE

“Deaconesses and home missionaries have a heart to help, to be a servant, to want to share the word of God through work and not afraid to reach down and pick folks up. That’s the heart of a servant.”

– Deaconess Melba McCallum  
North Carolina Conference



## JUSTICE

“Justice work is the ministry of Jesus. As DHM, we take this commitment seriously—it is a lifelong vocation with never-ending opportunities to follow and serve Christ.”

– Home Missioner David Kennedy  
Baltimore-Washington Conference



## ACTION

“I am committed to serving others wherever I go. I connect with Filipino Deaconesses in North America to support their transfer, honor their calling, and assist them in their journey.”

– Deaconess Ellen Dizon,  
California-Nevada Conference.



## COMMITMENT

“Being a deaconess puts me in the middle of the action. A lot of people can talk, but deaconesses do. So, I’m a do-er.”

– Deaconess Selena Smith  
South Carolina Conference



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