

Purpose, Vision, Values, and Emblem

more about the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner

Our Purpose: Why we exist

The Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner of The United Methodist Church in the United States enables laity to respond to a vocational call to be Christ in the world through consecration for lifetime servant ministries of love, justice, and service.

Our Vision for 2021

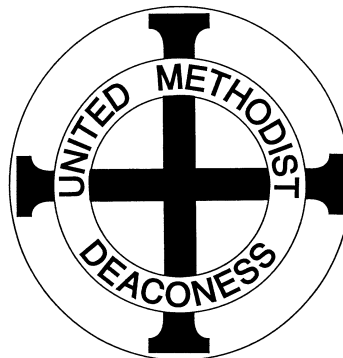
The Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner of The United Methodist Church is a prophetic voice for love, justice, and service so that all may experience abundant life.

Our Values

- Embodying the life-giving love of Christ.
- Commitment to a lifetime relationship in servant ministry in love, justice, and service.
- Covenant community with one another.
- Showing love and respect for all.

Our Emblem

The emblem of the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner, a cross of equal arms encircled by a ring, symbolizes our covenant community and the lifetime relationship we share with The United Methodist Church. The design holds many layers of meaning. The cross with all arms of equal length represents the spread of Christianity in all four directions—North, South, East, and West. The ring represents the global nature of the Gospel message as well as the inclusiveness of God’s love.



As the deaconess movement grew out of missionary thought, our emblem connects our history with our call to servant ministry. Consecrated and commissioned deaconesses, home missioners, and home missionaries wear this emblem as an identifying mark of their relationship and full-time vocation in servant ministry.



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