

Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner

Deaconesses and Home Missioners are lay people who are called by God to be in a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Together we form a covenant community that is rooted in Scripture, informed by history, driven by mission, ecumenical in scope, and global in outreach.

The Deaconess and Home Missioner call to ministries of love, justice, and service is defined in Paragraph 1913.1 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline, which states:

Deaconesses and Home Missioners function through diverse forms of service directed toward the world to make Jesus Christ known in the fullness of his ministry and mission, which mandate that his followers:

- Alleviate suffering;
- Eradicate causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth;
- Facilitate the development of full human potential; and
- Share in the building global community through the church universal

Discernment Events for Deaconesses and Home Missioner Ministry:

During a period of discernment, we listen for the call of God in our lives. The Deaconess and Home Missioner Discernment event is an opportunity to explore God's call to vocational ministry, hear and share call stories, and learn what it takes to be in relationship as a Deaconess or Home Missioner.

There will be an event on August 8, 2024 at 7PM CT/8 PM ET.

You can register at: <https://tinyurl.com/DHMAugust2024>.

For more information and the latest dates for these events, please e-mail: deaconess@uwfaith.org.

Did you know? Our Order continues to grow!

As of May 1, 2024 across the United States, we have:

Deaconess Home Missioners: Active – 267, Retired – 119

Home Missionaries: Active – 4, Retired - 44

If you have questions or would like more information from DHM serving in our Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference, please contact any of us at:

Deaconess Whitney R. Simpson at 615-200-7255 or whitney.simpson@twkumc.org

Deaconess Liz Shadbolt at 615-668-0606 or ershadbolt@gmail.com

Deaconess Debbie Byrd at 615-330-5803 or debbiebyrd90@gmail.com