LCMS deaconesses are women who are full-time professional church workers trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a ministry of works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. The LCMS Deaconess Ministry program provides LCMS students the opportunity to become church professionals, learning about diaconal leadership, and the work of deaconesses as it applies to body and soul ministry.

This grant will provide educational and financial support to the deaconess programs in our international partner churches in the Philippines, Latvia, Liberia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and India. Their theological training encompasses two years of studies and one year of internship. The grant helps fund theological education, text books, resources, transportation, student aid, and tuition support to the underprivileged women who have a passion to learn professional theological studies in order to serve the church.

**WE PRAY TOGETHER**…

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the women who are training to become deaconesses. Guide them as they study and train to learn their profession. Provide teachers to present the necessary education and training, especially in our partner churches outside of the United States. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.