

Deaconesses Trained to Reach Out in Love and Share Christ

2021–2023 Biennium Mission Goal: \$2,150,000 Mission Grant #14 \$100,000







Caring For and Sharing Christ with Hurting People Concordia Seminary, St. Louis — \$100,000

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen (1 Peter 4:10-11). Deaconesses are professional church workers trained to the share the Gospel of Jesus through works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. Equipped with God's Word, they share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who have not yet heard and point them toward the cross.

A deaconess may serve in many ways. A parish deaconess's work depends on the needs of the congregation. In an institution, a deaconess may reach out to troubled youth, unwed mothers, or people in a nursing home. In the mission field they care for God's people around the world. Every deaconess reaches out in love and gives care to the people around her.

The money from this grant will help fund scholarships for deaconess students. It will also cover some of the costs of managing the deaconess training program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. For more information go to lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/deaconess-ministry

We Pray Together:

Lord, we ask You to be with the women who are training to serve as deaconesses. Guide them as they study Your Word and show them how they can care for Your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Learn more about this mission grant at lwml.org/mission-grants

