

## Our Mission

is to bring Anglican Deaconesses together for fellowship, education, spiritual support and worship.

## Our Purpose

is to encourage the growth and proper understanding of the Order of Deaconesses through:

- witness and instruction,
- offering support and mentoring during the formation process of future Deaconesses,
- coordinating conferences, educational opportunities and retreats,
- creating resources to support the work and spiritual life of Deaconesses,
- and providing a structure that fosters communication and mutual support.



**O**LORD of souls, who hast chosen and called us to service in thy Church; all our trust is in thee, for in thee are the springs of our life. Abundantly give us of thy blessed Spirit, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, and use us as it shall please thee for the glory of thy Name. Empty us of self and fill us with the meekness of wisdom. Increase our faith, mellow our judgment, stir our zeal, deepen our affections. Do thou choose for us the work we do and the place in which we do it, the success we win and the harvest we reap. Preserve us from jealousy and impatience, from self-will and depression. Make us faithful unto death, and give us at last the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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# THE ANGLICAN DEACONESS ASSOCIATION

*An organization for the promotion  
and support of the traditional  
Order of Deaconesses*



*endorsed by  
The Federation  
of Anglican Churches  
in the Americas*

## We Affirm that

- the Order of Deaconesses is for women the one and only order of the ministry which has the stamp of apostolic approval, and is for women the only order of the ministry which we can recommend that our branch of the Catholic Church should recognise and use.

*(Lambeth 1920, resolution 48),*

- the deaconess dedicates herself to a life-long service, but no vow or implied promise of celibacy should be required as necessary for admission to the order,

*(Lambeth 1930, resolution 69),*

- and the deaconess order is modeled on the diakonia "of the primitive rather than the modern diaconate of men."

*(Lambeth 1920, resolution 49,  
and Lambeth 1930, resolution 69).*



## Our Membership

is open to any Anglican Deaconess who has been Set Apart to the Order according to her jurisdiction's Canons and practice.

An Anglican woman who has been approved for Candidacy, or who otherwise is in formation according to her jurisdiction's Canons and practice, but has not yet been Set Apart to the Order of Deaconesses, is eligible for associate membership.

## Funding

The Association is funded through:

- member dues,
- donations by individuals who support the ministry of Anglican Deaconesses, and
- contributions from jurisdictions that recognize and Set Apart women to the Order of Deaconesses.



## Anglican Jurisdictions

The following Anglican jurisdictions are currently represented by Deaconesses in the Anglican Deaconess Association:

### Reformed Episcopal Church (ACNA)

#### Anglican Province of America

#### Diocese of the Holy Cross

#### Episcopal Missionary Church

All are members of the Federation of Anglican Churches in the Americas (FACA), a Ministry Partner of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). The REC is a full member of the ACNA. Deaconesses from other Anglican jurisdictions outside of FACA and the ACNA are also eligible to participate in the Association.

### Episcopal Patron

The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr.  
Bishop Ordinary  
Diocese of Mid-America  
The Reformed Episcopal Church

