

Diaconal Ministry in The United Church of Canada (DUCC)

Statement of Belief

“We are called with all God’s people to
be responsible agents of creative transformation
support and caring
liberation and reconciliation
justice and mercy
inviting all into a pilgrimage of
dignity and well-being,
and a ministry of accompaniment.

And we are called with all God’s people
into a life of discernment and risk.

Our roots are within the church’s earliest traditions,
and we exist today within a world-wide
expression of diaconal ministry.

Diaconal ministry exists within the ministry
of the whole community and is the responsibility of that community.

The primary task of diaconal ministry is mutual empowerment
through education, service and pastoral care.

This includes working together
to maintain relationships that are life-giving
and sustaining of community
to meet immediate needs
and to work to create a just and loving world.

We offer an intentional commitment
to stand and be with others on the periphery.

Seeking to be faithful to the gospel,
diaconal ministry remains flexible and
responsive to the needs of the Church and the world,
wherever that may lead.”

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by Diakonia of the United Church of Canada