

Your membership fee makes many things possible.

- Your membership fees in both DOTAC (Diakonia of the Americas and Caribbean) and International DIAKONIA, the worldwide association of diaconal ministers. The national church continues to pay the other half of these fees. Our fees are based on the numbers of diaconal ministers in the United Church.
- The production of **Diaconal NEWS**,
- Financial support for support regional gathering,
- Some of the costs of our National Gatherings.
- Donation to the Barb Elliot Fund of Innovative Ministries,
- Donation to the diaconal preparation programs when funding is available.

Remember that membership fees can be claimed on your income tax; receipts will be issued for donations over \$20.00.

If you choose not to become a member at this time, or if the fee is beyond what you are able to presently pay, we do ask you to consider making a donation to cover some of the costs that are incurred on your behalf - especially the international memberships. A rough estimate would be \$18. for each diaconal minister, active or retired, listed in the yearbook.

For Members who are not diaconal ministers:

Since you will not benefit from the international organizations, we suggest that you deduct \$18. from your membership fees.

Our Treasurer:

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This letter comes from the Membership, Finance and Coordination Cluster. The Alberta and Northwest Conference group is currently carrying this out.

DIAKONIA of the United Church of Canada

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...
(from *Statement of Belief*, adopted in 1992 by Diakonia of the United Church of Canada)

**** DIAKONIA** provides a national identity and perspective for diaconal ministry within the United Church of Canada and the worldwide church. All diaconal ministers are invited to become members annually and to pay fees each year. It is also open to those people who see themselves working in a diaconal style, e.g. staff associates, graduates of a diaconal preparation program who have chosen not to be commissioned, and ordained folk.

**** DIAKONIA** provides educational opportunities, a gathering every two years to bring together the diaconal community from across Canada, contact twice a year through the **Diaconal NEWS** and advocacy for individual diaconal ministers. It formulates and recommends policy for diaconal ministry, and develops and maintains an awareness and understanding of diaconal ministry throughout the church, and provides support, growth and understanding for one another in diaconal ministry.

Our roots for Diaconal Ministry are within the church's earliest traditions, and we exist today within a world-wide expression of diaconal ministry. (from the Statement of Belief– 1992)

**** DIAKONIA** also maintains contact and relationships with other diaconal ministers and associations around the world. These are **DOTAC** (Diakonia of the Americas and Caribbean) and International **DIAKONIA**, the worldwide association of Diaconal Ministers.

***** 2005 DIAKONIA Membership *****

Please take time to fill out the form below.

_____, you were last a member in _____.

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Please check who you are?

Diaconal minister ____ Staff associate ____
Ordained minister ____ Lay person (*not staff associate*) ____

Please check the appropriate category.

- Full Time \$100
- ¾ time - \$75.
- ½ time - \$50.
- ¼ time - \$25.
- Retired - \$25
- Unemployed/Student - \$10
- Other

Amount of membership enclosed \$ _____

I include a donation of \$ _____

I am unable to become a member at this time but wish to make a donation to help cover the cost of some of my international membership fees. Amount \$ _____. (\$18. is suggested)

Make the cheque payable to **DIAKONIA** and mail this form to:
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Please note: with the disbanding of the Committee on Diaconal Ministry the role of DUCC in policy development and advocacy is crucial. A strong membership will help ensure financial resources are in place to support DUCC's mandate.