

For laity in The United Methodist Church who feel **called by God** to a make a **lifetime** commitment to full-time **cutting-edge** ministries of **love, justice and service**, there is an opportunity to become part of a **covenant community** and join a **movement**.



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Who I Am Called to Be

## CONNECTION

“Becoming a home missionary was the perfect connection to affirm who I am and to affirm my calling in ministry. It is a sacred blessing to me to have that church affirmation in my work.”

– Home Missioner Matthew Morgan



## LOVE

“My ministry is truly a ministry of love, justice, and service. Love is the preeminent focus: love God, love all, recognize the sacred worth of all, and act to create systemic change in order to build the beloved community.”

– Deaconess Jeanne Roe Smith



## JUSTICE

“I’m so happy to be a part of this community, moving forward with people who are passionate and out in the world doing justice.”

– Deaconess Cindy Andrade Johnson



## SERVICE

“Deaconesses and home missionaries have a heart to help, to be a servant, to want to share the word of God through work and not afraid to reach down and pick folks up. That’s the heart of a servant.”

– Deaconess Melba McCallum



## CALL

“One of the things that makes me know that this ministry is for me is that any other way of living out my vocation would feel unfaithful to God. It would feel less than who I’m called to be.”

– Deaconess Rachel Patman



## ACTION

“Being a deaconess puts me in the middle of the action. A lot of people can talk, but deaconesses do. So I’m a do-er.”

– Deaconess Selena Smith



## COMMITMENT

“This call to servanthood is very important to me, knowing that I’m a servant and that I’m called to step into that role all my life. It is a commitment of life for me to do this work.”

– Home Missioner Gary Locklear



“I serve neither for gratitude nor reward but from gratitude and love; my reward is that I may serve.”

– United Methodist deaconess and home missionary motto