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25 Years of the United Methodist Order of Deacon”*

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**May 3:** Rev. Dr. **Carlos Emilio Ham**, Pastor Carlos Emilio Ham is a Doctor of Ministry from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas, and a Doctor of Philosophy in the area of Theology from the Free University of Amsterdam. Between 2001 and 2013, he worked as an executive in the World Council of Churches, first in the Evangelization Program and then in the Diakonia and Latin America and the Caribbean programs. Since 2015 he is professor and rector of the Evangelical Seminary of Theology of Matanzas, where he also directs the Cuban School of Diakonia. Among his works are *The Homiletical Tripod. A Guide for Lay Preachers* (2000), and numerous articles and essays on diakonia, mission, evangelism, and homiletics including the recently released *Diaconía de empoderamiento: a model for service and transformation in local congregations* .

### “Reclaiming the “D” Word—Diakonia in the Church”

**May 10:** Sister **Dottie Almoney** is a member of the ELCA Deaconess Community and a rostered deacon in the ELCA. She currently works at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lancaster, PA as the Director of Education and Outreach. She is also a member of the Poor People's Campaign, the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of Pennsylvania and POWER. She will be graduating May 8<sup>th</sup> from the Lancaster Theological Seminary as Doctor of Ministry Program with her final project, *Understanding Diakonia in the ELCA*.



### “Brazilian Perspectives on the Diaconate: Empowerment, Diaconal Methodology and Transformation”



**May 17:** Diácono **Dionata Rodrigues de Oliveira**, now living in Novo Hamburgo, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, graduated in Theology as a specialist in Diakonia from Escola Superior de Teologia - EST (Higher School of Theology), São Leopoldo. He completed his Master in Theology/Diakonia from EST in 2019. He is now a doctoral candidate from the same institution and employed as the Diaconal Advisor of Nordeste Gaúcho Synod. Since 2018, he has been the Community of Deacons (COD) Coordinator IECLB – Igreja Evangélica de Confissão Luterana no Brasil.

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### “Full and Equal Order: 25 Years of the United Methodist Order of Deacon”

**May 24:** Rev. Dr. **Margaret Ann Crain** was consecrated as a Diaconal Minister in 1986 and ordained as a deacon in the United Methodist Church in 1997. Crain served churches in Missouri and North Georgia for 20 years before joining the faculty at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1998. She worked tirelessly to make Garrett as a center for training and supporting Deacons within the UMC. In addition, she helped to establish The Ecumenical Network for the Diaconate. She is co-author of *A Deacon's Heart: The New United Methodist Diaconate* (2001) and author of *The United Methodist Deacon: Ordained to Word, Service, Compassion and Justice* (2014). She has just completed a book that narrates the history of The United Methodist Church's shift to ordaining deacons in 1996, tracing both the political realities and the theological foundation for that re-ordering of ministry.



### “The Diaconate: Seeking an Ecumenical Consensus”



**May 31:** Reverend Canon Deacon **Michael Jackson** was ordained to the diaconate in 1977, Michael Jackson is the longest-serving deacon in the Anglican Church of Canada. He is a deacon at St. Paul's Cathedral in Regina, Saskatchewan, and a canon of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. Deacon Jackson is author of two online studies, *The Diaconate Renewed: Service, Word and Worship* and *The Deacon in the Worshipping Community*, coordinates an international ecumenical network of deacons, and is a frequent reviewer of diaconal publications. From 2011 to 2019 he was co-chair of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Covenant Implementation Committee of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and the Archdiocese of Regina. In 2018 Deacon Jackson organized an International Anglican-Roman Catholic-Ukrainian Catholic Conference on the Diaconate at Campion College in Regina. He edited the resulting book, *The Diaconate in Ecumenical Perspective: Ecclesiology, Liturgy and Practice*.

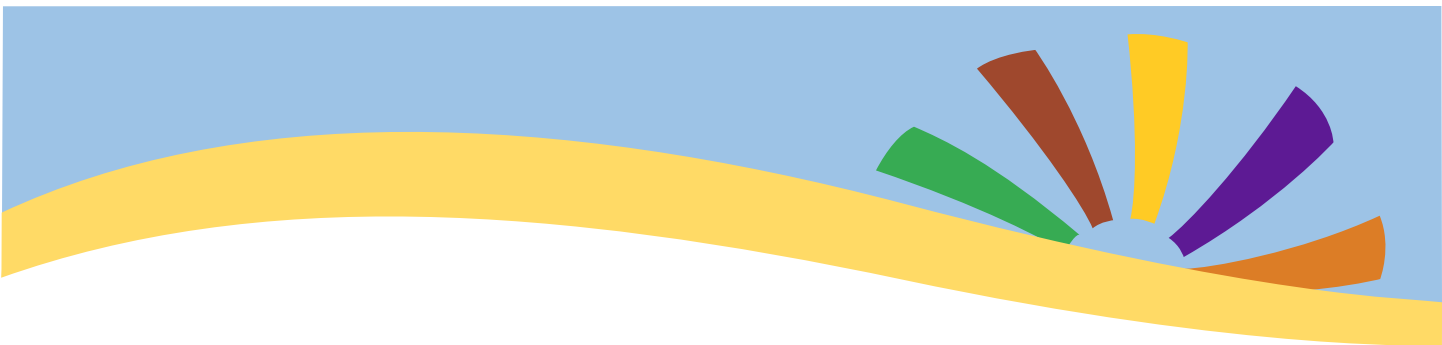
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## Publications:

Carlos Emilio Ham Stanard's ***Empowering Diakonia: A Model for Service and Transformation in the Ecumenical Movement and Local Congregations*** . For information about how to download visit: <https://alc-noticias.net/en/2021/01/08/the-evangelic-seminar-on-theology-publishes-the-book-empowering-diacony-diaconia-de-empoderamiento/>

Dionata Rodrigues de Oliveira's thesis ***As Contribuições da Coordenação de Diaconia Para o Desenvolvimento da Práxis Diaconal da Igreja Evangélica de Confissão Luterana no Brasil: Seminários Nacionais e Publicações*** can be found (in Portuguese) at [http://dspace.est.edu.br:8080/jspui/bitstream/BR-SIFE/1045/1/oliveira\\_dr\\_tm358.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0ryQi34cbNwVa0UZr1Ve-frz3xYcBAMNzazuUEopjuo\\_JqwKiJXN8XsQw](http://dspace.est.edu.br:8080/jspui/bitstream/BR-SIFE/1045/1/oliveira_dr_tm358.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0ryQi34cbNwVa0UZr1Ve-frz3xYcBAMNzazuUEopjuo_JqwKiJXN8XsQw)

Margaret Ann Crain's ***Advancing the Mission: The Order of Deacon in the United Methodist Church*** will be published by the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry and will be available in June.

Michael Jackson, editor ***The Diaconate in Ecumenical Perspective: Ecclesiology, Liturgy and Practice***. Order from Sacristy Press [www.sacristy.co.uk](http://www.sacristy.co.uk)

## Session Process

Welcome, Opening, and Introduction	(5-10 minutes)
Speaker's Presentation	(15 minutes)
Breakout "Rooms"/Small Group	(15 minutes)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What stood out for you in the presentation?</li><li>• What is one question or comment that the group can bring back to the whole group?</li></ul>	
Whole Group Report Back and Discussion	(15 minutes)
Announcements, Thanks, and Closing	(5-10 minutes)

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