

Biographical Information

You may want to add material not requested in these questions, or perhaps include less material when answers are unknown or questions do not apply to a particular deaconess. Our aim is to acquire as much accurate information as possible about the life and service of each deaconess.

When you have completed your answers, please mail them to: *LCMS Deaconess Biographies Project, 782 15th Street, Oakmont, Pennsylvania, 15139* or send an email with your attached document to cheryl@deaconessbio.org.

If you are providing information about more than one deaconess, please create a separate document for each person.

Thank you for your participation in this exciting project!

1. Your name
2. Your address
3. Your email address or telephone number
4. Name of deaconess (including any nicknames)
5. Your relationship to the deaconess
6. Any known addresses, email addresses, or phone numbers at which she lives or lived
7. Dates and places of birth and death
8. Parents (and occupations if known) and siblings
9. Immigration date and place of origin
10. Dates and places of baptism, confirmation
11. Date(s) and place(s) of marriage; name, occupation, birth and death dates for spouse(s)
12. Names of children (include married names for daughters)
13. Places and dates of deaconess training, internship, field work placements
14. Elementary and Secondary education; college or other higher education; degrees or qualifications received
15. Date and place of consecration/commissioning
16. All known places of service such as parish, institution, or mission endeavors in the LCMS or Synodical Conference; position or nature of work; dates of service; full-time or part-time
17. All known places of service in synods other than the LCMS or the Synodical Conference; position or nature of work; dates of service; full-time or part-time
18. List dates (or approximate years) of membership in the LCMS or other synods or denominations
19. Retirement/resignation place and dates

Sections 20-26 provide ideas for any other accurate information you might be able to submit. Your answers may be as short or as long as you wish.

- 20. Ancestry.** Information could include details about parents, references to grandparents, earlier generations, and ethnic background that may be known. Episodes from home life, customs and practices with references to marriages, baptisms, confirmations, funerals and worship life.
- 21. Early Youth and Primary Education:** Information could include anything the deaconess shared with you in regard to the geographical location and places of residence of the family; pastime and recreational activities; school teachers; courses of study; languages employed; family responsibilities; books and literature; transportation modes; friends; the influence of pastors, teachers', and deaconesses. A recounting of how the deaconess came to decide to serve the Lord as a church worker.
- 22. Young Adulthood:** Information could include anything the deaconess shared with you regarding her preparatory education, college, field work, internship, or graduate education. A description of the colleges attended, instructors, courses taken, the physical aspects of the schools, recreational activities, characterizations of instructors and classmates, impressions, reminiscences and incidents that impressed her. Travel engaged in during this time, influential literature, etc.,
- 23. Professional Life:** Information could include consecration, commissioning, and installation events; practices of calls; congregational life; concerns of the people served; customs and practices prevailing in the various parishes, institutions, and missions; deaconess conferences; salaries, cost of living; names of pastors or other individuals who were in team ministry with deaconess; descriptions of physical settings in which she worked. Any interesting anecdotes that typify the life and service of the deaconess.
- 24. Secular and Ecclesiastical Offices:** Information could include services rendered on committees and boards, both secular and religious; length of time served; objectives and purposes of such boards and committees; any known reminiscences of deaconesses conferences and district or synodical conventions; administrative practices; books, pamphlets, tracts and periodical articles she may have produced; relationships with other deaconesses, pastors, teachers and local contacts with the community
- 25. General Comments:** Anything else you may wish to share about the deaconess (perhaps relating to her strengths, life goals, theology, her view of diaconal service in the Church and world).
- 26. Other Sources:** Please provide current contact details for other people who might also be able to provide biographical information about women whose names are on the "List of Deaconesses."