

Report to DUCC 2013



Dear Friends in DUCC,

Diaconal Ministry: The Lens of Hope – what a fitting theme for all of us called to a life of *diakonia*. DOTAC echoes that calling, that longing, for wholeness for all of God's people and God's creation.

It is a privilege for me to share with you an update on the work of DOTAC (DIAKONIA of the Americas and Caribbean). DOTAC links and gathers those engaged in *diakonia*, is a prophetic voice for ecumenical relations and social justice, and encourages, supports and empowers the development of groups doing *diakonia* in the region.

DUCC joins the Order of Diaconal Ministries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Lutheran Deaconess Association/Conference, the Diaconal Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Deaconess Community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Igreja Evangélica de Confissão Luterano no Brasil, the Offices of Deaconess, Home Missioner and Home Missionary of the United Methodist Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Association of Anglican Deacons in Canada/Association anglicane des diacres au Canada, the Wesley Diaconal Community of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, the Deacons and Diaconal Ministers of the Division of Ordained Ministry of the United Methodist Church, and the Association for Episcopal Deacons of The Episcopal Church.

DOTAC is one of the regional groups of DIAKONIA, the World Federation of Diaconal Associations and Sisterhoods. This summer, joining DRAE (DIAKONIA Region Africa Europe) and DAP (DIAKONIA Asia Pacific), DOTAC members will gather for support, worship, workshops, speakers and time to talk and listen to each other about joys and sorrows in our ministry with people from all over the world. *Diaconia – Healing and Wholeness for the World* will be our theme.



The DOTAC Central Committee is also in the midst of planning for our gathering in 2015 in Southern Brazil – I hope you can join us! Check out the DOTAC website and get more information for Sharilynn!

I look forward to spending time with you at your National Gathering so that we can dream about more ways for each of to be supported by and supportive of others doing *diakonia*.

Faith and Service in Christ,
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