



# Diakonie

*Advancing the Healing & Service Ministry of Jesus Christ*

## Deaconess Foundation Celebrates 125 Years of Serving St. Louis

As leaders of the Deaconess Foundation celebrate the ministry's 125th anniversary, they're recognizing a mission that has developed from strong roots to serve new needs. "We have the same mission, but the expression of it has changed over time," says the Rev. Starsky D. Wilson, president and CEO of the CHHSM member ministry in St. Louis, Mo. "We've always focused on the health of our community, and we've always supported vulnerable populations."

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### FORMING LEADERS



*"Being a servant leader is having the distinct skill of listening to what others have to say while helping them find answers to questions while taking their journey."*

**Renita White**

Vice President, Housing Support and Workforce Development, UCAN, Chicago

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

-  May 1, 2014  
Craft Fundraising Appeals That Inspire Action
-  May 7, 2014  
United Church Funds' Q1 2014 Performance
-  May 13, 2014  
How to Tell Your Stories on Social Media

### RESOURCING MINISTRIES

## Rainbow Elder Care Enhances Lives of Older LGBT Adults

Rainbow Elder Care of Greater Dayton provides advocacy, educational resources, support and referral services to older adults in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. The new organization works collaboratively with other organizations to ensure older adults receive the services and care they require.

### VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

#### Extended Fall Clinical Pastoral Education: Trinity Community

Individuals interested in the fall extended clinical pastoral education (CPE) unit at Trinity Community, a United Church Homes continuing care

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CELEBRATING HERITAGE

## UCC Launches Literacy Campaign

Thirty million people in the U.S. can't fill out a job application, read the newspaper or understand a restaurant menu. The United Church of Christ hopes to lower this statistic with the help of CHHSM ministries through the "Reading Changes Lives" campaign. [Read more »](#)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Empty Pews?

A Nollau class member recently shared a column from Sojourners entitled "'Nones' and the Common Good." The column, written by Eboo Patel, a Muslim American and founder of the Interfaith Youth Core, asks the question: "What will happen to U.S. civil society as the pews empty out?" [Read more »](#)



Ohio, are encouraged to begin the application process.

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### Support Systems Manager and Corporate Secretary: CHHSM

CHHSM seeks a new full-time support systems manager and corporate secretary to be based in the Cleveland office.

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### RECENT NEWS STORIES

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[Advocate Health Care Ranked Again Among Nation's Largest Health Systems](#)



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