



# Diakonie

*Advancing the Healing & Service Ministry of Jesus Christ*

## CHHSM Begins Open and Affirming Designation Process

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people will find greater acceptance in faith-based organizations if CHHSM's board of directors adopts an Open and Affirming covenant this summer. Open and Affirming (ONA) ministries invite people of all sexual orientations into the church.

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### FORMING LEADERS



*"Being a servant leader means providing a consistent example of deep integrity and faithful effort, while always having enough humility to realize you alone don't have all the answers."*

**The Rev. Shari Prestemon**  
Conference Minister, Minnesota Conference  
United Church of Christ  
Member, CHHSM Board of Directors

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### UPCOMING EVENTS



April 30, 2015  
Professional Skills for New Fundraisers



June 2, 2015  
Creating Social Change With Data Conference



June 26, 2015  
General Synod 30

### RESOURCING MINISTRIES

## CHHSM Members Eligible for Grants

CHHSM members are now eligible for continuing education (CE) grants from the Brown Endowment Fund for Pastoral Scholarships.

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### CELEBRATING HERITAGE

## CHHSM Prepares for General Synod

### VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

#### Full-Time Chaplain: Bethany Children's Home

Bethany Children's Home is seeking a full-time chaplain to minister to at-risk youth and staff on a residential campus.

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#### Vice President of Philanthropy:

delegates travel to Cleveland for the United Church of Christ's General Synod June 26-30. [Read more »](#)

Hoyleton Ministries, a faith-based nonprofit organization, seeks a vice president of philanthropy.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Val – You Proposition

In previous columns, I talked about the importance of belonging and the language we use to communicate. Now I ask you to reflect on why you choose to belong to CHHSM. What are the compelling reasons to be a member of this community of practice? Your reasons form the basis of a value proposition for CHHSM. [Read more »](#)



*Michael J. Readinger*

## Director of Spiritual Life: United Church Homes and Services

United Church Homes and Services is currently seeking a full-time director of spiritual life for its retirement community Lake Prince Woods in Suffolk, Virginia.

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## RECENT NEWS STORIES

Horizon House CEO Bob Anderson Wins Center for Ethical Leadership Award

Judge Jenkins



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