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Deakonia Institution Martha-Maria (Diakoniewerk Martha-Maria)

So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. (Ephesians 2,19 NEB)

We need one another

We all belong. God's house is our home. We are not guests in God's kingdom. It is forever Yes and never NO. The foregoing verse of or text gives the reason. The one Spirit opens the access to our heavenly father's house for us. And the verse following the quotation describes this house as "built on the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone".

The letter to the Ephesians describes the unity of the congregation consisting of Jews and heathen. The Book of Acts written by Luke gives the glorious description of the Gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ overcoming all borders and barriers: the geographic borders from Jerusalem to Rome; through its contents the opening towards men and women in all parts of the world. They all belong. We all belong.

This is also fact for our workers in the diaconal organization of Martha-Maria. They come from many countries of our world, and we experience an international and ,therefore, interesting community service. We practice teamwork and thereby discover a wealth of diversities. Nobody can handle things all alone. When we are honest, we know that in our working processes we are constantly depending on one another. We need one another. Living this diversity by fair, honest, open communication makes us like our jobs. We like to go to work.

We all belong.

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I give thanks

- For the international community service in the diaconal work – for the wealth of diversity.
- For the intercessory prayers of our deaconesses, for the eagerness of our workers, for all openness towards one another.
- That I don't have to work alone – only teamwork makes us strong.

It is my prayer

- That people for whom we care in our institutions may experience being "helped and heard".
- That the young people in our diaconal colleges, in their voluntary year and during their studies may experience a joyous community service.
- That projects of "Martha-Maria 2020" will become reality, e.g.: Family friendly jobs, an open feedback culture, structured communication, simplification of official administration, ecological criteria, appreciation of voluntary activities.

The Diakokniewerk Martha-Maria is an independent organization within the United Methodist Church Germany. It includes the main deaconess home, hospitals, nursing homes for old persons, recreation centers, colleges for nurses, kinder gardens, and other diaconal services.

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