

**Proposal for Diaconal Ministry Call as
Chaplain at Memorial University Medical Center and
The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer**

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer calls Allison R. Ward to be consecrated as a diaconal minister (DM) to serve God and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at Memorial University Medical Center (MUMC) as a Chaplain. The stipendary portion of the call will be funded by MUMC. A minimum monthly average of ten hours per week will be committed to the ministry, some time may be non-stipendary.

The ministry proposed is shaped by the characteristics of a diaconal minister as listed in the ELCA Candidacy Manual (Diaconal E-1):

- 1. Be rooted in the Word of God** — The DM is committed to Christ and called to be a spokesperson for the gospel, the apostolic faith, and the theological emphasis of this church to God's world.
- 2. Be Trained to Carry Out a Particular Service** — The DM, trained to carry out a public ministry of service and witness, will continue seeking learning opportunities to support this ministry of offering pastoral care.
- 3. Be committed and Prepared to Equip the Baptized for Ministry in the World and in the church** — The DM will seek ways to equip and lead the baptized for ministry within MUMC and congregational settings. This will be done by both modeling and intentional instruction. A Care Team will be developed and maintained at Redeemer where quipping opportunities will be developed and led by the DM on a quarterly basis.
- 4. Give Particular Attention to the Ministries at the Boundaries Between the Church and the World** — The DM will carry the public responsibility to speak for the needs of God's world to the church as well as taking God's saving gospel to the world through the actions of God's people both individually and collectively. All people served will be seen as valued and loved children of God. The DM will serve and honor all people, regardless of faith expression.
- 5. Exemplify the Life of Christ-like Service Addressing All Forms of Human Need** — The DM will focus on ministry to the whole person and all forms of need. The ministry is one of presence and companionship.
- 6. Be Grounded in Community** — The DM will commit to supporting and sharing in the vision of building community with team members at MUMC, members of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, the Savannah area Lutheran Ministers Association, the SE Synod leaders, the Savannah laity, and the Diaconal Ministry Community.