

## ● Diakonia Sisterhood in Korea

The word 'Diakonia' means 'serving or servanthood.'

The Diakonia Sisterhood in Korea is a community in which the members live together while 'praying' and 'serving others'.

The Diakonia Movement originated in Kaiserswerth, Germany, in 1836. It started with social outreach work by a protestant minister, Friederike Fliedner. Currently, there are 72 organisations in 33 countries participating in the 'Foundation DIAKONIA World Federation'. The Diakonia Sisterhood in Korea joined the federation in 1983 as an official member.

The Diakonia Sisterhood in Korea started as a protestant convent in May 1980. Located in Mu-Ahn, near the city of Mok-Po, in south-western Korea, the Diakonia Sisterhood in Korea is a non-denominational community of single women who live together and work in the spirit of Jesus Christ, sharing their belongings.



## ● The House of Spirituality and Peace

The 'House of Spirituality and Peace' is a retreat house run by the Diakonia Sisterhood in Korea. It is a sanctuary for those who seek peace in Christ, away from their busy lives and stressful environment.

At the House of Spirituality and Peace we hold prayer meetings to renew individuals' spirituality through meditative prayers such as 'Contemplation of the Holy Bible,' 'Contemplation of Christ's Road to the Cross', and 'Contemplation of Nature'.

Those individuals and church organisations that use the House of Spirituality and Peace can also participate in the Spirituality Training Gatherings led by the sisterhood.

Churches and church groups can use this facility for retreats or seminars.

In the Diakonia Sisterhood in Korea, we call one another 'Eon-nim'. 'Eon-nim' is an old Korean term, equivalent of 'Eojin-nim' in modern Korean. This term can be translated roughly as 'kind one' or 'good-natured one.'

## ● The Diakonia Sisterhood in Korea Social Welfare Foundation

As a registered Social Welfare Foundation, we aim to provide social welfare services based on Jesus Christ's teachings on serving and caring for others.



### ○ Ha-dang Elder Center

We run 'Ha-dang Elder Center' for the elderly residents of the area around the town of Ha-dang. In cooperation with the local community, we provide various programs including consultation, healthcare, education and recreation to enrich the golden years of their lives. Specialised services are also provided as required.



### ○ Home Welfare Program

The Home Welfare Program is a program for the poor families around the city of Mok-po. Under this program, we visit deprived families in the area and provide consultation, financial support for living costs, household necessities, medical care, and scholarships for the education of the children.

## Membership in the Diakonia Sisterhood in Korea

An unmarried Christian woman baptized in a protestant church can join the Diakonia Sisterhood in Korea if she is a person:

- \* who is able and willing to devote herself wholly to God's calling to life in the sisterhood convent;
- \* who is healthy physically and mentally, and is able and willing to adapt herself to life in the community;
- \* and who is able and willing to share her life with the poor and the isolated.



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## Diakonia Family Community

The Diakonia Family Community was established at Puk-Myeon, near the city of Cheon-An in May 2003.

This family community is composed of families sharing the same purpose as the Diakonia Sisterhood in Korea.

Though living as normal families, the participants of the Diakonia Family Community are trying to overcome individual- and family-centeredness and are loving their neighbours and serving one another as taught by the Lord through his words and examples.

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