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Deaconess Presentation Made to Ecumenism Metro Chicago



St. Phoebe Center Board Member Helen Theodoropoulos recently made a presentation on the deaconess to Ecumenism Metro Chicago (EMC). Formerly known as The Ecumenical Millennium Committee, EMC was formed in 1999 to promote and to pray for a more ecumenical millennium. It is currently comprised of 20 judicatories or communions in addition to the Greater Chicago Broadcast Ministries organization.

Nearly a dozen officers from the various Christian communities attended, including the director of the education program for Roman Catholic deacons.

"They were very supportive," Helen said, also noting that attendees requested a copy of her PowerPoint presentation.

Visit the Ecumenism Metro Chicago Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/ecumenismmetrochicago/>

Radio Interview: Deaconesses in the Orthodox Church in Africa



St. Phoebe Board Member Dr. Carrie Frederick Frost recently was interviewed by [Detroit's Own Orthodox Radio](#) on the women who were consecrated and blessed as deaconesses for ministry in Africa.

[Listen to the interview:](#)

<https://soundcloud.com/detroitsownorthodoxradio/door-program104-aired21may17>

A Pan-Orthodox Conference
October 6-7, 2017

St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church
4949 Alton Parkway, Irvine, California

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- “Serving the Body of Christ: Men and Women Engaged in Diaconal Work Today”
- “Engaging the Clergy and Faithful About the Diaconate”
- “Current Challenges and Future Possibilities of the Diaconate”

Get all the information you need about the conference--location, agenda, speakers, travel, lodging, and more--at <http://orthodoxdeaconess.org/2017-conference/>

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Share your service (diakonia) ministry at the upcoming diaconate conference with brochures/flyers. We will provide a display table showcasing the extraordinary ways people around the country/world are serving others and building the body of Christ.

Bring 25 brochures/flyers to the conference or mail them to us by September 29th. (Please email us at stphoebecenter@gmail.com to request the mailing address if you wish to mail your brochures to us.)

Narthex of the Deaconesses in the Hagia Sophia



An article by Neil K. Moran, appearing for the first time on the *St. Phoebe Center for the Deaconess* website.

An investigation of the ceiling rings in the western end of the north aisle in the Hagia Sophia revealed a rectangular space delineated by curtain rings. The SE corner of the church was assigned to forty deaconesses. An analysis of the music sources in which the texts are fully written out suggests that the deaconesses took part in the procession of the Great Entrance

ceremony at the beginning of the Mass of the Faithful as well in rituals in front of the ambo.

[Read the article.](#)

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