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Discipline Paragraph: New
General Church Budget Implications: None

Add new paragraph after ¶ 1314 as follows:

Lay Order - Individuals consecrated and commissioned to the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner in The United Methodist Church form a covenant community in service as a lay order. Like other orders in the church, they respond to a calling from God. In their distinct tradition, they commit to a life-time vocation in full-time ministries of love, justice and service. In covenant with one another, they nurture and care for each other in their individual ministry calls and in community. They share a common study and are prepared based upon their unique gifts.

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