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2 Suggested Title: United Methodist Women - Supporting the Work of Deaconesses and Home
3 Missioners

4 Discipline Paragraph: 1317
5 General Church Budget Implications: None
6 Global Implications: None

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8 Amend ¶ 1317 as follows:

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10 ~~¶ 1317. Deaconess Program Office~~ Supporting the Work of Deaconesses and Home Missioners –
11 ~~There~~ United Methodist Women’s national organization shall be a program office for
12 ~~deaconesses and home missioners to represent the deaconess and home missionary relationship~~
13 retain staff whose primary assignment is to represent deaconesses and home missioners on a
14 national level and to maintain a community of professionally competent persons who are
15 committed to service under the authority of the Church. The executive secretary of the program
16 ~~office shall be a deaconess.~~ At least one of the executive staff assigned to the work of deaconess
17 and home missionary shall be a deaconess or home missionary.

18 1. All administrative policies and procedures that pertain to ~~the office of~~ deaconesses and
19 home missioners shall also apply to ~~the office of home missionary~~ missionaries and be
20 administered by the ~~Deaconess Program Office~~ executive staff with primary assignment
21 to the work with deaconesses and home missioners (¶¶ 1314-1317).

22 2. ~~The General Board of Global Ministries shall assign the administration of the program~~
23 ~~office to the Mission Personnel Program Area or another unit as it may determine (¶~~
24 ~~1303.1b)~~ There may be a national association of deaconesses, home missioners, and
25 home missionaries in relationship with United Methodist Women.

26 3. There may be a national jurisdictional organizations of deaconesses, home missionaries,
27 and home missionaries, ~~which shall operate according to policies approved by the~~
28 ~~General Board of Global Ministries.~~ and their support constituencies.

29 ~~4. There may be jurisdictional organizations of deaconesses, home missionaries, and home~~
30 ~~missionaries and their support constituencies, which shall operate according to policies~~
31 ~~approved by the General Board of Global Ministries.~~

32 Rationale:

33 Establishes the relationship between United Methodist Women and the national organization,
34 jurisdictional associations and the administrative office for the Office of Deaconess and Home
35 Missioner. Eliminates the term “Program Office” to avoid confusion.

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