

## INCORRECT UNIFORM

When CDC members adopted new alternates to the conference deaconess uniform at the annual business meeting in 2011, they also rejected other choices (see Resolutions 2011-3, and 2011-5 through 2011-9).

### Examples of incorrect uniform:

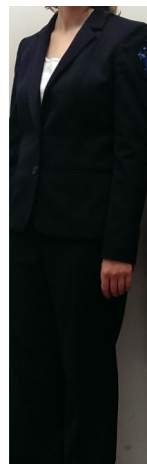
- (1) putting a CDC insignia and/or pin on a white blouse, whether the blouse is worn without a jacket or sweater, or whether it is worn with a navy vest;
- (2) wearing any skirt or trousers that are not navy blue;
- (3) wearing the CDC cross pin or insignia alone or on any clothing that has not been designated as official CDC uniform.



## STUDENTS AND CDC AFFILIATES

When The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod began training deaconesses in 1980, CDC approved a *student insignia*, with an identically shaped light blue cross in place of the gold one.

Deaconess students at LCMS institutions may wear the *student insignia* on the left sleeve (two to three inches below the shoulder seam) of a two-piece navy blue suit (skirt or trousers) worn with a white blouse, or on a solid navy blue dress.



The student uniform can be particularly useful to wear at field work assignments and while serving on internship, as well as at other times deemed appropriate by the director of deaconess studies.

In Resolution 2011-11, CDC members voted that any alternate uniforms added to the traditional formal uniform are to be used by CDC members only, and student deaconess uniforms will remain unchanged.

### CDC Affiliates

A CDC Affiliate may continue to wear the student uniform with the blue cross insignia, until the date of her commissioning, when she becomes a member of CDC. (Resolution 2011-16)



## THE CONFERENCE UNIFORM

ESTABLISHED IN 1980

DEFINED AND UPDATED BY  
OFFICIAL RESOLUTIONS  
IN APRIL 1986  
AND JUNE 2011

WORKING IN FAITH,  
LABORING IN LOVE,  
REMAINING STEADFAST IN THE  
HOPE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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## CONCORDIA DEACONESS CONFERENCE UNIFORM FOR CDC MEMBERS

In 1986, the official deaconess uniform adopted by members of Concordia Deaconess conference was “a two-piece navy blue business suit worn with a white blouse, or a professional business-looking solid navy blue dress.” The conference also specified, “The



insignia is worn on the left shoulder approximately two to three inches below the shoulder seam.

The cross pin is worn on the left lapel. The pin



should be worn on the uniform only and should never be used as a utilitarian piece of jewelry.”

In 2011, CDC members unanimously passed Resolution 2011-1:

### To Consider Adoption of One or More Alternate CDC Deaconess Uniforms

WHEREAS, the members of Concordia Deaconess Conference value their uniform and wish to retain it; and

WHEREAS, bearing the cross on the uniform reminds the deaconess that she and her office belong to Christ and that it is His cruciform love which motivates and directs her service to Him in His people; and

WHEREAS, the uniform is of great value in an institutional and/or secular setting in order to be recognized and granted permission to serve; and

WHEREAS, the church, in seeing the uniformed deaconess in action, is catechized about the role and value of a deaconess; and

WHEREAS, by means of the uniform, the people whom the deaconess serves, both within and without the church, may identify her actions of love and mercy as coming from Christ through her, and as a result be drawn close to the Lord and the meaning of His cross; and

WHEREAS, the uniform assists the deaconess in seeing herself as a professional in carrying out her particular diaconal office; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that CDC retain the highly valued deaconess uniform that consists of a navy blue dress or business suit with white blouse, which has been in use for 31 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that CDC consider the adoption of one or more official alternate CDC deaconess uniforms; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the alternate uniforms be based on the following premises:

- ◆ Any official CDC deaconess uniform will at all times include both the CDC insignia and pin.
- ◆ The color of navy blue must be part of every official CDC deaconess uniform.

In 2011, the conference voted to add some alternate uniform choices for CDC members:

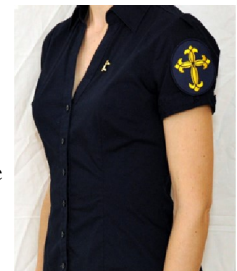
### 1) Resolution 2011-2

“The use of a navy blue sweater (neat, not baggy or oversized) worn with a white blouse and navy skirt, dress, or pants with a CDC insignia and pin worn as worn on the existing CDC uniform.”



### 2) Resolution 2011-4

“The use of a navy blue blouse worn with CDC insignia and pin placed directly on the blouse as worn on the existing CDC uniform but worn without a jacket or other outer garment and worn with pants or skirt in the approved uniform color (of navy blue).”



### 3) Resolution 2011-10

Recognizing that blouses and sweaters may have less sleeve room than suits/dresses, CDC members approved “the use of an insignia of the reduced size of 2 ¼” which may be substituted for the existing 3” insignia, **to be worn on blouses or sweaters only**. Only insignias provided by CDC may be used on CDC deaconess uniform.”

*Both sizes of insignia are available for purchase from the CDC Membership Chairman.*