

Diener Corps FAQs

We need additional Dieners to serve our Lovefeasts. **No Experience Necessary!** Very easy to learn – we'll teach you... No need to volunteer as a pair... No special outfit required... Carts for the mugs instead of heavy trays!

Who Are The Dieners?

In the Moravian Church there is a special corps of volunteers called “Dieners” (German for *serve*) whose responsibility it is to distribute the sugarcake and mugs of coffee to the congregation during a lovefeast service. Dieners also collect the offering. At the Christmas Eve Lovefeasts, they also distribute our traditional beeswax candles.

Don't I Need a Partner?

Dieners do work in pairs. In the past the Diener Corps was traditionally composed only of married couples. **But today, everyone is welcome!** Dieners can be father & son, father & daughter, mother & son, mother & daughter, grandparent & grandchild, siblings, cousins, friends, youth – ALL are welcome to join the Diener Corps. **If you want to be a Diener, but don't have a partner, we will find a partner for you!** There's no such thing as too many Dieners!

What Do Dieners Do?

Arrive 30 minutes prior to worship to prepare the lovefeast elements — wrap sugar cake in napkins, make coffee, pour coffee and chocolate milk into mugs. Serve the lovefeast and collect the offering during the service. Clean up after the service — mugs go in the dishwasher. The average time commitment for a Lovefeast Sunday is about two hours, which includes the worship service itself. Veteran pairs will always be a part of the team if you have any questions or concerns.

What Do Dieners Wear?

Men wear a white dress shirt with a tie and black pants. Women wear white tops with black bottoms — skirt or pants, your choice. Haubes, a simple, close-fitting cap historically worn by Moravian women, are optional and will be provided if you would like to wear one.

How Often Will I Serve?

You will have the opportunity to sign up for the services you prefer to attend. Generally, you'll choose three or four Lovefeasts plus at least one Christmas Eve service. But the number of services each team will be required to serve is greatly determined by the number of Dieners we have in the Corps.

Join The Diener Corps!

We have FUN serving our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Plus we get to take extra sugar cake home! Please contact our Head Diener, Lori Hahn through the Church Office to join the Diener Corps.