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Greetings in the name of Jesus, Dr. Benke and Atlantic District Scholarship Committee!

What a pleasure it was to receive your award letter! It truly brightened my day and lightened my spirits. I am always happy to receive news and information from the District.

I would like to thank you for your generous gift toward financing my education and training to become a Deaconess. As a native New Yorker, who did the unthinkable by leaving the city for an “outside” education, I always appreciate your support for my preparation to serve our churches and world better. I count it a blessing to belong to such a Christ centered and hope driven district and I look forward to what the future holds.

This is my last year as an undergraduate student at Concordia University Chicago. I have already begun my Deaconess internship practical experience in Baltimore, MD and I am enjoying it so far. Not having to worry as much about the financial side of my internship is certainly taking the stress off my shoulders! Thank you for your gift! This year I hope to put my book training in Theology into real hands-on application at Lutheran Missionary Society where I will be serving. I am excited to be a servant, to live in a new city, to use my talents for Christ’s mission, to get a taste of professional church work and to grow in the Lord.

I have a passion for the Lord and church work and I love to see others get involved in the same! The scholarship committee certainly helps young people like myself to do that and I will not hesitate to share my joy with whoever will hear it!

Laus Deo,

Janine Bolling