In the ecumenical movement the issues of empowerment and diakonia have been addressed in various events, documents and in the daily implementation of the work. Nevertheless, what is being missed is a coherent reflection or a comprehensive way of thinking that binds both together in a scheme that can provide a fresh and relevant vision for the diaconal endeavor today. The author of the thesis is proposing the practical implementation of the Empowering Diakonia model, which is constructed using Five Dimensions, namely the visional, normative, need-oriented, contextual and transformative. These Five Dimensions are an essential tool not only to interrelate both the theory and practice, but also as a helpful diagnosis instrument for analysis, description and interpretation. In other words, they can be a useful mechanism for articulating an understanding, of both diakonia and empowerment, moving from practice to theory and back to practice, in order to ultimately design the Empowering Diakonia model. It can become an effective way for diaconal engagement today, as it is being built on a concept and practice of diakonia that are both empowered and empowering. Therefore, the model is defined as the driving force that intends to lead, particularly local congregations, towards self-fulfillment as social actors, renouncing any power over people, rather by sharing power to serve with the people, seeking individual, social and ecological transformation towards koinonia.

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