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Richard M. Barger, CPA, is Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries. As such, he oversees all aspects of financial operations for the multi-service organization. Before joining Diakon in 2001, Barger was a partner with Ernst & Young LLP, a position he had held since 1985. In that role, he was responsible for directing assurance, tax, actuarial, and business advisory services to health-care providers, health insurers, and managed care organizations in central and eastern Pennsylvania.

In the years before being named partner, Barger held numerous positions with Ernst & Young, ranging from staff accountant through senior manager, coordinating services to clients in such diversified industries as manufacturing, banking, distribution, and real-estate development.

Barger is a 1971 graduate of Penn State University with a degree in business management. He has completed the Executive Program at Northwestern University's J.J. Kellogg School of Management and is a Certified Public Accountant, licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the American and Pennsylvania institutes of Certified Public Accountants and the public policy committee of PANPHA, an Association of Pennsylvania Nonprofit Senior Services. In addition, he serves as an advisory board member for the School of Business Administration at Penn State-Harrisburg and has held leadership roles in a number of community and professional service organizations.