

Kathryn Maurer: The Angel of Angel Island

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For 40 years, United Methodist Women Deaconess Kathryn Maurer greeted immigrants arriving in America with a smile.

Starting in 1912, Maurer took the ferry every day to the Angel Island Immigration Center in San Francisco to greet immigrants, mostly from China, and help them adjust. Herself an immigrant and the youngest of nine children, she was a social worker who made sure the needs of the new arrivals, some of whom were detained for years, were met. She brought the families food and medical care, she taught them English, and wrote letters and appeals on their behalf.

Along with women like Alma Mathews in New York, Maurer made sure that those new to this country were met with a warm welcome. She devoted herself to comforting those who were lost, traumatized or met with disdain. She truly embodied faith, hope and love in action.



The video below tells her story:



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