Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians  9:7

Greetings, in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ! Blessings to you as you join us in the work of bringing hope and healing to the world!

Easter is right around the corner and Texas is gearing up for a blessed ingathering. Again, Texas donated an astounding 21,466+ quilts in 2017-2018. The reporting procedure is not like the last year. A new form found on page 8 will be in bigger print. The new form with be turned in, again, directly to the sites. It provides the exact number of items submitted by each participating group. Human Care reports are no longer used by the district, but feel free to use these in your zones. I will compile and send a complete list of donated items by Texas to LWR. The weight of a box is not an issue, and is not required by J.B. Hunt or LWR. However, use common sense and don’t pack a box to weigh over 35-30 pounds, because the backs of those volunteers loading and unloading these boxes is at stake.

Make sure your groups follow all directions on page 4 for packing quilts and kits. A guide containing all information and more detailed instructions are included in the LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide 2016-2017 available from LWR. Use sturdy boxes, please use common sense and realize that if box is labeled and packed nice, the warehouse doesn’t need to repack it for shipping. Labels for boxes will also be easier to fill out because pounds are no longer needed for the trucks or LWR. However, a NEW LWR Label is necessary to write all the information and tape it over all the label so it does not get torn when you put it on the box. Barcode labels are an awesome way for your groups to track your donations. Go to www.lwr.org/tracker and follow the directions.

Donations to the Quilt/Kit Shipping Fund needs to be sent directly to Lutheran World Relief or LWML Texas District Financial Secretary Frances Molitor. Trimming canceled stamps is another way to raise money for this fund. Stamps can be sent directly to Sara Frank, information for trimming stamps is on page 2. DO NOT BRING MONEY TO SITE!!! A new focus on Kits is Project Promise: Build Kits of Care and encourages groups to make kits and use the site www.buildkitsofcare.org to follow guidelines. Baskets of Promise is also a wonderful campaign encouraging the making of kits. Fleece tied blankets are a huge project included in the donations, (for those that might not sew). Another way to support LWR is to form Thrivent Action Teams, information is located on www.thrivent.com/actionteam . No matter what project you follow, remember to do it out of LOVE!!

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LWML Texas District  
Vice-President of Human Care  
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TEXAS DISTRICT LWR STAMPoree

All Proceeds go to Quilt/Kit Shipping Fund

Quilt/Kit SHIPPING Fund

Quilts & Blankets
Baby Care Kits
School Kits & Personal Care Kit
Fabric Kits

They cost money to send
Encourage your contributors to collect monetary contributions to help fund transportation of LWR items to the warehouse in Maryland and beyond.

Use Commemorative or High Value Stamps to mail packages and ask the recipient to save the stamps for you!

Send stamps/envelopes to
Sara Frank
P.O. Box 1354
Kyle, TX 78640
saralfrank@yahoo.com
Please put LWML in the subject line.

Stamporee Assistant: Mary Dobrasko

**Stamps need not be trimmed or removed from envelopes. If trimming envelopes, leave at least ¼-inch around stamp. Sorting into categories or weighing is not necessary. DO NOT SOAK OFF! Damaged stamps are those that are torn or the perforations have been destroyed. If in doubt, send them to the stamp chairman to be assessed.

LWR’s Approximate Cost to Deliver Quilts, Kits and Soap Overseas

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*Includes the cost of toothpaste to go with the Personal Care Kit.
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

- Fill out the information on the Lutheran World Relief Report form and bring to the ingathering site. This form will be forwarded to Vice President of Human Care to send a complete report to LWR.
- One form should be used by each society or church if being brought to the ingathering
- Keep a copy of this form to use for your zone or society record if you so desire.

*The LWR Report form is available on the LWML Texas District website: www.lwmltxdist.org*

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SHIPPING LABELS

Information for Avery Label Template can be found on website: www.lwmltxdist.org
where there will be four LWR Packing Slips you can print and cut out.
*(NOTE: Save a copy of these labels so you have a head start for next year!)*

📍 LIST CONTENTS ON EACH BOX
- Content/Return Address/New Windsor Label

LWR PACKING SLIP

| Church: | ____________________________ |
| Address: | ____________________________ |
|          | ____________________________ |
| Contents: | ____________________________ |
| #Enclosed: | ____________________________ |

TO: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
601 MAIN STREET
NEW WINDSOR, MD 21776
Packing and Shipping Instructions

1. **USE STRONG BOXES!** Packed boxes should weigh no more than 30 pounds. Smaller weights are fine.

2. **Boxes of soap should weigh no more than 20 pounds**
   - Remember - **only NEW, WRAPPED BARS** are acceptable.

3. **Please completely fill boxes or cut to fit packed goods.**

4. **Tape boxes securely with mailing or strapping tape all around the holes, corners, and anything else that is not closed. NO MASKING TAPE, PLEASE!**

5. **Sort goods, packing one type of item per box. Keep a record of packed items for filling out your LWR Report.**

6. **PLACE BOX CONTENTS, and RETURN ADDRESS ON LABEL or just write in large letters LWR and contents of box!!**
   - You may duplicate and fill in the enclosed label. If you make your own, please be sure all information is included.

7. **If you combine shipments with other churches in your area, please:**
   - ➢ Keep track of information from the participating churches and provide it to the Site Chairman.
   - ➢ Do your part to share the work, time, finances and JOY with the other churches involved.
     - Be sure everyone clearly understands the plans.

8. **Know that your efforts will be blessed by God in His service. Thank you for your help with the details!**

   **Be sure to check with Central Freight**
   - **and other local carriers who have carried**
   - **items free of charge to our past drop-off sites.**
   - **Demonstrate our Christian love to all who**
     - **help us and extend our thanks.**
## Ingathering Sites

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<td>Southeast portion of state, including SE ELCA Synod</td>
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<td>842 Fleming Street Seguin, TX 78155</td>
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<td>Lori Garcia 361-876-6595 <a href="mailto:lorigarcia@iheartmedia.com">lorigarcia@iheartmedia.com</a></td>
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PERSONAL CARE KITS

SEE SHIPPING FUND INFORMATION

When natural disaster strikes or political conflict flares, families often have little chance to gather their belongings before fleeing the danger. They arrive in a refugee camp or other place of safety scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit allow them to wash away the dirt and sweat, with the fresh scent of soap and the softness of a towel as reminders of someone's care and concern for them in their plight.

Review the General Assembly Instructions before collecting items for the Personal Care Kits.

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (approximately 20” X 40” to 27” X 52”), dark color recommend
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- One sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs), remove package
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business envelope; no plastic bags or wrap, DO NOT INCLUDE TOOTHPASTE!!!

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

SCHOOL KITS

SEE SHIPPING FUND INFORMATION

Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children— and in some cases, adults—continue learning despite the hardships they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Review the General Assembly Instructions before collecting items for the School Kits.

Include the following items in each School Kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8” X 10 1/2”; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One 2 1/2” eraser
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14” X 17” with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

FABRIC KITS

SEE SHIPPING FUND INFORMATION

Sewing is a valuable skill, one that leads to a reliable income for many women and men. Fabric Kits supply vocational training programs with fabric for teaching sewing, and for newly trained tailors to launch their sewing businesses.

Review the General Assembly Instructions before assembling Fabric Kits.

Include the following items in each Fabric Kit:

- Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:
  - 2 1/4 yards of 60” wide fabric, or
  - 3 yards of 44” wide fabric, or
  - 4 yards of 36” wide fabric

- Two spools of matching or neutral-colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

Fold and roll each piece separately (rolling thread inside one piece of fabric), bundle together and tie with a piece of yarn, sturdy string, ribbon or strip of fabric. Do not enclose the Fabric Kit or any of its contents in a plastic bag.
BABY CARE KITS

Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. She worries about her baby’s health and well-being when there is a lack of money to buy the things every mother wants for her newborn. The items included in a Baby Care Kit provide the things a mother needs to care for her baby: soft blankets to give warmth and comfort, soap to keep germs away. Lack of something to dress her baby in often keeps a mother isolated from her community, but the clothes in a Baby Care Kit welcome both mother and baby out into the world.

Review the General Assembly Instructions before collecting items for the Baby Care Kits.

Include the following items in each Baby Care Kit:
- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)
- Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet, this gives room for growing babies)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52” square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

TIPS

Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows. Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits or fleece. Select a pattern that suits your skill level. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front. Diapers can be made from flannel or even by recycling t-shirts.

If knitting or crocheting receiving blankets, including one knitted/crocheted blanket and one flannel blanket will provide maximum versatility.

SHIPPING FUND INFORMATION

Each year LWR spends nearly $1.7 million to operate its Quilt & Kit Ministry. Those funds, combined with the generosity of quilters and kit-makers throughout the United States, enable LWR to distribute more than $12 million worth of Quilts and Kits annually. With more than 60 years of experience in shipping humanitarian aid, and by working with qualified partner organizations poised to assist with distributing millions of Quilts and Kits each year, it’s possible to send an LWR Quilt or Kit to a person in need for little more than the spare change you might have in your pocket.

“LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry Guides” are available!
To order brochures or other resource items from LWR, call 1-800-LWR-LWR2 or Website: www.lwr.org
CONGREGATION NAME: ____________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________

City, State, ZIP Code: _____________________________________________

Contact Person: __________________________ Phone: _________________

Email: __________________________________________________________

CIRCLE ONE:  ELCAELDONA  LCMC  LC-MS  NALC

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Please complete this form and bring 1 copy with you to drop-off site. You may also wish to keep a copy for your records.
LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Gaye Lynn Krueger
308 Rock Ridge St.
Kerrville, TX

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BULLETIN

All the information you need for packing and labeling your Lutheran World Relief items

Important drop-off dates, times and sites

Carefully read the enclosed information and then do the following:
• Copy information as needed to share with your Zone and Society Chairman and Church officers
• Call or contact enclosed personnel with any questions