

Memo from your Lutheran World Relief Conference Contact

**You are encouraged to participate in the
Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering Appeal
October 2nd and 3rd, 2021**

NOW is the time to start publicizing this drive and to appeal for the following items for victims of disaster, poverty and disease.

- ♥ Baby Care Kits
- ♥ Quilts and blankets, both new and good used ones in 60x80 size
- ♥ School kits
- ♥ Personal Care Kits
- ♥ Fabric Kits
- ♥ \$\$\$ for processing and shipping the material aid worldwide – wherever needed.

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Material Aid Transportation

We are in the process of arranging transportation for your material aid donations. We will have a collection spot within your Conference or a nearby conference and will deliver them to the New Windsor, Maryland warehouse in the month of October. Visit our synod’s web-site (<https://www.lss-elca.org/about-us/synodical-ministries/lwr-ingathering/>) in August for a listing of the collection points, dates, and times that donations will be received there. **Please follow the directions** for packing and labeling that are on the reverse side of the “Material Aid Donations Form” enclosed in this packet of supplies. The people at the collection points are busy volunteers, and they will have the authority to refuse your donations if you include items not wanted, are not properly packed, or arrive there late.

Monetary Gifts

We will have a quantity of envelopes that you can get to use for a special offering this day. Just let us know how many you need and we can arrange for you to get them locally. This is a cooperative project of the Synod and Women of the ELCA and we ask that **all money be sent by check payable to: Lower Susquehanna Synod, in care of the Treasurer’s office and checked on the Treasurer’s Remittance Report under Section IV – Special Support, Lutheran World Relief heading, second line saying “Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund”**. This is designated by line (9400/3920) on the form that is sent in monthly by your church treasurer with the church’s regular remittance.

SYNOD COORDINATOR INFORMATION

If you cannot reach your Conference contact listed on the other side, please call Sue Gordon at (717) 448-5074 or email her at sap4jays@comcast.net or Rev. Martha S. Boyd at (717) 440-1177 or email her at stjohnpastor158@gmail.com.

Our Help to You

▶▶ Listed here are the inserts in this packet. There have been some changes, so please be attentive! It is given to you **NOW**, so you have time to read it and decide on projects for your congregation's participation in the October 2nd and 3rd. Ingathering and in other ways to support the mission of LWR. Included are:

- ◆ a master sheet of a bulletin insert to copy and use for several weeks prior to October 2nd and 3rd.
- ◆ a "Pick a Project – Be Involved" sheet to use now to decide your congregation's involvement
- ◆ "Covered with God's Love" (information on children's quilts from the Women of the ELCA)
- ◆ A VERY IMPORTANT "Material Aid Donations Form" for you to complete and return when you deliver your material aid.
- ◆ a new "LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry Guide 2021" publication, with a LWR Quilt & Kit shipping Fund offering envelope inside. More offering envelopes can be ordered on the LWR website by going to <https://lwr.org/downloads> or from your Conference Contact or Sue Gordon.
- ◆ an "Instruction for Volunteer Drivers" sheet
- ◆ Important Things to Know
- ◆ Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund Flier

I am eager to help you any way that I can. My name is _____
and I can be reached at _____. Thank you for your concern for the
needs of the world through Lutheran World Relief!



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

INGATHERING APPEAL

October 2nd and 3rd, 2021

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- ✚ Mission Quilts and blankets (60x80 size only, please)
- ✚ Personal Care kits
- ✚ School kits
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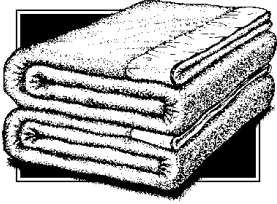
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PICK A PROJECT – BE INVOLVED!

NOW is the time for your congregation or groups within your congregation to decide which project/projects you will work on for the Lutheran World Relief *Ingathering Appeal* on October 2nd and 3rd, 2021. The parish projects include:



Making

- ◆ Fabric kits
- ◆ School kits
- ◆ Personal Care kits
- ◆ Baby Care kits
- ◆ Mission Quilts (60 in. x 80 in. only, please!)



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We realize that no congregation can make or collect ALL of the things needed, so it is important that you select ones that will be best for the groups desiring to be involved. Appropriate examples are: school or personal care kits made by youth groups, summer Bible school, or Sunday church school students; Baby Care and Fabric kits made by women's groups; or congregations working with other local churches, each church donating a part of a kit, and then assembling the kits jointly.

LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry Guide 2021 booklets with patterns and instructions are available in quantity for you to distribute. Contact Sue Gordon at (717) 448-5074 or <https://lwr.org/quilts-and-kits> for these supplies.

Pick a Project – Be Involved!

A Project of the Congregational Units of Women of the ELCA - 1988

Women of the ELCA, in the Lower Susquehanna Synod, have been collecting and distributing children's quilts since 1988 specifically for babies with AIDS and/or drug addiction through the Children's Quilt Project. Information and treatment have improved and the Children's Quilt Project was no longer deemed necessary. However, there is still an ongoing need for small-size quilts. Women of the ELCA engaged in quilt-making are encouraged to continue making these small quilts. The quilts are now distributed to places in your communities—WIC, homes for abused women and children, special camps, and fire victims are just a few of the potential areas.



Guide to Making Quilts

Every quilt, plain or fancy, will comfort a child. Quilts will be washed a great deal.

Size	Babies - 36" x 36" Crib - 40" x 48" Lap Robes - 40" x 48" Single Bed Quilts - 72" x 54" (Sorry we cannot accept 60 x 80 size quilts - they are to be shipped to LWR)
Materials	Cotton or poly/cotton fabrics (best to prewash) Polyester bats (best if bonded) or cotton flannel
Style	Any style or combination of styles: Pieced patchwork (any pattern) Juvenile prints or panels Washable stenciling Appliqué or embroidery
Colors	Some children love the bright and happy colors and patterns, Some children prefer the calm and cool, Some adults love the bright and happy colors and patterns, Some adults prefer the calm and cool. But to all - adult or child - the gift of a quilt is love.
Finishing	Hand or machine quilted or tie minimum of 4"
Please	DOUBLE-CHECK for pins and needles in finished quilts Do not add attachments such as buttons Do not wash fabrics or quilts with harsh detergents

Method for distribution and/or collection of quilts

- ❖ Give them to an agency or person in need in your community
- ❖ You may bring your congregation's baby and crib size quilts to the annual Convention of the Women of the ELCA Lower Susquehanna Synod. Someone will be there to accept the quilts. Your help with this project is very much appreciated.
- ❖ Questions - **Call: Susan Long (717) 471-0573 (Coordinator)**

2021 MATERIAL AID DONATIONS FORM

Please COMPLETE and RETURN this form. If you are taking your donations to your conference collection point, give this form to the person there who receives your cartons. If you are taking your donations directly* to the New Windsor Processing Center and Warehouse, please mail this form to:

**Sue Gordon
710 Fishing Creek Rd.
New Cumberland, PA 17070**

Packing Instructions Are On Reverse Side

Name of congregation	
Address of congregation	
Conference	
ELCA Congregation #	

CHECK ONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Our donations were taken by us to our conference collection point.	
Our donations were taken by us directly* to New Windsor.	

Our 2020 LWR Ingathering Appeal was handled by our: (check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	
Social Ministry Committee	Pastor
Women of the ELCA	Congregation Council
Other (Please Name)	

Only the kits listed below should be sent in 2020.

LIST NUMBER OF EACH	
Number of Mission Quilts (60"x80")	
Number of Personal Care Kits	
Number of School Kits	
Number of Fabric Kits	
Number of Baby Care Kits	
Number of Blankets (60"x80")	

WE GAVE BLANKETS AND QUILTS FOR LOCAL NEEDS (LIST NUMBER)	
WE GAVE CHILDREN'S QUILTS TO THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA "COVERED WITH GOD'S LOVE" PROJECT (LIST NUMBER)	

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON COMPLETING REPORT

*If you deliver directly to New Windsor, call your conference contact for instructions. We have promised to have our material delivered in the month of October, so plan your delivery before November!

PACKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Chose boxes that can be easily carried by one person. PREFERRED boxes can be requested from the dairy section of your local grocery store. Eggs are crated in boxes that have hand-holds at both ends of each box and can be easily carried when loaded with Ingathering donations. They hold a great deal of material, can be stacked easily, and fit into cars and trucks easily. If you cannot carry the box, it is likely that our movers cannot carry it either!
2. Boxes must have solid lids.
3. Sort and pack each kind of item in separate boxes. PLEASE DO NOT MIX SEVERAL THINGS IN THE SAME BOX. Please label boxes accordingly or place a bar code label on the side and cover with clear tape.
4. *No Packing Slip form is needed. Just write on the outside of the box with a marking pen: what is in the box (such as Quilts, School Kits), how many, and LWR. If you are using the bar-coding system, put one printout inside the box and tape one to the outside of the box and cover it with clear tape. Please place the printout on a side of the box – DO NOT place it on the center of the top where it will be cut when the box is cut open!
5. Boxes are not to weigh more than 40 pounds.
6. Tape boxes securely with packing tape. This holds the lid on and reinforces the boxes.

You can expect that each box will be handled and stacked and moved several times, just like it moves through a post office. It can be dropped, pushed, heaved, lifted, and stacked numerous times by numerous people – from your church to the New Windsor Processing Center and Warehouse. Your care in packing and labeling is greatly appreciated!

To finish the job:

Complete the form on reverse side and take with you when you deliver your boxes to your Conference collection point. If you take donations directly to New Windsor, mail this form to the address on reverse side.

Deliver to the designated collection point for your Conference during the hours specified.

Instructions for Volunteer Drivers –
(If you are the driver for your congregation or your conference)

Before you arrange for a truck or load your vehicle:

1. Call Loretta Wolf, warehouse manager, at the New Windsor, MD processing center at (410) 635-8795 or Glenna Thompson at (410) 635-8797. Tell them when you would **prefer** to bring the material aid for Lutheran World Relief and they will schedule you that day, if possible. If they are booked with several trailer loads arriving that day from other parts of the east coast, they will reschedule you another day that is convenient with you. This is for your benefit so that you need not wait. **Remember that we have promised to deliver our Ingathering donations before November, when they start unloading boxcars.**
2. Receiving hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 12:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **You must wear a mask and ring the door bell when you arrive at your scheduled time.**
3. If you are given a receipt for your donations, please mail it to:
Sue Gordon
710 Fishing Creek Rd.
New Cumberland, PA 17070
4. Thank you for your part in making the Lower Susquehanna Synod 2020 LWR *Ingathering Appeal* such a success!

PROCESSING CENTER ADDRESS: 601 MAIN STREET, NEW WINDSOR, MD 21776





REMINDER: No BULK-SOAP or FLEECE BLANKETS

Yes, baby care kits still need soap.

Yes, personal care kits still need soap.

A Change with Spring Packets

All churches that participated and donated quilts or kits will receive a spring packet. A letter of encouragement will be given to those not yet involved.

AUGUST INFORMATION ONLY ON-LINE

The August Ingathering information is now published only on the Synod's & the LWR website. This will no longer be mailed to each congregation as was done for years, and will be available only ONLINE. This is where you will learn where and when to deliver your quilts, kits, and blankets; as well as other updates to help you have a successful Ingathering.

Bar Code System

Will you use the Bar Code Tracker system this year? Those of us who used this in past years were delighted to be able to tell our congregation's members when our quilts and kits were shipped and which country received them. . If you are using the bar-coding system, put one printout inside the box and tape one to the outside of the box and cover it with clear tape. Please place the printout on a side of the box – DO NOT place it on the center of the top where it will be cut when the box is cut open! More information can be found in the new 2021 Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide.

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Warm Mission Quilts are Requested

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) stresses the importance of making our Mission Quilts warm enough to meet the comfort needs of the recipients. We often think that the ones sent to warm climates, such as Africa, need not be especially warm coverings. But, LWR assures us that temperatures, even in the desert, drop drastically at night. We were again made aware that some quilters do not put filler between the front and back, so the quilts are not warm enough. Reminder, if using cotton sheets as filler – these should be 3 thicknesses of sheets; if using flannel sheets or sheet blankets – 2 thicknesses should be used and if purchasing batting for filler, it should be of a good thickness. A good place to purchase batting is from Oklee Quilting Supply Inc. Google: Oklee Quilting Supply Incorporated (and scroll down to 60" wide Eco Batting 60 yds. - \$89.40 – Oklee Quilting Incorporated. The weight is 3.5 oz. and is 60" wide, so is the correct width for our Mission Quilts. This Econo Batting is 60 yards per roll. Whether you choose to recycle donated sheets or blankets or purchase batting as filler, a guide for warmth is, "If you were sleeping outside in Pennsylvania in October, your Mission Quilt should be warm enough for you to be comfortable."

*For tips on finding affordable filler for quilts, visit lwr.org/quilts and click on Get Quilt Filler tips. For more information on Quilts and kits go to <https://lwr.org/quilts-and-kits>

Leader's Guide for LWR Projects are available

LWR Mission Quilt, Personal Care Kit and School Kit Leader Guides have games, Bible studies and other educational activities that will help participants of all ages learn the difference they are making when assembling LWR Quilts and Kits. There is also a Fair Trade Leader Guide that is available.

Order these online at <https://lwr.org/downloads> then click on the resource you need,
or by calling 1-800-597-5972.

You can subscribe to receive LWR newsletters

If you are not receiving "Faith in Action" (a newsletter especially for LWR quilters and kit makers) and/or "LWR Special Report", you can be put on the mailing list to receive either or both by emailing Vicky Whetstone at vwhetstone@lwr.org.

Help Others Be Involved!

This year we would like to collect the date, time, and places, where churches in our Synod are meeting to work on quilts or kits. Then it will be added to the Synod's website. so individuals looking for a place to go can join in. Please request this information from the churches in your Conference then email to sap4jays@comcast.net or call Sue Gordon 717 448-5074.

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