

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INGATHERING**  
**OREGON, SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON, SOUTHWEST IDAHO**  
**Friday, May 6, 2011 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) - Saturday, May 7, 2011 9:00am – Noon**

Our mailing is earlier than usual in order to provide information regarding a number of kit changes that are being implemented this spring ingathering. Kit changes and the reasons for the changes are explained in detail below and on the attached kit content list as well the LWR web ([www.LWR.org](http://www.LWR.org)).

**CONTAINER LOADING LOCATION:** Parking lot behind Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N. Rosa Parks Way (formerly Portland Blvd.) Portland, OR. Exit 304 (Rosa Parks Way) from I-5 and go west on Rosa Parks Way.

**FREIGHT COSTS:** We request that donors pay their portion of the shipping costs if possible. The suggested amount is 21 cents per pound. **The 21 cents per pound donated at the ingatherings only covers freight costs to get the containers to Baltimore. It costs LWR approximately 54 cents per pound to ship items to end users throughout the world. Would your congregation prayerfully consider making an additional donation beyond the 21 cents per pound to help cover this expense?** Checks should be made out to LUTHERAN COUNCIL and may be left at the truck in Portland or mailed to Eric Jordahl, Lutheran Council Treasurer, 2005 N.E. Ainsworth St., Portland, OR 97211

**PICK-UP POINTS IN EUGENE and CENTRAL POINT:** Pick-up in Central Point at Gloria Dei Lutheran, 745 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. and in Eugene at Messiah Lutheran, 3280 River Road, is being coordinated by Pastor Bruce Meyer. Churches in that area will receive a letter from Pastor Meyer with specific pick-up times. If you have questions, he can be reached at 541-654-3241 (cell); 541-998-6659 (church). A special “thank you” is extended to Pastor Meyer for coordinating this effort and to McCracken Motor Freight for donating the use of a trailer.

**BRIEF EXPLANATION OF CHANGES:** Following a global evaluation, LWR made the decision that some changes to the kit and quilt program will help them to continue to meet the changing needs of the populations served. Specific kit changes are included in the attached “Kit Content List” and the following information will also be helpful as you prepare for the spring ingathering.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- **BOTH PRIOR (2010) AND NEW KITS (2011) WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING 2011.**
- The “Be Involved Brochure” will now be called “*Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide*” and will be in a larger format.
- **It is very important that prior and new kits be boxed separately and labeled clearly as follows:**
  - **Health Kits/No Toothpaste** for prior kits; **Personal Care Kits** for new kits.
  - **Schools Kits** for prior kits; **Updated School Kits** for new kits.
  - **Layettes** for prior kits; **Baby Care Kits** for new kits.
  - **Sewing Kits** for prior kits; **Fabric Kits** for new kits.
  - Quilts and blankets should be boxed separately and appropriately labeled.

**MISSION QUILTS: (Formerly called Quilts)**

- Quilts are **not** changing but the updated formal name will be **Mission Quilts**. Quilts should be as close to 60” x 80” as possible
- Blankets are still accepted but quilts are greatly preferred. Blankets that are sent should be new or like new; absolutely no stains or holes. No electric blankets, afghans, or baby quilts.

**SCHOOL KITS: (No name change)**

- **No more tote bags** - backpacks are more practical for students walking long distances in a variety of weather conditions. In some places tote-style bags are considered feminine and can draw negative attention to the boys who use them. **No regular backpacks will be accepted – only the fabric drawstring style.** A pattern can be found on the LWR web site. This style can also be purchased for relatively low cost.
- Construction paper is being eliminated – it is not culturally familiar and notebooks are a greater need.
- Four (4) 70 sheet notebooks are requested – most students use separate notebooks for each subject so smaller individual notebooks work better than larger sectioned notebooks. No loose leaf paper.
- Pencils have been reduced to five and 5 ballpoint pens (no felt tip or gel) have been added. Pens have been added because students all over the world transition to pens for writing assignments as they advance in their studies.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS: (Formerly Health Kits)**

- A lighter weight full-sized towel (around 52” x 27”) is replacing the hand towel because they are more versatile.
- Nail files are no longer an option, clipper w/file requested. Clippers are more practical and sturdier.
- Band aids are being eliminated - six of them don’t last very long and if they get wet, they are wasted.
- No toothpaste. Bulk purchasing by LWR helps to maintain a higher and more predictable standard – eliminates the possibility of toothpaste past or near expiration. It is no longer necessary to write ‘NO TOOTHPASTE’ on boxes of Personal Care Kits (new/2011 kits).

**BABY CARE KITS: (Formerly Layettes)**

- Wash cloth is being replaced by a hand towel because it is more versatile.
- Sleepers without feet are included – babies grow out of the footed sleepers too quickly; without feet, they can use them longer.
- Two pair of socks have been added – mothers indicated that socks keep feet clean and can also be placed over babies hands to keep them from scratching themselves.
- Baby cap has been added – bought or home made ( if sweater or sweatshirt does not have a hood).
- **Used items are still acceptable but it’s very important that there be no stains or holes.**

**FABRIC KITS: (Formerly Sewing Kits)**

- Buttons have been eliminated because they aren’t used.
- Needles have been eliminated - LWR ships these kits to sewing schools who use sewing machines and hand sewing needles aren’t meeting a practical need.
- Adding additional fabric and thread offers more opportunities to practice and learn.
- Yard goods will not be collected any longer; yardage should be converted into Fabric Kits.

**If you would like to receive future mailings through e-mail, please send us your e-mail address.**

We are looking forward to seeing you on May 6th or 7<sup>th</sup> at Peace Lutheran for loading.

In Christ,

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**TALLY FORM**

Church:
Address:
City:
Contact Person:

	No. of Items – Not # of boxes (quilts, blankets, kits, etc.;	Weight
Mission Quilts (no baby quilts)		
Blankets		
School Kits 2010		
Updated School Kits 2011		
Health Kits 2010		
Personal Care Kits 2011		
Sewing Kits 2010		
Fabric Kits 2011		
Layettes 2010		
Baby Care Kits 2011		
Soap (new, in wrapper)	25# maximum weight per box please	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

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## SCHOOL KIT

2010 KIT MAKE-UP	2011 KIT MAKE-UP
Notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2" totaling 150-200 sheets (if using 70 sheet note books, please include three); no loose leaf paper.	<b>Four 70-sheet notebooks</b> of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper.
One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)	One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other	One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
One pencil sharpener	One pencil sharpener
<del>Six</del> new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band	<b>Five</b> new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long	One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long
<del>12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors (if necessary, fold in half to fit into the school kit bag)</del>	<b>Five NEW ballpoint pens (no gel ink)</b> ; secure together with a rubber band.
One box of 16 or 24 crayons	One box of 16 or 24 crayons
<del>One sturdy cloth bag approximately 12" x 14" with cloth handles or drawstring enclosure</del>	<b>Drawstring, fabric back-pack style bags 14"x17" with shoulder straps; (No Standard backpacks)</b>

*Note that construction paper has been eliminated, one less pencil, ballpoint pens have been added and only drawstring, back-pack style bags are to be used.* 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.

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## FABRIC KIT (Formerly called Sewing Kit)

2010 KIT MAKE-UP	2011 KIT MAKE-UP
Cotton or cotton-blend fabric, no knits or polyester <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric, or</li> <li>▪ 3 yards of 44" wide, fabric, or</li> <li>▪ 4 yards of 36" wide, fabric</li> </ul>	<b>Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric</b> (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 yards of 60" wide fabric, or</li> <li>▪ 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or</li> <li>▪ 4 yards of 36" wide fabric</li> </ul>
<del>One package of about 10-15 needles</del>	
<del>One</del> spool of matching thread, 250-300 yards	<b>Two (2)</b> spools of matching general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each
<del>Six to 10 average size matching buttons (1/2" to 3/4" preferred)</del>	

*Note that needles and buttons have been eliminated and another spool of thread has been added.* Fold and roll each piece separately (rolling thread inside one piece of fabric), bundle the two pieces 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.

## PERSONAL CARE KIT (Formerly called Health Kit)

2010 KIT MAKE-UP	2011 KIT MAKE-UP
One hand towel, dark color recommended	<b>One bath-size towel</b> (approximately 52" x 27") dark color recommended
One washcloth, dark color recommended	
One bath-size bar (4-5 oz) of soap any brand in original wrapping	<b>Two bath-size bars</b> (4-5 oz) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging	One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
One sturdy comb, remove packaging	One sturdy comb, remove packaging
One <del>metal nail file</del> or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file)	One metal nail clippers, remove packaging ( <b>files are no longer an option</b> )
Six band-aids preferably 1/2" to 3/4"; secured together with a rubber band	

**\*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business envelope; no plastic bags or wrap**

*Note that the hand towel has been replaced by a bath size towel (lighter weight, not very heavy/plush); another bar of soap has been added; the band-aids have been eliminated. Still no 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 the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

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## BABY CARE KIT (Formerly called Layettes)

2010 KIT MAKE-UP	2011 KIT MAKE-UP
Two lightweight cotton shirts or Onesies	Two lightweight cotton t-shirts
Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (with or without feet)	Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers, <b>without feet</b>
Two receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn	Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted w/lightweight yarn up to 52" square
Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred	Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
One sweater or sweatshirt	One sweater or sweatshirt <b>with hood</b> ( include a baby cap if no hood)
Two washcloths (full size preferred)	<b>One hand towel</b> , dark color recommended
One bath-size bar (4-5 oz) of gentle soap in original wrapping	<b>Two bath-size bars</b> (4-5 oz) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
Two diaper pins	Two diaper pins <b>or large safety pins</b>
	<b>Two pair of socks</b>

*Note that t-shirts are included but no more onesies; socks have been added as well as a cap unless the sweater or sweatshirt has a hood; sleepers are to be without feet and an extra bar of soap has been added. A hand towel has been added in place of two washcloths.*

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.