

Help Fill the Truck!

This year we will collect items for Personal Dignity Kits for the [Midwest Mission Distribution Center](#).

To see which items each district should bring to the mission truck at annual conference, visit umcnic.org/missionchallenge.

Please complete and bring your [Mission Challenge Offering Form](#) with your items as well.

To learn what goes inside each Personal Dignity Kit, [click here](#).

For answers to Frequently Asked Questions, see below.

Other questions? Please call or text Larry Dunlap-Berg 615-945-6411 or email ldnlpbrg@gmail.com

FAQ

Do you have suggestions for where my church can find items included in the Personal Dignity Kit?

If you plan to make a bulk purchase, be sure to check the Midwest Mission Distribution Center's Wish List program at www.dollardays.com/midwestmission/wishlist.html. If you purchase your items through the Wish List program and want your church and district to receive credit for the Mission Challenge, please include a copy of your receipt with your Mission Challenge Donation Form at the drop-off site at annual conference. If you plan to purchase items for your donation and want to compare prices or are having trouble finding an item, please check suggestions we discovered during a quick online search in February. (Link to Mission Challenge spreadsheet.)

Why should we complete and bring a Mission Challenge Donation Form?

We want to be sure our records are accurate so your church and district will receive credit for your donation. We are also trying to make sure your arrival, check-in and registration process is as stress free and efficient as possible. Every year, we receive several donations without any information, and the forms helps us reduce confusion and celebrate this annual time of giving.

Where will the truck be located?

The truck, scheduled to arrive at about noon Sunday, will be parked near the entrance when you arrive for annual conference. You can drop off your donations Sunday afternoon or between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday. This is our first year at the new location, so be sure to check back for updates.

Can our church receive Rainbow Covenant credit for our Mission Challenge donation? If your church wants to participate in the Mission Challenge by donating to UMCOR or the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, make your check payable to the Northern Illinois Conference and include the name and Rainbow Covenant number in the memo section of the check. Please include a copy of your check with your Mission Challenge Donation Form so your church and district will receive credit toward the Mission Challenge. United Methodist

Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Undesignated (#999895) and/or Midwest Mission Distribution Center (#50000150).

Is it better to donate Personal Dignity Kit items or to make a monetary donation to the Advance?

Both methods of supporting our mission are important. Some of the benefits of making financial donations are increased efficiency, reduced expenses, the ability to negotiate bulk-rate prices and stimulation of local economies struggling to recover from emergency situations. Physical acts of purchasing and donating Mission Challenge items are also powerful tools for mission education for children and for interpretation of the church's missional outreach to other church members.

Where can my church find information about the Midwest Mission Distribution Center?

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center (#50000150) is located just east of Chatham, Ill. MMDC opened in March 2000. Since then, everything has been done with donations from individuals, churches and groups, and with volunteer labor. Since the beginning, it has distributed disaster relief items to at least 21 states and 29 countries. In addition to disaster relief kits and supplies, school supplies and school desks, the center also sends many blankets, hospital supplies, and sewing machines and bicycles that have been refurbished. MMDC is a cooperating depot in the UMCOR Relief Supply Network.

Since 2000, the Midwest Mission Distribution Center has been showing God's love in practical ways through the distribution of education, health and disaster relief supplies meeting basic human needs around the world and around the corner. A hands-on mission experience is provided to those who serve at MMDC. The mission is to transform the resources of God's people into humanitarian relief. MMDC is located at 1001 Mission Drive in Pawnee, Ill. 62558. For more information, visit www.midwestmission.org.

Does the Midwest Mission Distribution Center still accept bicycles, sewing machines and other items?

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center is currently taking all bicycles and bicycle parts, all working electric sewing machines and all treadles. Any inoperable electric sewing machine cannot be accepted. In addition, MMDC takes donations of new or slightly used medical supplies and equipment. **(Please, no medications.)** Also, MMDC has patterns for sewed, knitted and crocheted items, including layettes, kimonos, children's outfits, quilts and sweaters. Many pattern projects accompany Midwest Mission Kits. More information is available at www.midwestmission.org/kits-projects/kits-projects.

Because the truck has limited space, please contact ldnlpbrg@gmail.com to confirm if we can accept donations of these items as part of the Mission Challenge.