

KITS FOR CONFERENCE — The 2012 Virginia Conference kit collection is being conducted to replenish the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) supply. UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot reports there is a need for all types of kits. Local churches are encouraged to collect items for any of the following most requested UMCOR kits and bring them to Annual Conference for delivery:

SCHOOL KIT

- 1 pair blunt scissors rounded tip only-no plastic scissors please.
- 3 units of paper 8½ x 11 spiral notebooks or top-bound pads - 150 sheets of loose-leaf can be as 1 unit combinations of spiral, top-bound or loose-leaf is acceptable, no composition books.
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener must be at least one inch long - remove from packaging.
- 1 30 centimeter ruler hard or flexible - cartoon characters are acceptable - no advertisements please.
- 6 unsharpened pencils no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please - cartoon characters are acceptable
- 2 ½ inch eraser no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please - cartoon characters are acceptable
- 24 count box of crayons only 24 count boxes please
- 14"x16" cloth bag homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable, heavy duty fabric only- denim, corduroy, drapery fabric etc.- no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please. Closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps or Velcro sewn in middle of opening if used.

Assembly: Place all loose items on top of paper. Turn items sideways and slide into the cloth bag. Fold over the top of the bag so loose items do not fall out. Important Notes: A pattern for the bag can be found on the internet at www.umcor.org. Go to "How To Give" at the top of the page and scroll down to "Relief Supplies". Click on "Relief Supplies" and scroll down until you find the "School Kit" section. Click on "sewing patterns"

LAYETTE KIT

- 6 cloth diapers prefolded or plain diapers only - no disposable diapers
- 2 shirts - undershirts or onsies
- 2 wash cloths - infant size only - no adult wash cloths
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins -must have protective plastic closures - no regular safety pins
- 1 sweater or jacket - open from the front, may be hand knitted, crocheted or sewn, hooded sweatshirts are acceptable
- 2 receiving blankets - 30" x 30" or 32" x 32" sizes recommended - no crib blankets

Assembly: Lay one of the receiving blankets flat on a table. Set aside the diaper pins and place all remaining items on top of the blanket. Fold the blanket around the items and secure the bundle with the diaper pins. Please remove all packaging.

BIRTHING KIT

- 1 small bar soap 1 oz. to 2 oz. size do not remove from original packaging, small hotel bars are acceptable
- 1 pair latex, surgical or thin rubber gloves no kitchen or thick rubber work gloves, gloves are not required to be sterile
- 1 square yard of clear plastic sheeting must be 4 mil thick, plastic trash bags and shower curtains are not acceptable
- 3 - 12 inch long pieces of cotton string must be clean - secure the pieces of string by bundling and tying them together no yarn please
- 1 single edge razor blade - must be covered in paper or cardboard to keep it from causing injury regular shaving razors are not acceptable
- 2 receiving blankets 30"x 30" or 32"x 32" size - -no thermal or fleece blankets please
- 1 plastic bag one gallon size sealable bags only

Assembly Directions - Fold the plastic sheeting and blankets so they will fit easily into the plastic bag. Lay the loose items on top of the blankets and plastic sheeting. Slide all items into the plastic bag. Squeeze as much air out of the bag and then seal it.

HEALTH KIT

- 1 hand towel 15" x 25" to 17"x 27" kitchen cleaning and microfiber towels not acceptable
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb - needs to be sturdy, no pocket combs or picks, rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable
- 1 metal nail file or clipper - no emery boards
- 6 adhesive bandages - ¾" to 1 "size common household band aids
- 1 bath size soap - 3 oz. and larger sizes only all brands are acceptable, do not remove from original packaging
- 1 toothbrush - adult size only do not remove from original packaging
- 1 plastic bag one gallon size- sealable bags only
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the wash cloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the bundle in the plastic bag and seal the bag.

UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire. Do not put single dollar bills in each kit. Toothpaste money must be sent to VA Conf. with shipping monies.

(NOTE: DO NOT INCLUDE TOOTHPASTE! UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.) Seal all items in a 1-gallon plastic bag.

IMPORTANT Packing Instructions: All items included in kits must be NEW items. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items — nothing more.

Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be removed and will delay the shipment. Kits should be packed in boxes with only one type of kit in each box, with the contents clearly written on the outside of the box.

Monetary donations include: \$1 per kit for processing and shipping; \$1 for UMCOR to purchase toothpaste for health kits.

If you prefer UMCOR to provide kits for you, include: \$12 for UMCOR to provide a health kit; \$11 for UMCOR to provide a school kit; \$35 for UMCOR to provide a baby/layette kit; \$8 for UMCOR to provide a birthing kit. **IF your church has already collected other kits not mentioned here they will be accepted.**

*****SEND ALL monetary donations on one check,** payable to “Virginia Conference UMC,” earmarked for “Kits” and mail to: Treasurer, Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, P O Box 5605, Glen Allen, VA 23058. Do not place checks inside the boxes. Your checks will be accepted any time prior to Annual Conference. Please make every effort to send your checks no later than August 31st. CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

***** COLLECTION SITE: ROANOKE CIVIC CENTER AND DROPPED OFF AT THE FAR END OF PARKING LOT A NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF WILLIAMSON ROAD AND ORANGE AVE. COLLECTION HOURS ARE: FRIDAY---9AM-7:30PM AND SATURDAY---7:30AM-7:30PM**

Questions regarding **kit contents** should go to the conference Mission Office at 1-800-768-6040, ext. 144, or (804) 521-1144, and by e-mail at <Mission@vaumc.org>.

Questions about the **kit collection site** should be addressed to Kits for Conference coordinator, the Rev. Louis Strickler, at 540-774-8126 or by e-mail at pastorlouis@woodlawnumc.org

(NOTE: An appeal has been made recently by Church World Service regarding a kit drive by that agency. The 2012 VA Annual Conference UMCOR Kit drive is not to be confused with that of Church World Service.)