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SUBJECT: Easter on the River 2011

TO: Parishes and Missions of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky

Once again, Seamen's Church is sponsoring a "hands-on" outreach project during the Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky. We're inviting you and your congregations to participate in the work of SCI by preparing/packing Easter on the River boxes for the thousands of inland mariners working on the river this coming Easter.

Here's how you can help:

1. COLLECTING CANDY: Prior to convention, please encourage your parishioners to collect individually wrapped candies for the Easter boxes. (SCI avoids any unwrapped candy, chocolates or jelly beans since they can bleed on other Easter box contents).

Our goal is to pack at least 100 boxes at convention, with enough candy in each box for every person aboard to have some. Since an average towboat has a crew of 10, we'll need enough candy for a thousand people. So, please feel free to bring *lots* of candy.

2. MAKING EASTER CARDS: As many know, we try to include handmade Easter greeting cards in each box whenever we can. We'd appreciate it if you'd ask the Sunday School children at your church to help by making some cards of their own for the towboat crews. The colorful artwork and creative spelling of their cards are always a big hit and are very much appreciated.

Besides the cards and candy, in each box Seamen's Church includes an Easter devotion for every member of the crew, along with a New Testament for the vessel.

Please accept our thanks for your part in making this annual effort such a success. Thanks also for your continuing interest in and support of SCI's Ministry on the River throughout the year.

I will look forward to greeting many of you personally at some point during convention.

Faithfully,
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