

UMCOR Mission Kits

As of December 31st, 2017, we are no longer assembling birthing kits, layette kits and sewing kits. UMCOR has a continuing need for health kits, school kits and cleaning kits. United Methodist women of the Virginia Conference prepare these kits throughout the year. The kits are then taken to Annual Conference in June and are sent to UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA to be distributed to those in need all over the United States. The following is a list of contents needed. **Please follow directions exactly.**

Health Kit Items (Value: \$12 per kit)

- 1 hand towel
 - Sizes may range from 15" x 25" to 17" x 27"
 - No kitchen towels, no microfiber
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb
 - Large and sturdy, no pocket-size or picks
 - At least 6" of teeth
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap
 - At least 3 oz. in original wrapper
 - No Ivory or Jergens soap
- 1 toothbrush
 - Individually sealed in original wrapper
 - No child-size brushes
- 6 adhesive sterile bandages ($\frac{3}{4}$ " – 1")
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

(NOTE: toothpaste is purchased by UMCOR to be added to the kits before shipping, to ensure freshness.)

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag

School Kit Items (Value: \$11 per kit)

- 3 pads of 8 ½" x 11" ruled paper totaling 225 – 250 sheets
 - Spiral bound or loose leaf
 - No composition books
- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 handheld pencil sharpener
 - at least 1" long
 - remove from packaging
- 1 large (2 ½") eraser
- 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- 1 12" ruler
- 1 14" x 16" cloth bag with handles, heavy duty fabric only

No advertisements, religious, military or camouflage patterns on pencils, rulers, and cloth bags. Cartoon characters are acceptable.

If no cloth bag, place items in a large plastic bag

Cleaning Kit Items

- 5-gallon round bucket with resealable lid
 - Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned
 - Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner
 - Advertisements on the outside are acceptable
 - No square buckets
- Liquid laundry detergent
 - One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) only
- Liquid household cleaner
 - 12 – 16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
 - No spray cleaners

- Dish soap
 - 16 – 28 oz. bottle, any brand
- 1 can air freshener
 - Aerosol or pump
- 1 insect repellent spray
 - 6 – 14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
- 1 scrub brush
 - Plastic or wooden handle
- 18 cleaning wipes
 - Handi Wipes or reusable wipes
 - No terry cleaning towels
 - Remove from packaging
- 7 sponges
 - No cellulose sponges due to mold issues (non-cellulose or “foam sponges” only, foam or man-made sponges will not retain water and cause mildew)
 - Some commonly available brands include, but not limited to Scotch-Brite, Dobie All-Purpose Pad, Lysol Multi-Purpose Durable Scrub Sponge, Scrub Daddy Original, Melamine Foam Kitchen Wash Cleaning Sponge
 - Remove from wrapper
- 5 scouring pads
 - Remove from wrapper
 - No stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)
- 50 clothespins
- Clothesline
 - One 100-foot or two 50-foot lines
 - Cotton or plastic
- 24-roll heavy duty trash bags
 - 33 – 45 gallon sizes
 - Remove from box
- 5 dust masks

- 2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves
 - Should be durable enough for multiple uses
 - Remove from packaging
- 1 pair work gloves
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Assembly Directions:

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket, fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins, and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the list is closed securely.

Important Notes:

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders, please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.
- If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.

Additionally, we appreciate donations in any amount toward shipping expenses. Make a check to the church and designate UMCOR kits in the memo line.