

# U.S. Expansion of the LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry



## Additional information and answers to FAQs

### Why is this expansion happening now?

The Quilt & Kit Ministry has grown considerably over the last 80 years. This gives us the confidence to expand to reach even more of our neighbors now, both near and far.

### Will kits also be distributed in the U.S.?

Yes, both quilts and kits will be available for distribution in the U.S.

### Can individuals/groups designate where they want their quilts and kits to be distributed?

No, quilts and kits cannot be designated because shipments are based on need. Our international and domestic partners complete applications to request quilts and kits. Applications are received and reviewed on a rolling basis. This process — combined with the enduring generosity of our quilters and kit makers — has helped us effectively respond where needs are greatest. That process will remain in place as we move forward in this exciting expansion.

### Will any of the guidelines change since quilts and kits will now be distributed in the United States?

All guidelines will remain in place to allow maximum flexibility for reaching our neighbors in need at any given time and in any country.

### Will the cost to ship quilts and kits change?

No, not initially. As we move more deeply into domestic distributions, we will track transportation costs over time and adjust accordingly.

### What is the process for determining where quilts and kits are shipped in the U.S.?

In the same way that our international partners complete applications to request quilts and kits, our national partners will do the same. All partners must clearly demonstrate needs, how quilts and kits fit into their comprehensive programming, and how the partner works with the local community to ensure engagement in decision making and distribution plans. Applications are received and reviewed on a rolling basis, and that process will continue.

### Should we send quilts and kits to local partners instead of LWR?

Although we know many groups send their quilts and kits to local partners, please continue to send your quilts and kits to LWR the same way you always have so we can continue to meet the needs of neighbors near and far.

### What percentage of quilts and kits will be shipped domestically?

While the percentage will fluctuate annually depending on need, we expect that more quilts and kits will be shipped internationally simply because there is a larger combined population outside the U.S.

### Can individuals and congregations request quilts and kits be distributed in their community, whether in response to a natural disaster or other need?

To best facilitate coordination and quick access to quilts and kits, we are working with local Lutheran social service agencies. Please contact your nearest agency and follow their procedures for requesting assistance.



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