

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF ~ Headquarters – Baltimore, MD

➤ **Brief Purpose of the Organization**

Founded in 1945 by congregations and Lutheran leaders who wished to respond to the humanitarian crises that had enveloped Europe after World War II, **Lutheran World Relief** (LWR) has since evolved to become a global organization, that reaches neighbors in need in over 34 countries in three distinct ways: **Emergency Humanitarian Assistance Response; Long-term Sustainable Development**; the **Quilt & Kit Ministry**. LWR reaches farther and stays as long as needed to end poverty, injustice and human suffering wherever it resides.

➤ **Quilt sizes preferred/minimum**

Finished size of Mission Quilts is 60" x 80" ~ they must be warm and sturdy (usually tied 6" to 8" apart). For specific guidelines visit <https://lwr.org/quilts>

➤ **Donations accepted?**

Only completed 60" x 80" quilts are accepted. Tops, backing, batting, fabric may be donated to a quilting group at a local church. Fabric can also be used to complete Fabric Kits which include 2 pieces of fabric and thread. For specific guidelines visit <https://lwr.org/kits>

➤ **Contact for drop off**

Boxed quilts may be mailed or driven to one of two LWR warehouses, located in MN and MD or dropped at an Ingathering / collection point near you. For locations, dates, times and contacts for in-gatherings throughout the United States and the two LWR warehouses, visit our interactive map <https://ingathering.lwr.org>

Any additional questions, please contact the LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry at 410-230-2707/8.

Video describing the impact of mission quilts in Tanzania (2:41): [LWR Mission Quilts help young children grow in Tanzania - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBUgCKzLKsA) OR <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBUgCKzLKsA>