

TEXAS DISTRICT LWML
Lutheran World Relief STAMPOREE

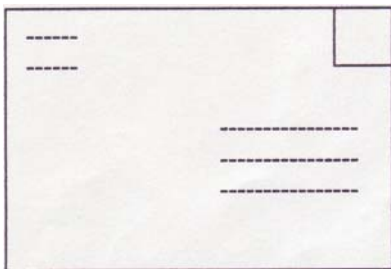
GOAL: To support Lutheran World Relief's PROJECT COMFORT, which provides funding for the shipping of quilts, kits, and clothing to those in need around the world in conjunction with the Texas District LWML Vice President of Human Care.

PARTICIPANTS: Anyone can contribute to Stamporee by sending their used envelopes containing cancelled stamps to the Stamp Chairman instead of discarding them. All LWML societies and LCMS congregations are encouraged to collect and save cancelled postage stamps.

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

1. Start saving all cancelled postage stamps.
2. Ask neighbors and relatives to save cancelled stamps.
3. Ask friends and co-workers to participate in your collection.
4. Contact anyone you know who might have access to a large volume of mail (i.e. a business, company, school, office, etc.) -- ask them to save envelopes with cancelled stamps for you.
5. ***Buy and use commemorative stamps*** instead of common stamps. These are usually honoring an individual, event, or thing instead of the ordinary stamps. All postal employees know which stamps are commemorative if you ask for them. Remember that the recipient of your stamp may be saving them for our project or you might request them to save the stamp for you!!
6. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND STAMPS DIRECTLY TO A DEALER!!!**
7. Learn to place your stamps on the envelope in the upper right hand corner, allowing space on each edge for opening without damage to the stamp. When trimming, allow inch from each edge whenever possible.

WRONG:



RIGHT:



8. Stamps need not be trimmed or removed from the envelopes, but if you would care to prepare them before sending, please follow these guidelines.

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- Trim from envelopes with at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch around the stamp. The perforation is the most important aspect of the stamp and should not be cut, torn or altered in any way. If you leave more than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, this creates too much weight which is the method of calculating the funds received.
- Sorting into categories is not necessary unless you have knowledge of stamp collecting.
- Weighing is not necessary since packages will be combined as they are received by the chairman.
- **Do not soak stamps** from the envelope paper as the paper contributes towards the weight for selling purposes. However, if you do have stamps that have been previously soaked and removed, you may still send them – don't just discard them because of the pre-soaking – they are sorted and weighed in a different manner.
- Damaged stamps are those that are torn or the perforations have been destroyed. If in doubt, send them to the stamp chairman for assessment.
- Mail by parcel post (formerly 4th class) which is cheaper. Tell the postal clerk that the contents are “printed material” or “paper contents”.
- **IMPORTANT IF MAILING** – request that the postal clerk affix commemorative or high-value stamps (i.e. 55¢, 78¢, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.85, etc.) Otherwise, the postal clerk will use a white metered mail label which is worth nothing to the project! The stamps will bring funds to accomplish our goal.
- Stamps may be delivered
 - (1) through your zone president -- to Board of Directors meetings,
 - (2) any contact you have who might be going to the Texas District LCMS office in Austin,
 - (3) your CEF representative -- to the annual CEF seminar or
 - (4) to the district conventions -- to the Human Care area.

You are encouraged to use one of these four options before spending money on postage that could be used for Project Comfort!

9. REMEMBER, just save stamps and use commemorative stamps!!!! Your biggest contribution is to save and ask others to save.

The Stamporee Chairman is available:

to answer any questions;
 give programs at any rally or society meetings;
 establish training sessions for those interested in learning about the project.

Send all stamps and communications to:

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