

MISSION SERVICE

Mission service includes everything we do as individuals or as an organization that demonstrates the love of Jesus to others. Anytime we reach out in love to meet a need that God has brought to our attention, we engage in mission service. God has used us to serve others in His name. As Lutheran Women in Mission we are to use our “gifts in ministry to the people of the world” whether they live next door or across the oceans. Everything we do should point us forward, reaching out in love.

The LWML Texas District Mission Service Committee is served by an appointed chairman. At the district as well as, the national level, it is part of the Gospel Outreach Department and reports to the Vice President of Gospel Outreach. The chairman’s responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Accepting her appointment with joy and enthusiasm.
- Recruiting two or more service-minded LWML members to serve on the Mission Service Committee.
- Reporting regularly to the VP of Gospel Outreach and support her any way possible.
- Keeping the mission service page updated on the LWML Texas District website.

Mission service at the group or zone level can be a mission service chairman, or whomever has a heart for those in need, and she should:

- Accept her election or appointment with joy and enthusiasm.
- Help her group develop an active mission outreach.
- Keep mission service in front of the congregation, involving them as much as possible.
- Research and promote mission service ideas. Ideas and resources can be found on the *lwml.org* website under the service tab — mission service activities.

Mission service activities are a way for us to share Jesus’ love in action. If you are looking for new activities and ways to share, check out the LWML Mission Service Activity of the Month on their website at *lwml.org/mission-service-activities*. Use this site for ideas or projects for your zones and groups. Each activity includes a project idea, material list, service event instructions, the Gospel focus, a devotion, and a prayer. Take pictures of your mission service activities and submit them to the Mission Service Committee Chairman at *missionservice@lwmltxdist.org* to share on the district’s media formats and publications.

If you have any questions or would like to serve on the LWML Texas District Mission Service Committee, contact the chairman at *missionservice@lwmltxdist.org* or contact the Vice President of Gospel Outreach. They both would be delighted to hear your ideas or answer any questions you might have.

Orphan Grain Train

Orphan Grain Train (OGT) is a 501c3 nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. OGT volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.

For more information visit their website ogt.org.

For a complete list of items to donate or donate monetarily, go to ogt.org/donate.

Orphan Grain Train Donation Sites		
Location	OGT Highland Lakes of Texas Genesis Lutheran Church	OGT Houston Branch
Address	15946 E. Highway 29 Buchanan Dam, Texas 78609	5040 E. Sam Houston Pkwy S Pasadena, Texas 77505
Contact	Byron Hobbs ogt.hltx@gmail.com ogt.org/branches/highland-lakes 512-755-4703	Mike Rathje ogthouston@gmail.com ogt.org/branches/houston 210-485-1789
Donations Accepted	Tuesday morning 9 a.m.–noon (year round)	Saturday morning 8 a.m.–noon (year round)
Volunteer Opportunity	Sort and pack donations Call for volunteer opportunities	Sort and pack donations Call for volunteer opportunities

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that works with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering, affirming God's love for all people. LWR conducts an ingathering each year. It is for all Texas Lutherans (LCMS, ELCA, WELS, etc.) to collect parish projects for LWR. The ingathering includes quilts, school kits, baby care kits, fabric kits, and personal care kits.

For more information visit their website lwr.org.

Complete information regarding assembling and packing these kits can be found on the website lwr.org/kits. Detailed information on quilts can be found at lwr.org/quilts.