

WITH CARE AND COMPASSION

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TO: All Women in Mission in the Oregon LWML via our zones and societies.

Goal: Address areas of needs with avenues of service to our Lord and Savior as He tells us in Colossians 3: 12 *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

Method: A bi-monthly email newsletter to the Societies via the Zone Presidents from the District Human Care Committee.

Content: Human Care ideas, devotions, Bible Studies, litanies, dedications, websites for Human Care needs, feed back from you, follow up on efforts and other helps to fulfill our goal.

Garage Sale-ers++: Opportunity to Help with Mission Work

Toys that help children learn colors, shapes and textures as well as develop motor skills and hand-eye coordination are needed to help teach children with developmental disabilities.

The Dominican Child Care teachers, who are using the "SomeOne Special" kits (that you assembled and they received October 19, 2007) to share Jesus each week with the children they visit, could use toys like: stacking doughnuts; different shaped blocks that fit into the same shaped holes in a container; easy-to-catch balls; big tinker toys; large snap together blocks; toys with knobs, levers, bells and other moveable parts; and any other small to medium sized toy that would help the children learn and develop the previous mentioned skills.

This is a project you can do as an individual or a society. Involve your Sunday School children, confirmation classes, or school children to help by bringing a toy (a good used toy is fine) as a way to share at Christmas.

Once collected, the toys can be shipped or picked up, by contacting Terry Putnam (503-842-7740) or putnamgt@yahoo.com. To learn more about the LCMS mission work in the Dominican Republic, please contact Terry.

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Several Thanksgiving and Christmas Human Care Ideas

- *Special thank you items and cards to our Pastors and Church Workers
- *Donate to, help serve or deliver help to community shelters
- *Invite someone to a special meal at your home during the holidays
- *Send an extra Christmas note to military personnel
- *Put extra mites into your Mite Box on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day
- *Spend a few hours with your family or several friends singing at an assisted living home
- *Intentionally and personally welcome at least two of the visitors in your festival worship services at Thanksgiving and Christmas
- *Choose one of your congregation's sick or shut-ins and pray specifically for

them each day in December