

March 21, 2020

Hello everyone,

Below is the information I received from LWR:

Lutheran World Relief values the health and safety of our community members, donors and volunteers. Until we know more about the Coronavirus or COVID-19, we have made the decision to postpone the collection of Quilts & Kits of Care for April 2020 & May 2020.

These are unprecedented times. We made the decision to postpone collections for the following reasons:

1. We care about the health & safety of our community members
2. We want to abide by the guidelines of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and elected officials to limit gatherings to no more than (10) people.
3. Churches are closed, so many quilters & kit makers can't meet to facilitate an Ingathering.
4. Colleges are closed, so some of the labor for Ingatherings is not available. Again...We care about the health & safety of our community members!!

I have been working with Janel at LWR to try to figure all this out, and she has been wonderful. We will postpone our April 15<sup>th</sup> gathering till the fall. I will need to work out all the details with TLU and then will get back to folks with a final date.

I know it will be hard to store things, but it is important that we all stay well. Thank you all for understanding the hard decisions that needed to be made.

**Ways to stay connected:**

If you are on Facebook, 'like' the southwestern texas welca page. Contact Janice Seiler at [jfseiler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jfseiler@sbcglobal.net) to received The Grapevine via email.

Blessings and stay well!

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