

## **Greetings Eastern Association Members and Friends,**

The Fall Meeting of the Eastern Association of the Illinois Conference, of the United Church of Christ is meeting on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Plainfield Congregational Church UCC.

As part of the Fall Meeting, the Eastern Association Council will be hosting a workshop to pack Hygiene Kits for Church World Service (CWS). We have included a list so that you may be able to shop and bring the following items to the meeting. Please Note: There is a small change in the list this year.

We hope your church will participate and bring the items to be packed. Perhaps your church wants to pick from the list and have folks bring several of the same items, i.e. some get toothbrushes, others bring washcloths or any of the other specific items on the list. We will provide the gallon bags for the packing. We also understand everyone can't get out to shop. So we are also gratefully accepting financial donations! We will be happy to accept cash or checks to purchase additional items and to help defray shipping costs.

We also wanted to share that CWS is working to make it more convenient to drop off kits in local areas, making it more efficient and effective to respond to any disaster needs. To accomplish this, they are looking for churches with space to store disaster buckets, hygiene kits and kid bags.

We hope your church will be able to participate and send supplies with your representative or drop them at Plainfield Congregational ahead of the meeting. Thank you in advance for all you do to further the Mission of the Church through serving others!

### CWS Hygiene Kits (CWS National web site)

- 1-gallon resealable plastic bag
- Washcloth
- Toothbrush (in original packing)
- Fingernail or toenail clipper (packaging removed)
- Bath-size bar of soap (in original packaging)
- Travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
- Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
- Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)
- Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of 1 year)
- Sturdy wide-tooth comb (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed)

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing.



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