

Larry Warner,  
Upstate NY District NMI Compassionate Ministries Coordinator

The Upstate NY District NMI Council is inviting, encouraging, and challenging our local churches to participate in the following Crisis Care Kit (CCK) outreach ministry. This ministry helps disaster victims and others in need nationally and internationally. See attachment for additional information.

**What:** Chris Care Kit (CCK) Collection

**When:** October 1 through December 6, 2022

**Who:** All Upstate NY District local churches & their partners

**Where:** Collection points in each of our six Upstate NY District NMI Mission Areas (MA).

**Why:** Since 1996, more than 400 shipments have been distributed to a wide variety of world areas and in many places throughout the US. FGCC responds to needs and requests from a variety of world areas and partnering ministries and ship based on the request/need/availability of CCKs. We expect to continue to provide CCKs and other materials for Ukraine refugee relief efforts for some time to come. In December 2022, we will be at the end of hurricane season but there is always a need to keep our supply strong so that we can immediately respond to needs. **Having a strong supply on hand at the end of the year assures us of being able to meet needs during the time boxes come in the slowest.**

### **Outline of Fall 2022 CCK Ministry Process**

1) District NMI Council communicates the initiation of the CCK-focused outreach ministry across our District using all communication links at its disposal

**2) Each Mission Area (MA) Representative is encouraged to lead their MA's CCK ministry by connecting with and supporting each local church's participation.**

a) Invite, encourage, challenge, and assist their local church NMI leadership in participation in this CCK outreach ministry.

b) Identify and help manage temporary storage of the banana boxes of CCKs collected from across their Mission Area. *(We know that this is asking a lot, but it is an opportunity for our MA coordinators to connect with their local churches in a coordinative ministry environment. Also, it will be of great help in collecting the banana boxes filled with CCKs, and their eventual transportation to FGCC. FYI - Arcade, Schenectady, Syracuse Christ Community, Rochester Calvary Community, Owego, and Endicott churches have some experience with being temporary collection points for CCKs, and might be able to offer some assistance in this regard. Also, a building at*

*Brooktondale Nazarene Camp has been identified for temporary collection of banana boxes of CCKs. Contact Larry Warner at 607-687-4167 if you would like to make use of this temporary storage.)*

c) **Quality Control** -- Ensure that each bag of CCK material contains only the exact materials specified in the CCK packing instructions, and that all shampoo bottles are properly taped. *(This **quality control** is of great importance because it impacts the efficiency and effectiveness of shipping through customs across international borders. Several suggestions that might help regarding this **quality control**: A) repeated reminders to CCK assemblers to strictly adhere to the CCK Guidelines; and B) once CCK materials have been assembled, have a packing party where the **quality control** is managed and monitored. I have seen this done by Sunday School classes and other ministry groups. Another advantage of a packing party is that it gives some broader hands-on experience as to what the CCK ministry is about.)*

d) Keep Larry Warner updated concerning the temporary storage and number of CCK containing banana boxes that have been collected.

3) CCK collection and packing into banana boxes must be completed then deposited into the each Mission Area's temporary storage area by December 6, 2023. These banana boxes of CCKs will then be collected by Larry Warner and transported to Fawn Grove Compassion Center (FGCC) by Dec. 14.

4) Financial Responsibilities *(Note: some ways for individuals, churches, and/or community partners to become involved is to donate CCK materials, supply funds for the purchase of CCK materials, and/or contribute towards payment of the FGCC shipping and handling fee.)*

a) Purchase of CCK materials – those who collect, package, and assemble the CCKs into banana boxes.

b) Transportation to temporary storage – those donating the CCKs.

c) The \$12 per banana box of CCKs storage/handling/shipping fee is the responsibility of those who collect, package, and temporarily store the banana boxes. Instructions for payment of this fee are located at the bottom of the CCK instruction sheet. *(Payment of this storage/shipping fee per banana box of CCKs is critically important to the continuing success of this compassionate ministry.)*

d) Pickup from the temporary storage areas and transport to FGCC is the responsibility of Larry Warner and the Upstate NY District NMI.