

April 22, 2021

Dear Youth Director/Associate Director,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Atlantic Union Youth Ministries, in collaboration with the Education, Community Services, and Medical Cadet Offices, are excited to be the “hands and feet of Jesus” to boys and girls in Malawi.

Children in Malawi pursue education under extreme poverty-stricken circumstances. Most of these children have one meal per day (a bowl of porridge), and have no shoes, educational books or supplies.

Our Youth Directors/Associates unitedly agreed to ask our Adventures, Pathfinders, Youth and Young Adults to contribute to this grand mission - of providing all sizes of shoes, and clothing, as well as, books for the children and students of Malawi. While we are unable to travel to Malawi, we will pack a container of the aforementioned items, and ship them to the SDA schools. The Malawi SDA University will assist with distribution.

Thus, we are asking each youth, and young adult to be part of this great mission venture.

HOW:

1. Share with your constituents the AU Virtual Mission Trip Flyer and packing video. This can be sent to the bulletin secretaries, promoted on conference social media, and emailed to pastors/teachers across your conference. The packing video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO7Tx9Buar8>

2. It is the responsibility of each conference to get the boxes from the storage site(s) into the shipping container. The shipping container arrival at the Brooklyn and Connecticut storage sites is still not finalized.

3. Boxes should be the “small” Home Depot, Lowes, Uhaul, or similar style box. The dimension size is approximately (16 in. L x 12 in. W x 12 in. D). Packing tape should be used to seal the boxes. Permanent marker should indicate the contents of the box and should be written on the top of the box or use the form below to fill out the contents. Form should be taped to the side of the box.

4. Each conference should put together a 3 minute video highlighting the work of the youth for this compassion event. Video should be sent to the AU Youth

Department through WeTransfer. Send to youth@atlanticunion.org. Submission should be given no later than May 8.

WHAT:

- *Socks
- *Shoes
- *Clothing (including warm clothing)
- *Books (educational, religious, general)
- *School supplies

All items should be new or like new condition. Clothing should be clean, rolled, and can be stuffed into shoes to save space. Shoes should be tied together or bagged so they don't separate. If possible, clothing and shoes should be in one box and books/educational supplies in another.

WHERE:

Local drop-off sites through **May 15** are as follows:

Horeb SDA Church, 520 Kingston Avenue Brooklyn, New York
Sunday's: 8am-6pm & Wednesday's 5pm-9pm

Mt. Zion SDA Church, 335 Putnam Ave. Hamden, CT
Sunday's: 8am-6pm & Wednesday's 5pm-9pm

Atlantic Union College Library, 338 Main St. Lancaster, MA
May 2: 1pm-3pm, May 9: 1pm-3pm, May 16: 1-3pm

Mountain View SDA Church, 1002 Fort Bridgman Rd. Vernon, VT
Sunday's: 5pm-7pm & Wednesday's 5pm-7pm

Manchester SDA Church, 37 Back River Rd, Bedford, NH
Sunday's: 5pm-7pm & Wednesday's 5pm-7pm

Pine Tree Academy, 67 Pownal Rd. Freeport, ME
Monday-Thursday: 8am-3pm, Please load into black trailer by volleyball court.

WHY:

To be the hands and feet of Jesus; to 'Be the Sermon'. This special 'virtual trip' is undertaken in collaboration with other local Global Youth Day 2021 initiatives; and is an AU 2021 pre-Camporee Compassion activity for all pathfinders.

**Packing for Malawi 2021
Virtual Mission Trip**

Students come in all sizes so pack from child to adult sizes

WASH EVERY THING BEFORE PACKING, INCLUDING THE SHOES

These are the things that they requested in the order of priority:

1. Shoes
2. Socks
3. Books
4. Underwear
5. Shirts
6. Pants
7. Sweaters, fleece, sweatshirts and pants. (It's in the 40's in the winter.)
8. School supplies (put crayons in a closed sandwich bag) (NO 3-ring binders, they don't sell the filler sized paper.)
9. Please include a note of encouragement with a Bible verse or promise you like. They too are in the pandemic.

DO NOT PACK THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THE BOXES

Please, Please, Please

- ❖ **No liquids**
- ❖ **No food**
- ❖ **No aerosols of any kind**
- ❖ **No weapons**
- ❖ **No junk – Would you give it to Jesus?**
- ❖ **If it is not good enough to give to someone you love, it's not good enough to send to them in box!**

On the side of this paper is the packing list.

- A) Cut the side piece. B) Fill it out. 3) Glue or tape it to the box.
1. Please cut the side piece and fill it out.
 2. On the 'From' line put the name of your church, or school, city and state.
 3. You can pack 'good stuff' in as many boxes as you want to send. Pack tightly!
 4. If there are things in the box that you could sell, on the last line put the total value of these items found in the box.
 5. If you donate blankets, bedspreads, quilts or coats, put them in a large plastic bag and they will be used for packing on the edges, top and sides of the container.
 6. **Please pray for the GIVE-HOPE project** as we give the children basic needs and Jesus, our Hope.



Tape to the box.

From:

BOX CONTENT

- ___ Shoes
- ___ Socks
- ___ Books
- ___ Underwear
- ___ Shirts
- ___ Pants
- ___ Outer wear
- ___ School supplies



_____ Total number of items

Street value \$ _____

Fold here



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Place this line on the edge of the box so the box weight can be seen as they are stacking them up in the container. Write the weight in big and bold letters.

Box weight:

_____ pounds



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