



ITEMS TO BRING TO THE GATHERING

The Gathering is collecting items that will be used in the on-site service areas (Halls B and C) in the George R. Brown Convention Center (GRB) to support organizations working with people in need in the Houston area. All items can be dropped off in specially marked bins at registration (Friday-Saturday) or at the back of Hall C (Sunday-Tuesday) Here is how groups can help:

Bed-In-A-Bag

- *Twin* size only. Support Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Groups will be building beds for some of the 10,000 kids in the Houston area who don't have a bed to sleep on. We would like to provide them with sheets, pillowcases, and blankets as well. Bed-In-A-Bag units are available through most discount stores and online.

Houston Food Bank

- Groups will be packing boxes of food for those struggling with food insecurity in Houston. Remember to shop local in Houston! The most requested items are:
 - Canned Meat, Poultry, Fish
 - Peanut Butter
 - Canned Fruits and Vegetables (low sugar, no salt preferred)
 - Cereal
 - Soups, Stews
 - Pasta (whole grain preferred)
 - Dry Beans
 - Rice

Gathering Offering

As part of Wednesday's Worship service, participants will have the opportunity to present their monetary gifts to the glory of God. Gathering offerings will be used in service to ministry across The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and throughout the world.

Groups also have the option to give online through the Gathering website, lcmsgathering.com, or by mail to the LCMS Youth Ministry office. This Gathering's offering is designated to assist these ministries:

- Gathering Servant Events Up to \$50,000.00

Of the remaining amount, the funds will be designated this way:

- Texas District/Local LCMS Project Up to \$10,000
- Youth ESource.com and Resource Support Up to \$50,000

Remaining funds will be split between YouthLead and LCMS Youth Ministry Special Projects.