

Service Challenge

PURPOSE: To encourage students to make Christian service a part of their lifestyle.

Questions? Contact us and we'll connect you with the Event Coordinator.

PROCESS

Each participant will:

- Be certain that they're registered for this event. This must be completed by the registration deadline. (The local church coordinator will help with this.)
- Complete service projects and be certain that Service Challenge Certification form (Below) is submitted to their church coordinator no later than the Challenge Event Deadline. (See submission guidelines.)

The Church Coordinator will:

- Work with the participant to verify each project as to the level of participation for that individual.
- Be sure the participant is aware of the submission deadline.
- Keep a record of all medals earned by participants and fill out the form on the website requesting the appropriate Service Challenge medals for their congregation.

GUIDELINES

Individual Service Projects versus Group Service Projects

- Individual (independent) projects must be completed by an individual outside of a church or group activity. Participants are encouraged to do at least half of their projects individually.

Suggested Service Projects

The lists below are **ONLY IDEAS**. Participants are encouraged to look for service opportunities around them and serve, whether they are on the lists or not. Please remember the purpose of this event when choosing projects. A major undertaking (e.g. mission trip, VBS, etc) can count as two projects. Each project must be listed separately (i.e. door-knocked for VBS, taught a class for VBS, served refreshments for VBS). A major event (e.g. mission trip or VBS) should cover at least three consecutive days. Also church coordinators may need to list two group projects together as one project depending on the level of participation of the individual.

IMPORTANT: The same project may only be completed no more than two times for credit.

Project Suggestions for Grades 3 – 6 (Guideline: Student should spend at least 1 hour per project)

- 1 Write five sympathy cards to appropriate people or notes of encouragement to shut-ins, sick, etc.
- 2 Bring three different friends to visit local congregation, Bible studies, or youth activities.
- 3 Spend one hour picking up trash somewhere in community.
- 4 Make, paint, or color five pictures or cards for children in a hospital or children's home.
- 5 Choose five articles of clothing from personal wardrobe and donate to organization that distributes to needy families. (Benevolent clothing room, etc.)
- 6 Skip a meal and donate the amount of money that would have been spent on that meal to an organization that feeds hungry people.
- 7 Write and mail letters to three missionaries encouraging them in their work.
- 8 Put together and mail one care package to a missionary and/or his/her family.
- 9 Help a shut-in from your local church or an elderly neighbor with chores at their home for a total of three hours. (Rake leaves, mow yard, shovel snow, pull weeds, wash dishes, etc.)

- 10 Work on a recycling project (aluminum cans, plastic bags, etc.) for at least one month and donate the money made to a non-profit organization.
- 11 Help prepare and deliver a meal for two sick or shut-in families.
- 12 Make three visits of encouragement to people who are sick, shut-in, hospitalized, or in a nursing home.
- 13 Create other service projects. The Church Coordinator must approve these. These projects should be consistent in time and effort required with that of the other projects listed.

*Project Suggestions for Grades 7 – 12: (**Guideline:** Student should spend at least 3 hours per project)*

- 1 Baby-sit free of charge for a total of three hours.
- 2 Locate a needy family and personally put together a "Care Package" (food, toys, etc.) and deliver to the family personally.
- 3 Put together and mail two care packages to a needy family in another country, a missionary or his/her family, or a college student.
- 4 Help three or more shut-ins from your local church or elderly neighbors with chores at their home for a total of eight hours. (Rake leaves, mow yard, shovel snow, pull weeds, wash dishes, wash windows, etc.)
- 5 Spend a total of three hours picking up trash somewhere in community or in an "adopt-a-highway" program.
- 6 Participate in a youth group "work camp" or spend at least five hours helping clean or repair a Christian youth camp.
- 7 Work on a recycling project (aluminum cans, plastic bags, etc.) for at least three months and donate the money made to a non-profit organization.
- 8 Write twelve sympathy cards to appropriate people or notes of encouragement to shut-ins, sick, etc
- 9 Bring five different friends to visit local congregation, Bible study, or youth activity.
- 10 Choose ten articles of clothing from personal wardrobe and donate to organization that will distribute to needy families. (Benevolent clothing room, etc.)
- 11 Contact a children's home and arrange to be a pen pal with one of the children. (Send at least six letters in a three month period)
- 12 Skip five meals (not all at once) and donate the amount of money that would have been spent on those meals to an organization that feeds hungry people.
- 13 Write and mail letters to six missionaries encouraging them in their work.
- 14 Volunteer eight hours to help church staff (secretaries or ministers).
- 15 Make five visits of encouragement to people who are sick, shut-in, hospitalized, or in a nursing home.
- 16 Prepare and deliver food to three families who need help. (Hospital, illness, death, etc.)
- 17 Create other service projects. The Church Coordinator must approve these. These projects should be consistent in time and effort required with that of the other projects listed.

Participant-Created Service Projects

- Participants are encouraged to create service projects that meet the needs of an individual, build up the church, or improve the community. (This is optional).
- If a participant creates his/her own service project, the idea should be included in the written report (typed or printed legibly) and he/she should use the project number for "other service projects" in the list above.

Submission:

- Each participant must complete the certification forms (2 pages) and turn it in to the local church coordinator before **the challenge deadline..**
- The church coordinator will keep a record of all medals earned by participants and fill out the form on the website requesting the appropriate Service Challenge medals for their congregation by **the challenge deadline..**
- The certification forms do NOT need to be mailed in to MWLTC.

SERVICE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATION FORM (PAGE 1 OF 2)

Note: Each participant must complete the two certification forms and turn them into your church coordinator. [This form will be submitted to your church coordinator for record-keeping purposes only and will **NOT** be submitted to MWLTC.](#)

Student Name: _____

Service Projects You Completed:

Indicate whether the project was a group or individual effort. The church coordinator must initial the last project listed, certifying that all information on this form is accurate. The student must provide a brief description of the project.

G=Group
I=Indiv

Description of Project(s)

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Answer Briefly Below *(or on a separate sheet of paper)*

Which service project did you learn the most from? Why?

Which service project was the most frustrating? Why?

Which was the most fun? Why?

Which project do you think most fits the current year's LTC theme? Why?

Gold	12 projects
Silver	8 projects
Bronze	5 projects
Part.	1-4 projects

AWARD (circle one): GOLD SILVER BRONZE PARTICIPANT

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____