Service Commission Report

November 7, 2026

Madame President, Reverend Ariel Durian, Reverend Kenneth Parsad, Amy Kennedy, NCCW President, Marcie Downs, co-San Francisco Province Director, DCCW Board Members:

Box of Joy

The Box of Joy collection week begins today and ends November 15. Many thanks Jennifer Streker (Northern Deanery collection site), Chris Manry (lower Wasatch and Eastern Deanery collection site), Linda Mitchell(Vernal collection site) and St. Vincent de Paul parish for hosting and staffing the Salt Lake and Wasatch collection site. The Salt Lake City DCCW is set to bless approximately 485 children (up from 300 in 2025) in developing countries like Haiti, Malawi, and the Dominican Republic with gifts representing Christ's love.

Carmelite Monastery

Many thanks to those of you who donated sugar, ½ pint jars and lids, marshmallow crème, and pecans and walnuts to the nuns this year. We will be collecting at every DCCW meeting and the DCCW Convention so please be generous to these nuns who pray for us every day.

Hunger

At the April 2026 DCCW Convention, the convention passed the Service Commission Resolution:

Whereas, in Utah 484,090 people (1 in 7 people) are facing hunger and of them 161,000 are children (1 in 6 children); and

Whereas, one of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to feed the hungry; and
Whereas, the State of Utah has a statewide network of 309 food pantries,
Be it Resolved, that each parish affiliate organize a food drive to collect non-perishable food items to be given to the closest food pantry in their area.

Tis the season to be thankful. Just "GOOGLE" hunger in Utah and you will find many ways to complete this resolution. There are over 300 small community food banks. Use this link provided by the Utah Food Bank, to find the nearest community food pantry to your parish and donate to them for Thanksgiving and Christmas: https://www.utahfoodbank.org/find-a-pantry/ .

Respectfully submitted,

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2026-2028 DCCW Service Commission Chair