

THE HEART BEHIND

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WHAT IS WARM UP WINTER?

The Warm Up Winter Campaign is designed to disciple us to live lives of generosity and to grow in our understanding of God's heart for vulnerable people.

WHAT ARE WE COLLECTING?

- Winter clothing and shoes for men, women and children (new and used).
- Shoes (primary school students) and jerseys (primary and high school students).
- Blankets (new and used)
- Toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, facecloths, soaps, sanitary pads and combs.
- Non-perishable food items (e.g. canned/ tinned food items, rice, pasta, beans, peanut butter, dry soup packets, lentils, sugar etc.)

WHO ARE WE COLLECTING FOR?

BEAUTIFUL GATE SOUTH AFRICA

A non-denominational Christian organisation that demonstrates the love of God by helping all those in need, no matter their background or faith. We will be collecting toiletry items for their hygiene parcels that go to vulnerable families in times of disaster (e.g. floods and fires).

COMMON GROUND CHURCH IN LANGA

Launched in early 2019, with the passion to fill the community of Langa with the message, life, and fame of Jesus. Winter clothes and blankets will be given to those in need.

COMMON GOOD

Our certified Level 1 B-BBEE non-profit and public benefit organisation. Common Good focuses on three key stages of human development, where the possibility to release innate potential is most significant, and mobilises churches to act justly. For Common Good's partner schools, we will be collecting shoes for primary school and jerseys for both primary and high school students.

U-TURN

Founded in 1997, U-turn is on a mission to equip people with skills to overcome homelessness because they believe God made every person intrinsically valuable and no one should have to sleep on the street. Food and other donated items will be given to U-turn to distribute appropriately.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Drop off your donated items:

- At church on Sunday 26th of May or 2nd of June
- At the church office during the week from 27th May – 5th June
- At the Warm Up Winter Big Sort on the 5th June between 17h00 – 20h00

If you have nothing to donate, but would still like to participate, you can either buy blankets or school jerseys or donate money which will be used to purchase these items.

You can donate using SnapScan:



SnapScan event name: Warm Up Winter donation

WUW BIG SORT

Once a year, we gather as a congregation to sort the items collected during the "Warm Up Winter" drive. We will gather together to sort, fold and pack clothes and blankets. There will be food on sale, so feel free to come along and have some dinner before or after sorting.

- **Date:** Wednesday, 5th June 2024.
- **Time:** 17h00 - 21h00 (there is no set programme so come when it suits you)
- **Dinner:** Food* will be on sale between 17h30 and 19h30
(Soup & Roll: R40, 2 slices Butler's Pizza: R40)
- Tea and coffee will also be served
- You can pay with cash or Snap Scan
- **Place:** Main Venue, Common Ground Church, Rondebosch

For planning purposes, click here to sign up if you are interested but note that you are also welcome to just arrive on the day.

[Please click here to sign up if you are interested](#)

GIVING WITH DIGNITY

What we give can often reveal how we see people. As Christians, it's important that we give in a way that doesn't erode dignity. As you sort your items it may be helpful to ask yourself:

- Would this item give someone dignity?
- How would I feel if I received it?
- Does it reflect/honour Christ's heart for the recipient?

Make sure all clothes are clean and in good condition. If an item needs fixing – like a button or hem needs to be sewn – please spend a few minutes doing so before giving it.

THE BIG WHY BEHIND WUW

STEWARDSHIP. 1 Chronicles 29:12 says, "Both riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all..." Everything we have is a gift from God. Everything – including the clothes in our cupboards. How can we use those to bless others? Of what you have, how much is directed only at yourself, your comfort or entertainment? What do you think God would be calling us to do with what we have? During this campaign, you may have felt God tugging on your heart to give away things that are valuable or have sentimental value. I hope you pressed into that nudging. Perhaps you push back against that. Ask God to reveal more of his heart to you in this area of your life.

GLEANING. Another Biblical model we have is something called gleaning. In a farming economy, like much of the Old Testament was, if you were poor, you didn't own land and could not produce an income for yourself. (Remember Ruth's example of gleaning?) God hardwired into the Mosaic law that landowners were not to harvest to the very edges of their farms and to allow poor people to glean, or pick up the remaining fruit or crops. This meant that the landowner would choose to live off less so that the poor could have something. It wasn't the B-grade or useless crops, it was perfectly good crops on the edges of the field. What this can mean for us today is to choose to live off less and deliberately set aside a portion of our income to assist the vulnerable. It could mean that we don't hoard things in our cupboards for one day, but rather give away things so that others can benefit. Perhaps dig deeper into this topic in your own time.

GIVING WITH DIGNITY. The third dynamic is less of a motivation of why we do WUW and more of a how. What we give someone tells us what we think of the person receiving it. How we wrap a gift tells us something about how we view the person we are giving to. The people who need clothes this winter are image bearers of God. Their external bodies may look different, have suffered much, and may not look like us at all. But they are loved by God as much as any one of us is. They are His princes and princesses. They deserve dignity. They deserve respect and honour.