

## Service Commission Report

November 8, 2025

Madame President, Reverend Ariel Durian, Deacon Espinoza, DCCW Board Members,

### **Box of Joy**

Many thanks to the parishes and individuals who participated in the *Box of Joy* campaign. The Salt Lake City DCCW blessed 300 children in developing countries like Haiti, Malawi, and the Dominican Republic with gifts representing Christ's love. Many thanks to St. Vincent de Paul parish for hosting and staffing the drop off location.

### **Carmelite Monastery**

Many thanks to those of you that donated sugar, ½ pint jars and lids, marshmallow crème, and karo syrup to the nuns at our September Board Meeting. We will be collecting at every DCCW meeting so please be generous to these nuns who pray for us every day.

### **Hunger**

In 2025, approximately 414,510 people in Utah face hunger. Of that number, 143,140 are children. This equates to about 1 in 8 Utahns and 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity, a problem driven by rising costs for housing, food, and other basic needs. The situation is being compounded by the government shutdown and cuts to federal food assistance programs. In fact, 86,000 Utah families, approximately 177,000 people, may face losing food assistance on November 1<sup>st</sup>. These aren't just numbers or statistics, these are your neighbors, friends and maybe family members.

Just "GOOGLE" hunger in Utah and you will find many ways to help. 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/> .

At the April DCCW Convention, the Service Commission's will focus on *Feeding the Body and the Spirit* presented by Mary Ellen Dworshak and Sr. Germaine Sarazin from the Center of Hope Food Pantry. Encourage your members to donate "meals in a can" (spaghetti o's, chili, stew, etc.) to this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Voorhes

2025-2026 DCCW Service Commission Chair