

World Hunger Resolution

WHEREAS the body of Christ seeks the elimination of hunger and poverty throughout the world; and

WHEREAS a dramatic decline in the number of hungry people has occurred, yet a large percentage of the world's population continues to be unsure of where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS the ELCA World Hunger Appeal has partnered with companion churches and other agencies around the world to join God's work of combating hunger and poverty through relief, education, advocacy, and development (\$19,320,529 in 2014); and

WHEREAS the World Hunger Appeal has partnered with six churches and area agencies within the La Crosse Area Synod over the past two years to provide funds for relief and education in our local communities where 11% of the population lives in poverty; and

WHEREAS in 2014 the La Crosse Area Synod congregations contributed \$122,000 (\$3.50 per baptized member) to the World Hunger Appeal ranking it 46th among the 65 synods of the ELCA in per member giving and set a goal of \$4 per baptized member in 2015; and

WHEREAS congregations have offered support to the World Hunger Appeal through line items in their budgets, special offerings during Lent and Christmas, memorial gifts, special fund raising events, endowment funds, and other gifts; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the voting members of the La Crosse Area Synod gathered in Assembly commit themselves to a goal of \$150,000 (\$4.30/ baptized member) to the World Hunger Appeal in 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED that the congregations of the La Crosse Area Synod celebrate a World Hunger Sunday in October of 2015 with resources provided by the World Hunger Subcommittee; and be it further

RESOLVED that La Crosse Area Synod congregations be encouraged to study and respond to root causes of hunger and poverty in their communities and that individuals and congregations continue to initiate and support local food pantries and efforts to reduce poverty; and be it further

RESOLVED that individuals be encouraged to become Monthly Partners of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal through electronic giving.

13 WAYS to SUPPORT the ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

- Per baptized member commitment
- Budget line item
- Electronic giving "sustaining members"
- Noisy offerings or "Hunger Jar" offerings at worship
- Endowment gifts
- Special seasonal envelope offerings
 - Spring planting, harvest/Thanksgiving)
- Sell produce, animal products and give the proceeds
- Sunday School, VBS, confirmation projects
 - God's Global Barnyard
- ELCA Good Gifts in honor or memory of others
- Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Thrivent service team projects to raise funds
- Community walk/run fundraiser
 - Fellowship cup of coffee with payment or "tips" going into a hunger jar

Your ideas?

HOW WILL YOU AND YOUR CONGREGATION SUPPORT
THE MINISTRIES OF THE WORLD HUNGER APPEAL?