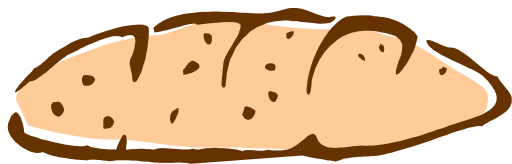


PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS AND PASS IT ON TO HUNGER/SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAMS!

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ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network



# Daily Bread

## Training Workshops for Hunger Contacts!

The Hunger Network will be offering two workshop opportunities for congregational contacts—and ANYONE interested in learning about and supporting the hunger and poverty work of the ELCA. Save the dates and watch for registration information coming soon!

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### Loving Our Neighbors

Saturday, October 29 — 9 am to 1 pm

King of Glory Lutheran Church — Loveland, CO

Located in northern Colorado, this event hopes to draw participants from southern Wyoming as well as Colorado (from the Denver area to the northern and eastern borders!). Two sets of a variety of training workshops will be available...plus an opening devotion/introduction time and a keynote speaker during lunch.

Special speakers include two ELCA World Hunger staff members: The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director of World Hunger and Disaster Appeal, and Mikka McCracken, Program Director for Constituent Engagement and Interpretation.

Thanks to a leadership development grant from ELCA World Hunger, **there is no charge for this workshop**; but we will need registrations so we can plan!

### Speaking Out Together

Saturday, November 12 — 9 am to 1 pm

St. Luke Lutheran Church — Albuquerque, NM

The New Mexico Fall Advocacy Conference will feature two workshops for hunger contacts. Through the leadership development grant, **the Hunger Network will reimburse the \$15 registration fee for contacts (lay or pastoral) who attend at least one workshop.**

**WebEx training sessions** are also feasible for hunger contacts who can't come to workshops. Contact Carol McDivitt ([mcdivittc@mindspring.com](mailto:mcdivittc@mindspring.com)) if you are interested in this possibility.

### 1-2-3 CONTACT!

Congregational hunger leaders should make sure they (and others who work with them) are receiving the two ELCA World Hunger Resource Packets and the quarterly issues of the *LifeLines* newsletter. Go to [www.elca.org/hunger/contact](http://www.elca.org/hunger/contact) or call 800/638-3522, ext. 2764, to sign up.

### Check Out Newest Resource Packet

If you have not yet received your Advent 2011 resource packet, look for it...or order one TODAY. Several new or updated resources are inside—

- ✓ Congregation Connections (Fall-Winter 2011) offers ideas to help connect ELCA World Hunger to worship and congregational life.
- ✓ Reproducible Stories (2011-2012) are used as bulletin inserts by many congregations.
- ✓ Updated Good Gifts Catalog (2011-2013) features new gift possibilities!
- ✓ New God's Global Barnyard Bulletin Insert includes more information about how animals help families in need.
- ✓ New ELCA Malaria Campaign brochure, offering envelope, and poster will help you tell the story of this exciting campaign adopted by the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.



# East Africa Drought Situation Update

The worst drought in sixty years is having a devastating impact on more than 12.4 million people living in East Africa. Through the coordination of the ACT (Action by Churches Together) Alliance, the ELCA has responded and continues to respond to dire needs through our membership in the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and our relationships with companion churches in Kenya and Ethiopia.

This response illustrates how important support of the ongoing work of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal is to our ability to respond effectively to disasters:

- + \$250,000 of World Hunger Appeal funds were pre-positioned last December and were used by LWF to provide some of the first cups of water to Somalians arriving in Dadaab (the burgeoning refugee camp in Kenya). These funds also provided enriched porridge for children and the elderly too weak to eat normal food rations.
- + \$400,000 of undesignated International Disaster Response funds were deployed on July 25th. \$200,000 went to LWF for continued work in Dadaab and in Dollo Ado (another growing refugee camp in Ethiopia). \$100,000 is helping the Lutheran church in Ethiopia supply 29,900 individuals with basic food aid, and \$100,000 is helping the church in Kenya provide water to 1,000 households and engage in livestock intervention for 200 families whose herds have been severely depleted.
- + \$600,000 of Horn of Africa International Disaster Response funds were committed in August to continue to support LWF in meeting needs of increasing numbers of refugees at Dadaab and Dollo Ado, to support the critical projects of our companion churches in Ethiopia and Kenya, and to begin moving into long-term recovery by rehabilitating farmers with seed and improved water systems and rebuilding the health and numbers of lost livestock.



ACT/NCA/Laurie MacGregor

One of the saddest aspects of this tragic situation is the fact that years of sustainable development work has been undone by the unrelenting drought.

For resources and information, go to [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster). Without the immediate help the ELCA has been able to provide, many people would have died, suffered life-long effects from malnutrition, and experienced rape and domestic abuse. BUT, much more assistance is needed NOW!



ACT/Paul Jeffrey

## Now is the Time to Plan an ELCA Good Gifts Fair

When you think about the special people in your life and the best gifts you have given or received, it is not the gift itself but the meaning behind the gift that makes it significant. ELCA Good Gifts help us rethink the tradition of gift giving and get to the heart of why we give.

An ELCA Good Gifts Fair is a celebration of giving. The event gives participants an opportunity to support life-changing projects and programs around the world in lieu of traditional gifts.

Many of the gifts featured in the catalog support ELCA World Hunger. These gifts help people living in poverty in over 60 countries around the world, including the United States. The gifts are directed through trusted partners with long-standing relationships in the communities in which they work.

Partners include Lutheran World Relief, The Lutheran World Federation, Church World Service, global companion churches through ELCA Global Mission, and American Lutheran Social Service ministries. Partnerships such as these allow your gifts to go farther than they ever could by supporting any one organization alone.

The comprehensive *ELCA Good Gifts Fair Planning Guide* can be ordered or downloaded by visiting [www.elca.org/hunger/resources](http://www.elca.org/hunger/resources) or by calling 800.638.3522, extension 2580. The guide gives you step-by-step instructions for planning a fair in your congregation. There are ideas for Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, Mother's Day, Vacation Bible School, and Fall Festivals.



Especially helpful are the many suggestions for creating something to wrap and activities to go along with your Good Gift. The pages of the guide are also filled with stories of ministries supported by specific good gifts. Don't forget that there are some NEW gift ideas in the updated *Good Gifts Catalog* (2011-2013).

The primary season for gift giving is coming soon...help your congregation get ready for more meaningful celebrations!



**How do you raise awareness and MONEY for the World Hunger Appeal in your congregation?  
How do you encourage advocacy and simple living?  
Send your stories and ideas and PICTURES to Carol McDivitt ([mcdivittc@mindspring.com](mailto:mcdivittc@mindspring.com))  
for the next issue of the *Daily Bread*.**

**The deadline is November 1—don't miss your chance to be in print.**