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# **DAILY BREAD** *for ALL who care about poverty and hunger!!*

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**The Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network**

**March 2017**

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## **ELCA World Hunger Ambassadors**

The Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network and ELCA World Hunger would like to make **you** their next ambassador!

ELCA World Hunger Ambassadors are leaders ready to take their congregation's support of ELCA World Hunger and their individual commitment to the next level!

Through training, ELCA World Hunger Ambassadors are equipped to tell the story of ELCA World Hunger; get congregations talking about hunger; and lead workshops, temple talks, adult forums etc. If you want to find out more about the "job" of an ambassador, e-mail [Hunger@elca.org/an](mailto:Hunger@elca.org/an).

The Hunger Network particularly wants to have Ambassadors spread out across the geography of this huge synod. If you are interested, email Carol McDivitt ([mcdivittc@mindspring.com](mailto:mcdivittc@mindspring.com)) to be put on the list.

If we have enough people willing to tell the story of ELCA World Hunger, we can be a pilot synod and take advantage of a special on-site, in-person training sometime in August through November.

Join the group and help us spread the word about this amazing ministry of our church!

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## **Domestic Hunger Grants**

The new cycle of domestic hunger grants will open with the application process in May. Encourage social ministry organizations and programs in your area to apply for one of these two-year grants. Keep checking [elca.org/domestichungergrants](http://elca.org/domestichungergrants) to see when the application is available sometime in May!

From February through December, congregations and individuals in the Rocky Mountain Synod gave \$549,093 to ELCA World Hunger.

We ranked sixth among the 65 ELCA synods!

Contributions can be made through your congregation (write "ELCA World Hunger" on the memo line of your check) or directly to ELCA World Hunger. Be sure to put your congregation's name on any donations!!

Treasurers should mail checks to the synod office OR to  
**ELCA World Hunger**  
**P.O. Box 1809**  
**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

**Final figures for fiscal year 2016 should be available sometime in April!**

## **40 Days of Giving - 2017!**

**During the season of Lent, ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving is a special opportunity for us to come together to lift up the church's hunger and poverty ministry. What better time to reflect on the power of God's self-giving love that transforms and challenges each of us?**

**By joining together, our national goal for 2017 is to raise \$1.5 million during Lent. Your congregational (and individual) gifts should be marked "ELCA WH Lent" and sent to ELCA World Hunger – postmarked by April 30!!**

# 500 Years on the *MOVE* for Hunger!

Join the Rocky Mountain Synod's Hunger Network and get MOVING in 2017 to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. The roots of the poverty and justice ministries of our church come directly from the soil of Martin Luther's teachings...especially his concern for the need of our neighbors.

From February 1, 2017, through January 31, 2018, we are encouraging congregations to try something NEW this year! Some have already embarked on a new ministry. Others are thinking about what might work for them. What can YOU and your congregation or organization do?

Here are a few ideas:

- **Learn about the Reformation roots of hunger ministries and accompaniment.**
- **Meditate as you *MOVE* at least 500 steps or miles more than you did in 2016.**
- **Take steps to educate. Commit to learning something new about the work of ELCA World Hunger and share that knowledge with others.**
- **Walk 500 steps with your neighbors. Find new ways to meet and serve people who are living in poverty. Volunteer 500 hours. Give 500 items or \$500.**
- **Move from mercy to justice. Walk out of your comfort zone and advocate for policies that address the root causes of hunger and poverty.**
- **Increase giving to ELCA World Hunger by at least \$500.**

A new website page has been set up for this campaign. Continue to check out [rmselca.org/hunger500](http://rmselca.org/hunger500) for information about the campaign, resources, AND **an electronic form on which to submit your project and goal!** For now, download the campaign flyer to see all the ideas listed on the back...as well as the websites for a variety of resources.

Look for additional information at the synod assembly in May and visit the display table to chat with members of the Core Team.

**If you have questions about the basic campaign, contact Cindy Robles at [crobles05@hotmail.com](mailto:crobles05@hotmail.com) or 563.845.8221.**



“Therefore, we should be guided in all our works by this one thought alone – that we may serve and benefit others in everything that is done, having nothing before our eyes except the need and advantage of the neighbor.”

**Martin Luther**

Freedom of a Christian, 1520



**ELCA World Hunger**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## Core Team

The RMS Hunger Network has a small team of people working to raise awareness about the amazing hunger ministry of our church. Contact Carol McDivitt ([mcdivittc@mindspring.com](mailto:mcdivittc@mindspring.com) or 970.689.2569) if you have an idea or story or request to share!