

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

The Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network

May 2017

500 Years on the *MOVE* for Hunger



Join the Rocky Mountain Synod's Hunger Network and get *MOVING* in 2017 to commemorate the 500th 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! Check out the website dedicated to this campaign at rmselca.org/hunger500. The Hunger Network will keep updating this page and adding new resources.

Share what you are doing by emailing stories and pictures to Carol McDivitt (mcdivittc@mindspring.com). Watch Bishop Gonia's video about this campaign at <https://vimeo.com/215462906>.

World Hunger Ambassadors

The Hunger Network and ELCA World Hunger are recruiting 15-25 people to be trained as Ambassadors. What are the expectations of these people?

- Be prepared to share the story of ELCA World Hunger in congregations AND be available for other events.
- Learn how to help congregations think about hunger in their own communities.

Updates on this effort will be posted on rmselca.org/hunger. Training will be held on *one of the first three weekends in November* (late Friday afternoon through Saturday). Are YOU interested?

From February, 2016, through January, 2017, congregations and individuals in **the Rocky Mountain Synod gave \$613,841 to ELCA World Hunger – an increase of \$54,757 over 2015!** We once again ranked sixth among the 65 ELCA synods.

To check out the total contributions from your congregation during fiscal year 2016, go to rmselca.org/hunger and download the giving reports provided by ELCA World Hunger.

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

Domestic Hunger Grants

The 2018-2019 cycle of domestic hunger grants is open! Grants are awarded for two consecutive years. Go to elca.org/domestichungergrants to fill out the Application Form, which **must be submitted on or before June 30**.

The Domestic Missions Unit would like to see applications that have a greater focus on addressing root causes of food insecurity and poverty. These projects can receive funding above the average amount awarded in previous years.

Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA

Entering the fourth year of this five-year campaign, contributions to ELCA World Hunger have increased 17% over 2013. That means we have been able to fund additional projects all around the world!

Congregational giving has increased steadily, which is GREAT. However, we have not yet met the campaign's goals for world hunger donations. Primarily, the areas needing improvement are *significant gifts* and *endowments*.

The Campaign has provided the opportunity for individuals to make multi-year commitments of \$25,000 or more, spread over five years or less. **Could you see a way to make this kind of commitment?**

Establishing a **named endowment** is another way to support the work of ELCA World Hunger. At \$25,000 or higher, endowments can be named and set up so that others can contribute over the years. These can be designated for specific areas of program work or the general work of ELCA World Hunger. Growth in these endowments maintains the stability of this work!

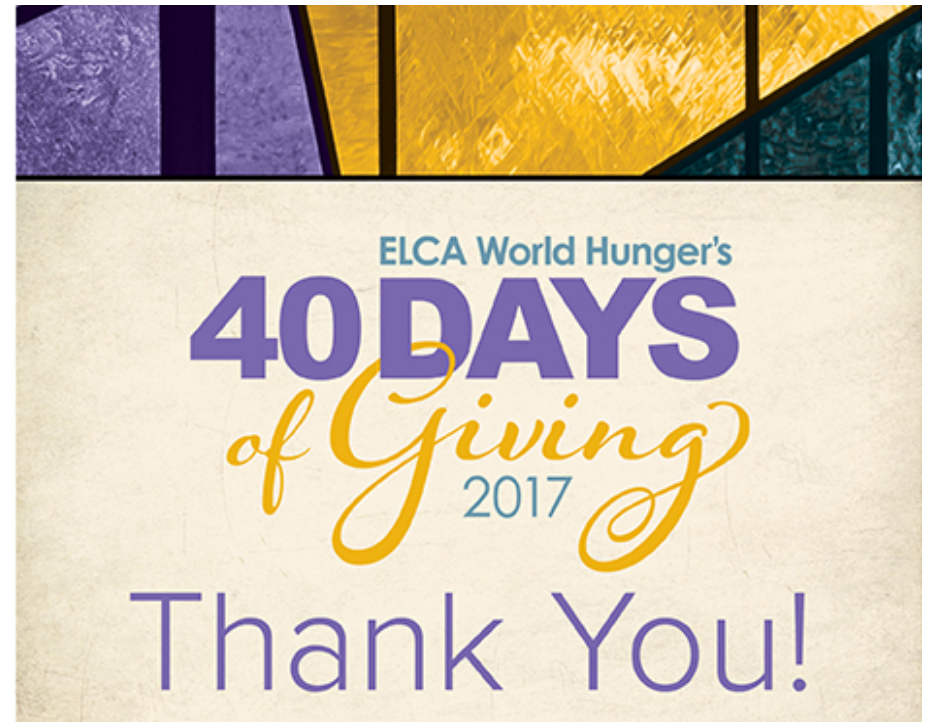
Often the **greatest gift individuals can make is through their estate**. A named endowment provides the opportunity to continue your annual gift to ELCA World Hunger in perpetuity! A guiding framework to endow your annual gift is to multiple that amount by 25.

Another approach is to designate the same portion of your estate set aside for your children to the "children of the world" through ELCA World Hunger.

If you would like to meet with a gift planner or get more information, contact Gabe Brannan (gabe.brannan@elca.org or 509.432.9681).



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Nearly 900 congregations across the ELCA stood in solidarity with our neighbors around the world living on less than \$2 a day and supported the transformative work of ELCA World Hunger through dialogue, prayers and giving.

THANKS to the Rocky Mountain Synod congregations who participated in this year's **40 Days of Giving** campaign. Because of your faithful support and generous, loving hands, we are able to work together for a world in which all are fed.

Stay tuned for announcements regarding this Lenten journey in 2018! The resources make this easy to do.

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 or 970.689.2569) if you have an idea or story or request to share!