

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

**The Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network**

**October 2017**

## **World Hunger Ambassadors...a GREAT Opportunity to Learn, Serve, and Grow!**

Do you or someone you know have a passion about making a real difference for people who struggle with hunger and poverty? We are looking for people who want to be leaders in a new way, honing personal skills for now and in the future. Ambassadors can be high school students (old enough to drive) or 80-year-olds who are up for a new challenge! Ideally, they should be people who like to listen to and tell stories.

The Hunger Network obtained a grant to initiate this pilot program for training and deploying World Hunger Ambassadors across the territory of the synod. THREE members of the ELCA World Hunger staff will be with us for the **initial training on Saturday, November 11**, at Augustana Lutheran Church in Denver.

Volunteer yourself or encourage someone who may not recognize the gifts they have for this adventure. All travel expenses will be reimbursed.

**A flyer with the job description and schedule for the November training is available on the synod website at [rmselca.org/hunger](http://rmselca.org/hunger).** Let Barbara Ripperger know if you are interested in serving in this capacity OR if you have an idea about someone who might be interested. Her contact information is: [bripperger2@gmail.com](mailto:bripperger2@gmail.com) or 719.248.9615 (call or text).

Ambassadors who need to travel from outside of the Denver area will be housed the night of November 10 at the Hilton Garden Inn near Cherry Creek. Contact Carol McDivitt ([mcdivittc@mindspring.com](mailto:mcdivittc@mindspring.com) or 970.689.2569) if you will need housing. **The rooming list is due October 13.**

Get on board TODAY! You don't want to be left at the station while the World Hunger Ambassador train heads out to do God's work.

From February through July of this year, congregations and individuals in the Rocky Mountain Synod gave **\$246,349 to ELCA World Hunger.**  
We ranked fifth among the 65 ELCA synods.  
**THANK YOU** for your generosity!!

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**

## **Core Team Recruiting**

The RMS Hunger Network has a small team of people working to raise awareness about the amazing hunger ministry of our church. Want to join us?

We are looking for people to help with social media (Facebook and the website) as well as a *Theologian in Residence* to develop and carry out a job description that helps us creatively tie our theological heritage to our work and reach out more effectively to rostered leaders.

Contact Carol McDivitt ([mcdivittc@mindspring.com](mailto:mcdivittc@mindspring.com) or 970.689.2569) if you are interested...or just want to chat about the possibilities!

## 500 Years on the *MOVE* for Hunger



Remember the Rocky Mountain Synod's Hunger Network's invitation to 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! Check out the website dedicated to this campaign at [rmselca.org/hunger500](http://rmselca.org/hunger500).

There are stories of interesting projects carried out by several congregations, including Joy in Parker, CO; Augustana in Denver; Holy Cross in Wheatridge, CO; and Shepherd of the Hills in Canon City, CO.

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

## News from the 11th Annual Grace Race!

October 7 was a great day to be the Church Together. **Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp** hosted the 11th Annual *Grace Race* to support ELCA World Hunger. This year's proceeds put the total raised from this race over the \$50,000 mark!

Congratulations to Cross of Christ for being the "Fleetest Flock" and having the most participants! Congregations, ELCA colleges, not-for-profit organizations, businesses, and individuals came together to fight hunger here and around the world. THANKS, Rainbow Trail!



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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## The Season is Coming!

Americans spend over \$300 billion on Christmas shopping each year. Encourage your congregation to substitute one traditional gift with one from the **ELCA Good Gifts catalog**. This will redirect a significant amount of money toward the fight against hunger and poverty.



Last year, over \$5.4 million was raised through ELCA Good Gifts, supporting work in 83 countries. The NEW catalog is ready to order...along with an updated set of Advent ornaments for a display or tree.



Based on the needs of our partners, some gifts have been added and some removed from the new catalog. Since there is currently a surplus of sheep, they have been removed. New items include: a water filter (\$30), farming field school for a woman (\$75), and a solar-powered lantern (\$30).

Celebrate the excitement, anticipation and wonder of the birth of Christ with the 2017 ELCA Good Gifts **Advent Calendar**. Each day is a reminder of the reason for the season with hymns, prayers, Bible verses and stories of how ELCA Good Gifts make a difference in the world.



Visit [Resources.ELCA.org](http://Resources.ELCA.org) to order free catalogs, ornaments, calendars, and other world hunger resources.

A new **Advent Study** is full of weekly devotions, prayers, blessings and hymn suggestions. Use it at church or encourage members to take it home. Download and print for free at [ELCA.org/Hunger/Resources](http://ELCA.org/Hunger/Resources) under the "Seasonal" tab.