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DAILY BREAD

The Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network

April 2016

2015 Giving Totals...2016 Goals

During the 2015 fiscal year, **ELCA World Hunger raised \$21.95 million**—surpassing giving records for every year since the hunger appeal began 41 years ago!

The Rocky Mountain Synod contributed \$559,084 to that 2015 total (\$9.20 per baptized member). Among the 65 synods, we ranked 8th in total giving and 7th in per-baptized-member giving.

Congregational giving numbers are not yet available, but we hope to have them by the synod assembly at the end of April.

This year, 2016, is *The Campaign for the ELCA's* year-of-emphasis on ELCA World Hunger. **The goal is \$24 million...so we have much work to do!**

Twenty RMS congregations signed up for the *40 Days of Giving* campaign designed to kick-start donations in 2016 by providing materials to support a Lent-Easter focus on the work of ELCA World Hunger. If your congregation participated, how did it go? Send your stories to mcdivittc@mindspring.com.

Watch for your copy of the Summer 2016 *Congregational Activity Guide*. Inside you'll find numerous ideas to try during the coming months. 2016 is the year for us to be "All In" for ELCA World Hunger – for everyone to be involved – every congregation, every member, every family member, every friend.

Expand Your Efforts...with TEAM ELCA!

Remember the Super Bowl Challenge between TEAM DENVER and TEAM CAROLINA? The goal was \$50,000 (in honor of the 50th Super Bowl); but, through the peer-to-peer fundraising site, over \$77,000 was raised for ELCA World Hunger.

This tool can work for you as well! Create a personal or congregational team on the peer-to-peer fundraising website and encourage your members and their family and friends to donate to ELCA World Hunger. Visit www.ELCA.org/teamELCA to set up a page.

If you have questions or need help, send an email to hunger@elca.org.

Would YOU like to work on the Core Team?

We need some extra hands...especially ones that love posting on Facebook and updating web pages.

Join us now...and you can attend the World Hunger Leadership Gathering in Chicago this July 14-17.

Call or email Carol McDivitt TODAY!!

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Domestic Hunger Grants Awarded for 2016-2017

Eight organizations on the territory of the Rocky Mountain Synod received domestic hunger grants for the current cycle. They have already gotten checks for a total of \$18,000 this year and will receive the same amount next year.

The following list of grant recipients gives general information about their work. Core Team members are seeking stories and photos from these agencies...so watch for those in future issues of the *Daily Bread*!

- **Posada** (Pueblo, CO) received \$3,000 to support the needs of families in temporary shelter as they work to retrieve and restore their documents so they can move forward to self-sufficiency.
- **La Puente Home Inc.** (Alamosa, CO) received \$2,500 to provide relief services to homeless and impoverished families, children, and individuals throughout the San Luis Valley.
- **Camino de Vida Mission Development Congregation** (Albuquerque, NM) received \$3,000 to expand its "Learning English for Self-Sustainability" program.
- **Family Promise of Greater Denver** received \$2,500 to help provide shelter, food, transportation and other supportive services as families with children work to break the cycle of homelessness.
- **Los Pobres Inc.** (Avondale, CO) received \$2,500 to help provide food for immigrants living and working in southern Colorado.
- **Growing Home, Inc.** (Westminster, CO) received \$2,000 to support the food pantry and family shelter for homeless families in Adams County.
- **Loveland Rotary Foundation/KidsPak** (Loveland, CO) received \$1,500 to support its supplemental weekend food program serving the Thompson School District.
- **Central Visitation Program** (Denver, CO) received \$1,000 to help provide supervised parenting time and safe exchanges for parents living at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Thanks to all the congregations and individuals who encouraged these agencies to apply for domestic hunger grants. These are places where your hunger dollars are at work close to home!

Good Gifts All Year!



The latest *Good Gifts* catalog was included in the Fall/Winter 2015 Resource Packet. Copies can be ordered at www.ELCA.org/resources. Just follow the instructions to get to the site on which you order printed items.

Any time is a good time to give a Good Gift in the coming months:

Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, birthdays & anniversaries, Christmas in July, ETC.

Preach It!!

Looking for ideas to incorporate themes of hunger, justice, and faith in sermons or educational forums? ELCA World Hunger can help.

Each week, World Hunger provides brief prompts based on the lectionary readings for both *sermons and children's sermons*. Sign up for this weekly email at hunger@ELCA.org.

Walk for Water DIY Version Updated!

An updated version of the Do It Yourself *Walk for Water* kit is now available to be downloaded so you can set up your own interactive track experience that was so popular at the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering!



The update adds information about the crisis in Flint, MI, and the effects of lead poisoning in water.

Go to ELCA.org/Hunger/Resources and click on the Walk for Water tab.

Synod Assembly

We'll be at a Display Table during the Synod Assembly April 28-30. Tell your voting members to stop by, get giving information for your congregation, chat with us, & pick up resources!