

Working to connect and equip congregations and ministries within the synod to build awareness, inspire action, implement values, raise funds for ELCA World Hunger, and advocate for a just world where all are fed.

## World Hunger Appeal Gifts in 2019

THANK YOU congregations and people of the Rocky Mountain Synod! The initial, unaudited figures indicate that we accompanied one another and neighbors around the world by contributing \$603,401 to ELCA World Hunger during 2019. That represents an increase over 2018 and continues our historic generosity for this life-saving ministry of our church.

### NEW Tool Kit for Congregational Hunger Leaders!



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: Worksheet and Guide

Since we cannot provide handouts at the synod assembly this year, look for these resources on our web page at [rmselca.org/hunger](http://rmselca.org/hunger)

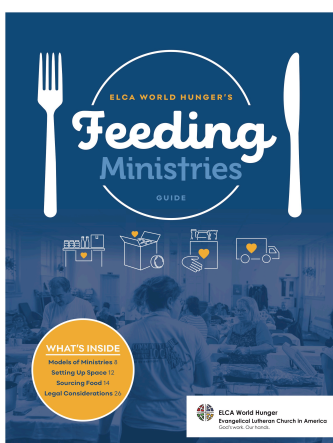
**Know Your Neighborhood** is a new resource for learning about the realities for your neighbors. Synod maps also provide median household income by zip code.

**On Earth as in Heaven** is the 2020 Vacation Bible School program ready to download or order for FREE.

**Feeding Ministries Guide** is a comprehensive guide to setting up a new feeding ministry.

**Community Gardens** is a great resource for starting a new ministry...outdoors!

Watch for the new **Tool Kit** being developed for YOU!



### Domestic Hunger Grant Questions?

The Domestic Hunger Grants program is entering the third year of the new cycle of grants. Projects must be transformative, holistic, and integrated... and never just about food. Applications are due May 8. Get more information from [elca.org/domestichungergrants](http://elca.org/domestichungergrants) or contact our resident expert:

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### Core Team Updates

The team that seeks to inspire support for the work of ELCA World Hunger held two day-long retreats and several Zoom meetings during 2019.

Only one issue of the *Daily Bread* was produced last year. The team continues to struggle with how to communicate most effectively with congregations and individuals. Suggestions would be welcome!

After giving the Ambassador Program a two-year try, we decided to end this effort and try something new! Special thanks are due to Barb Ripperger

who steadfastly worked to find ambassadors for all of our conferences.

The Core Team is working on a Tool Kit for new congregational contacts (and experienced ones!). Special thanks to Jan and Hank Whittet who prepared most of this kit based on their experience of starting a new ministry in their congregation.

Mostly, the Core Team is seeking to figure out how we can hear from YOU. We are interested in having conversations about your passions and ministries. Watch for details!