

# Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network

## A Time for Deep Learning and Conversation



What a time this has been for all of us! The old ways of doing ministry have been turned upside down. But, in many ways, the Era of Zoom has enhanced our work.

With a virtual team retreat and our ability to have 12 people participate in the January ELCA World Hunger Leaders Gathering, we learned that deep conversations are possible even in a time of social distancing.

The depth of learning has also increased in the time of Zoom. All the sessions of the Gathering were recorded, and we have been able to view them again and again. We can also share them with anyone who wants to learn with us.

During our regular monthly meetings, we learned about the ministry being done by two of our Domestic Hunger Grant recipients: Posada in Pueblo, CO, and New Beginnings inside the Denver Women's Correctional Institute.

Now, we invite *anyone* to learn with us at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of

every month. The Zoom link and topic will be on our synod webpage. Just drop in. No commitments, promise!

We also want to hear how your congregation is involved in bringing about a just world where all are fed. You do the talking; we do the listening. Maybe you have a poverty ministry housed in your congregation, maybe you are partners with a community ministry, whatever! Fighting hunger includes everything from housing to education. Let us hear from you through the webpage link or via email to: [mcdivittc@mindspring.com](mailto:mcdivittc@mindspring.com).

Justice ministry is happening all across our synod: from congregations in Albuquerque joining forces to add a staff person for a feeding ministry because older volunteers were restricted during COVID to seven-year-old Aaron Carson sending \$6 from his birthday money to ELCA World Hunger and challenging others to match it because his family has enough food every day and other people do not.

### Questions for Reflection

- **How does racism impact hunger?**
- **Before your congregation starts or participates in a poverty ministry, how do you know where there are gaps in services?**
- **How is rural poverty different from urban?**