

Hunger Network – 2017-2018

An Amazing Year of Generosity...

THANK YOU congregations and people of the Rocky Mountain Synod! During fiscal year 2017, we accompanied one another and neighbors all around the world by **contributing \$708,737 to ELCA World Hunger**.

That is the largest amount *ever* given by our synod (according to records going back to at least 2006). We ranked fourth among all the synods of the ELCA in total giving.

By the time of the synod assembly, we should have detailed information on giving from each congregation; so be sure to stop by the display table to see how your congregation participated in this feast of generosity.

These gifts are supporting more than 500 programs in the United States and more than 60 other countries, all based on transformative solutions that are designed to end hunger for good. From agriculture to health care to education, ELCA World Hunger understands that ending hunger takes a holistic approach—and it is going to take all of us to make this journey together into God’s future of abundance for everyone!

Check out our basic synod webpage (www.rmselfca.org/hunger) to get more specific information about projects highlighted by Dan Rift, the Director of ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal.

World Hunger Ambassadors

On November 12, 2017, the first class of synod World Hunger Ambassadors (including two high school students) was trained! They are ready to consult with your congregation and help raise awareness and creatively increase fundraising.

Barbara Ripperger is the coordinator for the ambassadors...and the Rocky Mountain Synod was the first synod to pilot this new program! Currently, there are trained ambassadors for these conferences: Northern Colorado, Boulder/Broomfield, Southeast Colorado, and the Border Conference. You can contact any of these people by going to the webpage for this program: www.rmselfca.org/hunger_ambassadors. **Just click on their names and automatically send them an email** with your questions and requests!

We need additional ambassadors for the other conferences. The webpage contains a job description, and you can always get additional information from Barbara. The next training session will be available at the synod office and can be accessed through Zoom. Is God calling you to this new adventure??

Domestic Hunger Grants

At the end of February, nine programs in the Rocky Mountain Synod received a total of \$22,000 in domestic hunger grants. Check the hunger website (www.rmselfca.org/hunger) for details about the projects.

According to Stephen Bouman, Executive Director of the ELCA’s Domestic Mission Unit, over \$715,000 was sent where it is needed most in our communities and congregations across the ELCA in accompaniment of our shared hopes, dreams and ministry.

The ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grants process is in transition and renewal. Beginning with the 2019 cycle, leadership for this process, affiliated training, and funding decisions will transition to a new team led by Mikka McCracken, Director for Planning and Engagement with ELCA World Hunger. Thus, this year’s grants were for only one year, as opposed to the two-year awards in previous cycles.

Watch the website for future updates on these changes!

We have a small Core Team of people working to raise awareness about the amazing hunger and poverty ministry of our church. If you want to join us, check out the website & contact Carol McDivitt.



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