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### 2016 Assembly Offering

The 2016 assembly offering provides opportunity for all to respond to the approved 2015 Hunger Resolution, whereby we double World Hunger giving and donate 100,000 pounds of food to our local food pantries by Jan. 31, 2017 (see full resolution on reverse side). This additionally correlates with the ELCA Campaign.

As our theme this year is “**we are church together**” let us work together by **EAT**ing together, as Christ so often invites us to do: **Encouraging** our people to **Act** in response to hunger and **Transform** lives through generosity!

Invite the members of your congregation to **EAT** with us, as we fundraise money for our Assembly Offerings and collect food for local food pantries. Offerings will be taken at both the opening worship on Friday and closing worship on Sunday. The food poundage should be reported to the Western Iowa Synod office before or at assembly to add to our total poundage collected. *Please do not bring food items to the assembly.*

Let us share this challenge with our congregations and begin fundraising and collecting now to help us reach our goals!



“Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Blest be God, who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed” (Western Iowa Synod Mission Team table prayer)

## Resolution: We Are The Church...Facing Hunger

Submitted by: Pr. Rod Hopp and Ann Johnson, Western Iowa Synod Global Mission/Hunger Network members, and Brenda Manmiller and Pr. Erma Wolf, Western Iowa Synod Domestic Hunger Network members.

WHEREAS, hunger sadly remains a collectively-owned social justice issue in our communities, nation and world, with one in eight people worldwide suffering chronic hunger; and

WHEREAS, scripture states, *“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, .... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”* (Mt. 25:35, 40); and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the elimination of hunger and poverty is possible and integral to our mission as Christian; and

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s comprehensive World Hunger program in nearly 60 countries, including the United States, works to solve challenges that perpetuate hunger and poverty, through second-mile giving (above and beyond mission support) via its R.E.A.S.O.N. components of Relief, Education, Advocacy, Support, Organizing and Networking; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Annual Theme of the ELCA *“Always Being Made New: Campaign for the ELCA”* is its World Hunger program; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Western Iowa Synod Global Mission/Hunger and Domestic Hunger Networks challenge the church of Western Iowa to lift up and engage in any and all of the aforementioned ELCA World Hunger R.E.A.S.O.N. components between the culmination of this 2015 Western Iowa Synod Assembly and the end of the 2016 fiscal year, **Jan. 31, 2017**; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Western Iowa Synod Global Mission/Hunger and Domestic Hunger Networks challenge the church of Western Iowa to **collectively DOUBLE its 2014 ELCA World Hunger second-mile giving of \$166,250 to \$332,500, AND to collectively gather and donate 100,000 pounds of food or its monetary equivalent to area food banks** in our synod between the culmination of this 2015 WIS Assembly and the end of 2016 fiscal year, **Jan. 31, 2017**.



**Engage people!    Act in response!    Transform lives!**