

# DAILY BREAD

The Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network

December 2015

## 2016: ELCA World Hunger Year!

Did you know that your congregation's giving to ELCA World Hunger is part of a churchwide effort to raise \$198 million by January 31, 2019? World Hunger is one of 10 priorities of the ELCA's first-ever comprehensive campaign, *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, with a goal of raising \$115 million for world hunger over a five-year period.

**When it comes to ministries of ELCA World Hunger, the campaign goal is to increase gifts more than 20 percent** – from a projected \$96 million over five years to \$115 million—offering the world a proven response to hunger and poverty in even more communities and ways than we do now.

The year 2016 marks *The Campaign for the ELCA's* year-of-emphasis on ELCA World Hunger. **The kickoff is a special Lenten initiative to raise \$2 million by Easter Sunday, March 27.** The **Action Guide for Congregations** included in the ELCA World Hunger Resource Packet for Lent 2016 is filled with information to help YOU participate in this exciting kickoff.

Sign up today! Visit [www.ELCA.org/40days](http://www.ELCA.org/40days) and click the "Sign Up" button to join ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. Participating congregations will receive:

- ✓ Exclusive access to ELCA World Hunger's 40-day Lenten devotional for you and your congregation's members.
- ✓ A six-week study guide suitable for Wednesday or Sunday Lenten worship or study to accompany the 40-day devotional.
- ✓ The opportunity to sign up for ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving daily e-blasts featuring the devotion-of-the-day throughout Lent.
- ✓ A special certificate recognizing your efforts to help end hunger and poverty through ELCA World Hunger.

### Expand Your Efforts...Go Digital!

Congregations participating in the **40 Days of Giving** campaign need to set their goals, sign up (register), start fundraising on February 7, use the many resources to invite others to join the effort, and go DIGITAL! On the *40 Days* web page, you can click on tabs to find many resources, including social media images to use on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram pages.

You can also create a 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](http://www.ELCA.org/teamELCA) to set up a page.

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*The Campaign for the ELCA.*

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ELCA World Hunger's  
**40 DAYS** of Giving



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## Creating a Network of Conference Hunger Coordinators

At the Hunger Network's Core Team annual retreat in June, we established a goal of creating a network of CONFERENCE Hunger Ministry Coordinators. Because of the huge geography of our synod, it is difficult for a small group of people to even know what events might be needed in different conferences...let alone plan and implement viable activities from a distance.

Conference coordinators will ideally be people committed to learning about the work of ELCA World Hunger and keeping in touch with the congregations in the area so appropriate resources and events can be provided. The Core Team will continue to work across the synod and with the ELCA World Hunger office in Chicago so members are able to help resource activities planned by conferences.

The effort has been more difficult than we originally anticipated, but the facilitators are not discouraged! If you are willing to be a coordinator for your conference--or a co-coordinator who works with a partner--please contact Barbara Ripperger (719.564.9129 or [bripperger@ymail.com](mailto:bripperger@ymail.com)) or Jean Gall (303.913.3083 or [duanegall@aol.com](mailto:duanegall@aol.com)) to explore the possibility! **See the job description on this page.**

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## Good Gifts for Christmas!



The latest *Good Gifts* catalog was included in the Fall/Winter 2015 Resource Packet. Copies can be ordered at [www.ELCA.org/resources](http://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, but Christmas is a great place to

start. Make encouraging your congregation an interesting event!

Who could resist Carolyn Jarmin's walking Christmas tree? Certainly, not the people of Shepherd of the Mountains in Estes Park, Colorado, where Carolyn is the new chair of the Hunger Taskforce.



## 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](mailto:hunger@ELCA.org).

## Conference Coordinator Job Description

- Be primary contact person between conference and Hunger Network
- Willing to work with congregations of the conference to promote hunger projects
- Participate in quarterly meetings via WebEx, which include training and support
- Become familiar with work of ELCA World Hunger – training provided
- Participate in shaping hunger awareness and activities in partnership with the Hunger Network Core Team
- Communicate activities and resources from ELCA World Hunger and the Hunger Network to the congregations in your conference
- Estimated time commitment – 5 hours per month, but varying by season
- Interact with staff persons from the Office of the Bishop Rocky Mountain Synod who support the work of the Hunger Network: Assistant to the Bishop Ron Roschke and our two Advocacy Directors: Ruth Hoffman (New Mexico) and Peter Severson (Colorado)

## Donations Lagging a Bit

According to the giving records provided by ELCA World Hunger, the Rocky Mountain Synod ranked sixth out of all the ELCA synods in gifts to the World Hunger Appeal at the end of September. The \$259,173 in contributions is lower than at the same time last year, but there is time to catch up!