

Resolution in support of ELCA World Hunger

Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly

TITLE: Encouraging congregations to support local hunger ministries, increase awareness of hunger and poverty issues, and increase opportunities to financially support the work of ELCA World Hunger.

Whereas for two years the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, climate-induced famine, and rising conflict in many places but particularly in the breadbasket of Ukraine; seen the number of hungry people in vulnerable nations rise sharply; watched as food pantries, soup kitchens, and other feeding ministries expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests; and longed together in hope for a just world where all are fed;

Whereas ELCA World Hunger is our church's ministry that responds to domestic and global hunger and poverty by addressing root causes through a comprehensive program of relief, education, advocacy, sustainable development, community organizing and networking – connecting partners to the resources needed for communities to lift themselves out of poverty;

Whereas the 2022 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly invites us into *The Rhythm of the Saints* as we find the beat for ministry and service in post-covid times and ELCA World Hunger is already doing this work and invites us to continue supporting the efforts;

Whereas we are called to LEARN about hunger and the church's response through ELCA World Hunger education and faith formation resources, to SERVE our neighbors through trusted local ministries and to build community relationships, and to GIVE generously in support of ELCA World Hunger;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that between the Rocky Mountain Synod assemblies of 2022 and 2023, the congregations of this synod will challenge themselves to take concrete steps to:

- **increase their support of local hunger ministries,**
- **increase their awareness of hunger and poverty issues through educational resources developed by ELCA World Hunger, and**
- **increase opportunities to financially support the work of ELCA World Hunger.**

Implications of Resolution (if adopted):

1. What is the financial impact of this resolution on the synod budget? If expenditures are required, what are the sources of income anticipated to accomplish the purpose of the resolution? **No financial impact.**
2. What are the personnel implications within our synod (or churchwide organization)? Who will be responsible for implementation of the resolution? **No personnel implications. Hunger Network will implement this resolution.**
3. How does this resolution enhance and forward the mission of the church and our synod? **This resolution flows directly from our Lutheran understanding of service to neighbor.**

March 22, 2022

Date Submitted

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Signature

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Representing (Name of Congregation or Group) and City

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