

# 50 YEARS of ELCA World Hunger



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years



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World Hunger

Responding to the Call: Feed the Hungry



# Create a Personal Response to Hunger

- Pray!
- Give: time and/or money.
- Change your buying habits to reflect your support of those who earn minimum wages, are exploited by their employers, or have unhealthy work conditions.
- Advocate!



## **Resources for personal response to hunger issues.**

1. These are websites for sustainable fashion advice.

Find products and companies that pay fair wages. <https://www.fairtradeamerica.org/shop-fairtrade/>

Recommends companies that use sustainable practices <https://www.thegoodtrade.com/>

Rates fashion companies based on sustainability (environment) and worker safety and fair wages. <https://goodonyou.eco/>

2. These websites help you advocate and use your voice for change

**ELCA Action Center** allows easy links to issues and representatives. Sample letters can be used as-is or edited to personalize. <https://give.elca.org/page/56774/action/1>

**Bread for the World** has easy to use resources for holding an offering of letters in your congregation. Sample letters and current hunger related issues are easy to find and use. [bread.org](https://bread.org)

**Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy** is an ecumenical faith-based organization that advocates at the state level for racial, social and economic justice. <https://virginiainterfaithcenter.org/>

3. Donate time or money

Give to ELCA world hunger by using this Virginia Synod link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR1Z/campaign/C-ZDHP>

Find out where your nearest food pantry or food bank is and offer to help out or support financially  
<https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank>

# Create a Congregational Response

- Designate yourself as the hunger coordinator for your congregation!
- Keep hunger issues and concerns in the forefront of your congregation's awareness.
- Work with your Worship and Music committee to designate a particular Sunday each month as Hunger Sunday.
- Use fellowship times to share videos and other information from the ELCA or local hunger ministries.
- Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Lutheran World Hunger!!!





# **50th Anniversary Celebration !**

- God's Work Our Hands Sunday: September 8, 2024
- Theme: Feeding of the 5,000
- Synod-wide Bible Study (Pastor Kelly Bayer-Derrick)
- Community Picnic
- Offerings to fund the next 50 years!
- World Food Day: Sunday October 16th

# Community Response to Hunger

- Assess food needs in your community
- Organize interested individuals and stakeholders to begin to meet the need.
- Gather corporate sponsors and include all faith denominations
- Start small and grow programs as needed.
- Advocate at local, state, and federal level.







# Global Response to Hunger

- Support Lutheran World Hunger !!!
- Know where your food comes from
- Reduce food waste
- Advocate for human rights, fair wages, and healthy working conditions
- All people are connected. We no longer live in isolation. We are all siblings of God, the Creator!
- Pray!





# 92 billion lbs

**food wasted in U.S. annually**



**145 billion**

**meals**



# What to look for when shopping:

- Certified B corporation: businesses that meet the highest standards of verified social and environmental performance, public transparency, and legal accountability to balance profit and purpose.  
<https://www.bcorporation.net/en-us/>
- Fairtrade certification: social, economic and environmental criteria that support the sustainable development of small producer organizations and agricultural workers in low- and middle-income countries.  
<https://www.fairtradeamerica.org/the-standards/>



