

## Resolution 1

Whereas 868 million people in our world are hungry; 1.2 billion live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.25 a day; and 49 million people in the United States – one out of every six people - including 16 million children experience hunger or the risk of hunger \*

Whereas each day in the our world, 18,000 children die from hunger or preventable diseases (1 every 4 seconds) \*\*

Whereas one in four children in Pennsylvania live in food insecure households

Whereas hunger experts estimate that for an annual cost of \$13 billion dollars per year the nutritional needs of the world's poorest people could be met\*\*\*

Whereas ELCA World Hunger responds to hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world by addressing root causes through a comprehensive program of relief, education, advocacy, sustainable development, community organizing and networking by which people are connected to the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty.

Whereas ELCA World Hunger responds to Christ's call to find him in the "least of these" (Matthew 25) and "until all are fed" serving with compassion people who are vulnerable, paying focused attention to the full participation of women and the needs of children.

Whereas in 2016 the focus of the Campaign for the ELCA will be ELCA World Hunger

Be it resolved that the Hunger Ministry Team develop mechanisms for congregational outreach and share congregational initiatives that work to alleviate hunger.

Be it further resolved that the Hunger Ministry Team identify means for congregations to continue or increase their support for eliminating hunger in their local communities, and ways to advocate for elimination of the causes of hunger and poverty in the state of PA, and by support of ELCA World Hunger.

Be it further resolved that the Hunger Ministry Team identify mechanisms for collaboration for eliminating hunger and advocating to alleviate the underlying causes of food insecurity.

Be it further resolved that the Hunger Ministry Team work with the Synod Assembly Planning Team to include hunger and food insecurity issues as part of the 2016 Synod Assembly, including inviting congregations to share their stories about local, state and ELCA World Hunger activities.

\*Statistics from the ELCA World Hunger Appeal web site

\*\* "18,000 children die every day from hunger, U.N. says." USA Today (Feb. 17, 2007)

\*\*\* Statistics from Bread for the World