

# 2017 Upstate NY Synod Assembly: Building Bridges

*Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you? — Matthew 25:37-38*



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

**BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER** is the theme of the 2017 Synod-Wide World Hunger Campaign. You and your congregation are invited to join in this effort to assist refugee families.

The UN Refugee Agency Global Trends Report finds 65.3 million people were displaced from their homes by conflict and persecution in 2015 and more than half are under the age of 18. **You can help!**

Lutherans are known for their stellar work in providing shelter and support to refugees – managing some of the biggest refugee camps in the world. After a long and dangerous journey to safety, food and water are critical to help families recover their strength and prepare for a fresh start.

A gift of \$200 feeds a refugee family for one month. The goal for this campaign is to raise \$45,000 to provide meals for 225 refugee families.

**Each congregation is challenged to provide food for at least two refugee families for a month—\$400. How many families will your congregation be able to help?**

The instructions are simple—collect donations from members of your congregation and bring one check along with the enclosed tally sheet to the hunger table at the Synod Assembly in Rochester June 8-10. Hope to see YOU at the table!

**Peace,  
Upstate NY Synod World Hunger Team**

## Bridge Over Troubled Water 2017 Tally Sheet

Conference \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**We are bringing our world hunger gifts to the Synod Assembly:**

Cash	\$ _____
Check(s)	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

**We have sent/will send directly to the Upstate NY Synod office a check in the amount of:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### The Hunger Team Seeks Congregational Contacts

We have a lay person (a hunger champion) interested in receiving Hunger Packets and occasional emails from ELCA World Hunger who is willing to share information with the congregation.

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Individual \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_