



## 2019 Synod-Wide Hunger Mission

# Open Wide Your Hands



ELCA World Hunger  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*The eyes of all look to you, and you give them food in due season.*

*You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. —Psalm 145:15-16*

In a world where 800 million people are living in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day, you and your congregation are invited to open wide your hands as Christ opened His to us through your generous response to our annual synodical appeal on behalf of ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Response. In keeping with our 2019 synod-wide goal of \$40,000, we are challenging each congregation to prayerfully consider an offering of \$400 or more.

Through our giving, together with Lutherans across the U.S. and around the world, we have an opportunity to listen and respond to neighbors in need and to partner with them in realizing their hopes and dreams for a just world in which all are fed. By addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty, trusting in God's abundance, our gifts help to build lives, enliven hope, and sustain human dignity. Thank you for all you are doing to respond to poverty and hunger in the world and here at home.

As in previous years, please bring one check along with tally sheet to the hunger table at our Upstate NY Synod Assembly May 30-June 1 in Rochester (see separate document—Bulletin Insert/Tally Sheet). Make checks payable to Upstate NY Synod.

Prayerfully,  
Your Upstate NY Synod World Hunger Team

### Addressing the Root Causes of Hunger **HANDS**

**H**-Hunger (ELCA World Hunger)  
**A**-Advocacy  
**N**-Networking  
**D**-Disaster Response  
**S**-Sustainable Development



*Christ has no body now, but yours,  
no hands, no feet, but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which  
Christ looks compassion into the world.  
Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.  
Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.*  
—St. Theresa d'Avila

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Please visit [upstatenysynod.org/resources](http://upstatenysynod.org/resources) for the following documents:  
Bulletin Insert/Tally Sheet — HANDS Hunger Facts & Response — Fundraising Ideas