



ELCA World Hunger
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ELCA World Hunger's
40 DAYS
of Giving
2017

Join the journey!

ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving is a special opportunity for us to come together to lift up the church's hunger and poverty ministry during Lent.

As we embark on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, what better time to reflect on the power of God's self-giving love that transforms and challenges each of us?

During the season of Lent, we will make connections between faith, worship and justice – central teachings of Martin Luther. His concern for the poor and his sharp rebuke of economic injustice laid the foundation for us today to see the many ways our faith calls us to strive for justice in our world. In this, the 500th year since the Reformation, Luther's call for economic justice is more pressing than ever.

Today, 1 in 9 people face hunger and 1 in 7 live in extreme poverty. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. Making sure someone has enough food for the day is not enough. Together, we must look toward the future of this church and boldly respond to the needs of the world. We cannot lose ground.

Through ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving, we invite you and your congregation to pray, act and hope that through economic life and justice there truly will be sufficient, sustainable livelihood for all. By joining together, our goal for 2017 is to raise \$1.5 million during Lent. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger will help our global family access opportunities and earn a fair, sustainable living with dignity.

Yes! **I would like to support ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving:**

- I have enclosed my gift of \$250
- I have enclosed my gift of \$100
- I have enclosed my gift of \$50
- Other \$ _____

To make sure your gift counts, make your check payable to ELCA World Hunger and write "ELCA WH Lent" in your check's memo line. Place your gift in your congregation's offering plate or mail it to:

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