



**ELCA World Hunger**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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Each member and congregation can be involved in one or more ways. You can:

- **Advocate.** Stay connected to ELCA Advocacy's updates and ask your elected officials to support policies that advance effective prevention, treatment and care, eliminate stigma and address systemic inequity.
- **Learn.** Take time to learn more about HIV and AIDS, and invite your congregation to participate in educational activities.
- **Serve.** Invite your congregation to partner with an agency that is involved in the response to HIV and AIDS in your community.
- **Pray.** As we gather, we join in prayer, remembering all affected by HIV and AIDS and for the ELCA, that it will respond faithfully to our calls as set forth in the strategy.
- **Donate.** You can give online at [ELCA.org/HIV](http://ELCA.org/HIV), by calling 800-638-3522, or by mailing your gift to ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Please note "HIV and AIDS" on the memo line of your check.



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