

2009 ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering

Leadership Goals for 2009–2010

Please choose three to five goals that you will commit to working toward as a hunger leader in 2009–2010 as part of your participation in this event. The action items suggested are activities that ELCA World Hunger staff and its partners are ready and equipped to help you complete. They relate directly to the issues you will learn about in Mexico. You are welcome to add your own ideas.

FUNDRAISING

- I will give 5 temple talks in ELCA congregations about ELCA World Hunger.
- I will organize a fundraiser for ELCA World Hunger.
- I will increase my own giving to ELCA World Hunger.
- Other:

EDUCATION

- I will write a newsletter article (for my synod, congregation, school, etc.) about the link between hunger and the issues I am learning about in Mexico.
- I will lead 3 education sessions (with adult ed forums, youth groups, campus groups, etc.) using the new Hunger Education Toolkit about food production and hunger.
- I will familiarize myself with the Taking Root hunger education curriculum and talk with 10 Sunday School teachers in my synod about using the curriculum.
- I will research how issues like immigration, trade policy, and food production affect people in my synod's global companion.
- Other:

ADVOCACY

- I will sign up for e-mail alerts on hunger, immigration, and trade issues from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) and the ELCA Washington Office (e-Advocacy).
- I will find other people of faith in my congressional district who will go with me to meet with our members of Congress about hunger, immigration, and trade.
- I will write a letter to the editor of my local newspaper about my opinion on issues of hunger, immigration, and trade.
- I will ask companies whose goods and services I purchase if they pay living wages and guarantee safe working conditions.
- I will work to implement a Fair Trade/sweat-free purchasing policy for my congregation/synod/school/etc., especially for readily accessible products like coffee, tea, chocolate, and T-shirts.
- Other:

LIFESTYLE

- I will choose to buy Fair Trade/sweat-free products whenever possible.
- I will identify food producers and businesses in my community with environmental and labor practices that protect the earth and human dignity and support these businesses.
- I will examine my own ecological footprint and identify ways I can make my lifestyle more environmentally friendly.
- Other:

ACCOMPANIMENT

- I will sign up for a synod trip to visit my synod's global companion.
- I will volunteer with an immigrant organization in my home community.
- I will volunteer with an anti-hunger organization in my home community.
- I will visit a farm near my community.
- Other: