



“Go and Do” News

An occasional publication for hunger leaders

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2009 ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering



By now you should have received information about the 2009 ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering. If so, you already know that it will be held in Mexico City, Mexico from September 26 to October 3. Due to space limitations, there is an application, due January 30, 2009, that you must submit if you'd like to attend. Much more information and the application are available at www.elca.org/hunger/gathering

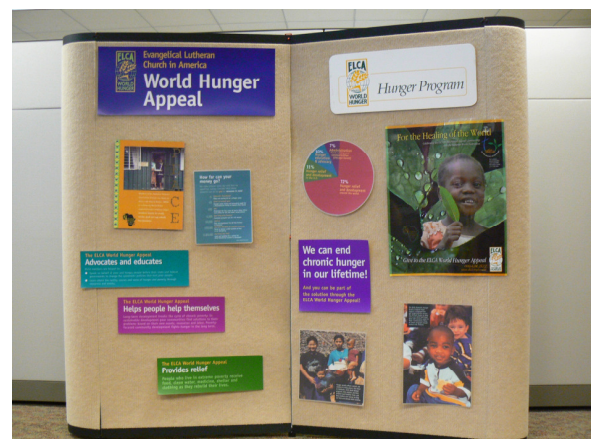
There are two questions we've been receiving frequently. The first is about the cost. The participant cost is \$325, which includes airfare, housing, meals, and all event-sponsored activities while in Mexico. It does not include transportation to and from your home airport, food that you eat en route to Mexico City, or souvenirs.

Secondly, we've been asked whether synods should submit just one name, or if they should submit several and the churchwide office will select from among the applicants. The answer is, when possible, we would prefer that the synod hunger team meet, agree on a participant, and submit just one application. However, this process does not work for every synod, in which case more than one application is fine.

If you have additional questions, please contact Aaron Cooper at 800-638-3522 x2717 or Aaron.Cooper@elca.org

Need a Display?

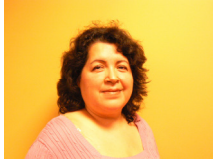
We have two old “portable” World Hunger displays (see picture) that are great for events and need new homes. We used to loan them out, however they're large, heavy, and expensive to mail. Over the years, they've been replaced with the much lighter and less expensive pull-up banners. Still, the old displays are in good shape and would be great for use within a synod. So, if you'd like one, it can



be yours, free of charge! They will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are only two, so act quickly! Contact Romelia Almaraz at Romelia.Almaraz@elca.org or 800-638-3522 x2696 and ask for a World Hunger display.

Information for synod hunger leaders is always available at www.elca.org/hunger/synods

Meet Romelia and David



We here in World Hunger are thrilled to introduce our two newest staff members! First is **Romelia Almaraz** (Romelia.Almaraz@elca.org). She is the administrative assistant for the ELCA World Hunger Program, and she joined us November 17.

Our second recent addition is **David Creech** (David.Creech@elca.org), director for Hunger Education. David joined us October 1. Both are talented, interesting, friendly people and we're very happy to have them on the team. You'll get to know them better in 2009; in the meantime feel free to drop them a note to say "hi!"



The SPPOs and You

Do you know about the 19 ELCA State Public Policy Offices (SPPOs)? They engage in advocacy at the state government level, working with and on behalf of those without economic or political power. What's more, they are an ELCA World Hunger partner, addressing issues such as food and nutrition, shelter and affordable housing, environmental stewardship and justice, employment and income, and access to preventative and primary health care. If any of these topics are of interest to you or your synod hunger team, consider contacting your SPPO to ask if there's a way you might work together.

For a complete listing of the 19 ELCA State Public Policy Offices, visit:

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Advocacy/Advocacy-Ministries/State-Offices/List-of-State-Offices.aspx>

We have until Friday (12/11)...

...to contact Congress to support a robust International Affairs budget. During this difficult economic time, members of Congress and President-elect Obama's transition team are identifying priorities for next year and starting to draft the fiscal year 2010 budget. A bi-partisan letter from Congressional leaders urging Obama to support a robust International Affairs Budget is circulating right now for sign-on:

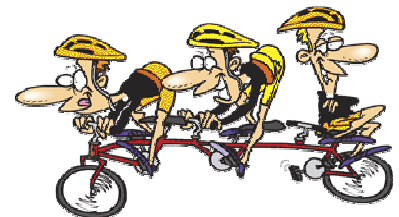
http://qa6.org/elca_advocacy/notice-description.tcl?newsletter_id=21769577 The deadline is tomorrow, so don't delay!

Working on Tour de Revs Plans?

Judy Enger, a hunger leader from North/West Lower Michigan synod, is thinking about using synod assembly time in May to get the word out. How best to do that in three to five minutes? An entertaining, humorous skit, perhaps! Has anyone already written such a thing? Or does anyone want to? If so, please do share! You can contact Nancy Michaelis, who will spread the word. Nancy.Michaelis@elca.org or 800-638-3522 x2713.

Also, the Revs have a promotional DVD they'd like to send to anyone who can use it! If interested, send an e-mail to tourderevs@frontiernet.net and they'll put one in the mail to you.

And finally, the Revs are busy adding things to their Web site, so as your plans progress check back at www.tourderevs.org regularly to see what's new!



Have questions?
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