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# ELCA World Hunger Objectives

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## THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA WORLD HUNGER PROGRAM

### PREAMBLE

Because the Holy Spirit calls us to share in God's continuing care for all people and for the entire creation;

Because God asks us to love our neighbors as Christ loves us;

Because God places us in a global neighborhood, with neighbors near and far who suffer hunger and oppression . . .

Therefore, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America establishes a World Hunger Program.

### OBJECTIVES

1. To provide relief and development assistance for those who suffer from hunger and injustices related to hunger in this and other countries. Maintain a disaster fund for response to international and domestic emergencies;
2. To foster the education of the members of this church to understand and confront the reality and underlying causes of hunger;
3. To advocate policies and actions for social and economic justice relating to hunger – with governments, business institutions, and structures of this church and its related agencies;
4. To encourage members of this church to practice responsible stewardship of their lives and their financial resources toward the prevention and alleviation of hunger;
5. To facilitate listening to and working together with those who have special awareness of the realities of food and hunger, including poor and hungry people in local and global communities and those who produce, process, and distribute food.

### ALLOCATION

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in order to sustain its World Hunger Program, establishes a continuing hunger appeal. It directs that funds be expended in the range of 25-30% within the territorial jurisdiction of this church and 70-75% in the other parts of the world.

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