

ELCA World Hunger Ethics of Eating – Region 7

Thursday, September 29, 2011 – Sunday, October 2, 2011

Men-o-Lan Christian Camp – Quakertown, PA

Application Due: August 1, 2011

Thank you for your interest in the ELCA World Hunger Region 7 Ethics of Eating Leadership Training event!

How is food produced and distributed in this country? What is the role of conventional, organic, and local farming in this system? The Ethics of Eating event will observe the US food production and food distribution system through a theological lens as it relates to hunger, worker rights, and the environment. We will explore this topic through farm tours (urban farm in Philly and rural farms in eastern Pennsylvania), speakers (conventional farmers, organic farmers, and others involved in food production), and discussions.

ELCA World Hunger will invite a diverse group of approximately twenty participants to attend this Ethics of Eating event in the **Philadelphia/Allentown area from Thursday, September 29 – Sunday, October 2, 2011**. To fully leverage ELCA World Hunger's investment in this event, participants must commit to attendance at the entire Ethics of Eating event.

For this event, participants will be drawn from Region 7, which includes the following synods:

7A - New Jersey Synod

7B - New England Synod

7C - Metropolitan New York Synod

7D - Upstate New York Synod

7E - Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod

7F - Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

7G - Slovak Zion Synod

Please email Erin Cummisford (Erin.Cummisford@elca.org) to request the Ethics of Eating application. Your completed application AND letter of support are due by **August 1, 2011** if you wish to be considered for participation. Applicants will be notified of invitation decisions shortly thereafter. After August 1, applications will be approved on a rolling basis until all openings are filled. ELCA World Hunger will underwrite the cost of participation.

After this event, each participant will:

1. Have increased capacity to advocate for a just and sustainable food system, in response to hunger and on behalf of the environment.
2. Implement a follow-up project, action or activity.
3. Participate in the ELCA World Hunger Leader Network and online community.

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Cummisford (Erin.Cummisford@elca.org or 773-380-2792). We look forward to receiving your Ethics of Eating application.