

1 **RESOLUTION ON HUNGER**

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3 WHEREAS, ELCA World Hunger responds to Christ's call to find him in the "least of
4 these" (Matthew 25) and "until all are fed," serving with compassion
5 people who are most vulnerable, paying focused attention to the full
6 participation of women and the needs of children;

7 WHEREAS, ELCA World Hunger responds to hunger and poverty in the United States
8 and around the world by addressing root causes through a comprehensive
9 program of relief, education, advocacy, sustainable development,
10 community organizing and networking by which people are connected to
11 the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty;

12 WHEREAS, through ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Fund Grants, \$32,775 is
13 being given to hunger ministries in our synod for 14 different programs
14 about food, education, homelessness, safety, and more;

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16 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Metropolitan Chicago Synod gave an average of \$6.71 per
17 baptized member, or \$520,800;

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19 WHEREAS, in 2016, the focus of the Campaign for the ELCA will be ELCA World
20 Hunger; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, that the congregations of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod be encouraged
22 to make support for ELCA World Hunger a year-round emphasis,
23 distribute the ELCA World Hunger envelopes for year-round giving, and
24 participate in synod programs that lift up the ministry of ELCA World
25 Hunger; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, that between now and the 2016 Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly,
27 the congregations of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod will each challenge
28 themselves to take at least one additional concrete measurable step to
29 increase their support for and awareness of those in need and ELCA
30 World Hunger; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, that through the Campaign for the ELCA and its 2016 ELCA World Hunger
32 theme will be one of the major focuses of the 2016 Metropolitan Chicago
33 Synod Assembly; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, that one of the offerings from the 2016 Metropolitan Chicago Synod
35 Assembly be designated for ELCA World Hunger.

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