

1 **RESOLUTION ON BREAD FOR THE WORLD**

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3 WHEREAS, through faithful advocacy, the ELCA lives out our Lutheran belief that
4 governments can help advance the common good;

5 WHEREAS, Bread for the World (BFW) is one of the ELCA's valued partners in
6 advocacy;

7 WHEREAS, BFW has a successful track record in working on a bipartisan basis with
8 Congress to pass legislation benefitting hungry and vulnerable people at
9 home and around the world;

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11 WHEREAS, BFW relies on the activity of Christian people and congregations to
12 achieve its goal of passing such legislation;

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14 WHEREAS, federal nutrition programs are essential to meet the needs of hungry
15 people since 95% of food for the hungry in the U.S. comes from federal
16 sources and only 5% from churches and other private charities;

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18 WHEREAS, every five years, Congress must reauthorize the law that funds these
19 programs (which include those for school meals, summer feeding, and the
20 WIC nutrition program for pregnant and new mothers along with their
21 small children);

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23 WHEREAS, these national nutrition programs must be reauthorized this year; therefore
24 be it

25 RESOLVED, that congregations and members be encouraged to participate in this
26 year's offering of letters, "Feed Our Children"; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, that members of congregations be encouraged to join BFW as individual
28 members;

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