

1 **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

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3 WHEREAS, 795 million people around the world – 1 in 10 – cannot access the food
4 they need to live active, healthy lives.^[1] One billion people, or 14.5% of the
5 world's population, live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.25 a day.^[2] At
6 some point in 2014, more than 48 million people in the United States were
7 unsure where their next meal might come from;^[3] and 46.7 million
8 Americans were living in poverty. For a family of four, this means that their
9 annual household income was below \$23,850;^[4] and

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

15 WHEREAS, in 2014 the Metropolitan Chicago Synod gave \$520,595, and in 2015
16 gave \$627,616 to ELCA World Hunger; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2016 the focus of the Campaign for the ELCA will be ELCA World
18 Hunger; and

19 WHEREAS, 2017 is the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation,
20 reminding us again of how the church continues to be involved with the
21 needs of society; be it

22 RESOLVED, that the congregations of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod accept the
23 challenge to raise one million dollars for ELCA World Hunger between
24 June 1, 2016, and October 31, 2017; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, that 100% of the offerings from the 2016 and 2017 Metropolitan Chicago
26 Synod Assembly worship services be designated for ELCA World Hunger.

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29 Submitted by:

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31 The Metropolitan Chicago Synod Council

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34 ^[1] Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 2015

35 ^[2] The World Bank, 2015

36 ^[3] USDA, 2015

37 ^[4] US Census Bureau, 2015