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Greetings ELCA World Hunger Leaders and friends,

It hardly seems like it was four months ago that some of us were together in beautiful San Francisco for the 2015 ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering. It was great to see old friends and make acquaintance with some of the new Hunger Leaders. We especially appreciated the opportunity to share about the Domestic Hunger Grants program. Our team cannot do our work without the dedication and tireless work of Hunger Leaders who encourage and assist congregations and social ministry organizations with funding applications. We very much appreciate the work that you do.

You may recall from our presentations in January that the Domestic Hunger Grants program has move to a two-year funding cycle. The grant application is now available. The application can be found at www.ELCA.org/domestichungergrants. As you share the link with member organizations in your network, be sure and remind them that the application must be completed and submitted on or before **July 10, 2015**. Organizations approved for funding can expect grant payments in February or March 2016.

There are many exciting and important hunger related program services that our congregations and social ministry organizations provide on a daily basis for people around the United States. One such organization we are especially excited about is Care Connection Network, Inc. The network is a ministry of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Huntington Beach, Calif. Care Connection Network strives to empower older adults to age in their communities safely and comfortably by offering educational opportunities to help them age with confidence, social and cultural events to keep them connected with the community, referrals to vetted service providers to help them live independently longer and a volunteer program to provide assistance for many of their needs.

Thank you again for your support of ELCA World Hunger - through your gifts and your ministries. We look forward to reviewing proposals for Domestic Hunger Grants this year. Please see page 2 of the newsletter for more information about the types of Domestic Hunger Grants available and how to learn more and get in touch with organizations in your area.

In peace,

Joe Young

Program Director, Community Development



Domestic Hunger Grants in action

Domestic Hunger Grants support projects in four categories of ministry: relief, development, organizing and advocacy. In 2015, 324 projects were funded through a total of **\$739,075** in grants. The breakdown of the funding across the project categories is:

- 6 Advocacy Projects
- 58 Development Projects
- 41 Organizing Projects
- 219 Relief Projects

Through these four areas of focus, Domestic Hunger Grants both contribute to meeting immediate needs of families around the country and also look toward long-term growth and development in communities. In the relief sector too, funds allow organizations to expand and improve existing structures and services.

Visit www.ELCA.org/domestichungergrants to learn more about the application process and begin an application. The application is web-based this year and accessible right from the ELCA website. Be sure to read the instructions carefully about how the process has changed. You can also check out this month's Network Webinar recording (link on page 3) to watch a tutorial by Josselyn Bennett, Program Director for Poverty and Justice Ministries, and another member of the Domestic Hunger Grants table.

New ELCA World Hunger video released

Get a first look at the latest ELCA World Hunger video featuring Kenneth's Story and the ministry of Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee's jobs readiness program. The program is a Domestic Hunger Grant recipient. Watch the video [online](#) or download it at www.ELCA.org/hunger/resources under the "videos" tab.

Is your synod Hunger Team looking for an activity for your next meeting?

Consider visiting a local Domestic Hunger Grant recipient! The Delaware-Maryland Synod recently visited the Bread of Life Community Kitchen at the [Frederick Union Rescue Mission](#). The team witnessed the impact of the organization firsthand:

How wonderful to know that people served there now are stepping out on a path of freedom to a life that can be given away in service. God making all things new!

If you would like to visit a Domestic Hunger Grant site, write to hunger@elca.org to get connected with a local organization.

Join us on ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water and Team ELCA!

Is your congregation's youth group headed to the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit? Make sure they know about the opportunity to join ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water, our collective effort to raise \$1 million toward ELCA World Hunger water-related projects in the United States and around the world. Not sure where to start? Visit www.ELCA.org/walk4water to learn more about the global water crisis and the impact of your gifts through ELCA World Hunger. Then, head to support.ELCA.org/walk4water to create your own fundraiser.

We are excited to pilot support.ELCA.org, our new online peer-to-peer fundraiser platform through ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water at the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering. In addition to ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water, peer-to-peer fundraising is also available for general ELCA World Hunger efforts through Team ELCA. Check out some of the awesome fundraisers our network is already creating - from [Mikka McCracken's birthday fundraiser](#) for Walk for Water to [Vicki Schmidt's birthday and bike ride page](#) on Team

ELCA, we are amazed by how connected and passionate our network is! Thank you to everyone who has joined us online already and we look forward to seeing more pages soon!

If you would like to learn more about peer-to-peer fundraising for ELCA World Hunger, write to us at hunger@elca.org.



Lutheran Disaster Response in Nepal



Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) the ELCA's disaster and emergency response ministry, has made an initial commitment of \$500,000 to relief and recovery efforts through three of our trusted ecumenical partners: The Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief and the United Mission to Nepal. Read more about our partnerships on the [LDR blog](#) and [Facebook page](#). You can also hear an update and stories from our partners on the ground. in the webinar recording (link at bottom of page).

Prior to the earthquakes, ELCA World Hunger-supported projects were already active in the region, including an emergency response hub set-up by The Lutheran World Federation. ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response were in relationship with communities in Nepal long before the recent disasters, and we will continue to support recovery efforts long after. If you'd like to contribute to recovery funds, visit LDR's [Nepal Area Earthquake](#) page to give online. Remember, 100 percent of designated gifts will go directly to relief and recovery efforts in Nepal.



Photos courtesy of [The Lutheran World Federation](#).

Top: Distributing blankets to earthquake survivors.
Bottom: A woman carries fodder for her buffalo.

ELCA World Hunger staff updates

We've said "see you later" to and welcomed several colleagues in the last few months. We are grateful for all of their service, past and future.

- **Kelly Winters** and her husband were invited to adopt a baby girl in February. In light of the sudden and monumental blessing, Kelly left her role as Assistant for Constituent Engagement.
- **Nate Berkas** recently joined the Global Church Sponsorship team, leaving his role as Development Assistant with ELCA World Hunger. Nate served with ELCA World Hunger for three years.
- **Allison Beebe**, Assistant to the ELCA Malaria Campaign, will be joining the ELCA Strategic Communications team at the end of May. Allison served with ELCA World Hunger for three and a half years.
- **Elyssa Salinas** joined the ELCA World Hunger team in April as Program Assistant for Hunger Education. Read her introduction on the [ELCA World Hunger blog](#).
- **Iain Chester** joins the team this month as the new voice on the ELCA World Hunger hotline: Assistant for Constituent Engagement.

Monthly Network Webinar: May link and June meeting date

Thank you to all who joined us online for our May Monthly Network Webinar. This month we were joined by our colleague Josselyn Bennett for a Domestic Hunger Grants application tutorial. Follow the link to view and listen to the whole meeting, or jump to a specific topic: <https://elcaorg.webex.com/elcaorg/ldr.php?RCID=c5934a1bbce466bb53ab344143cb24d5>

00:00 - 02:50 **Welcome**

02:50 - 16:00 **Domestic Hunger Grants - Introduction & Stories**

16:00 - 42:30 **Domestic Hunger Grants - Application Tutorial**

42:30 - 50:15 **Lutheran Disaster Response - updates & stories from earthquake response in Nepal**

50:15 - 54:08 **ELCA World Hunger staff updates**

54:08 - 57:23 **Network Updates - Team ELCA**

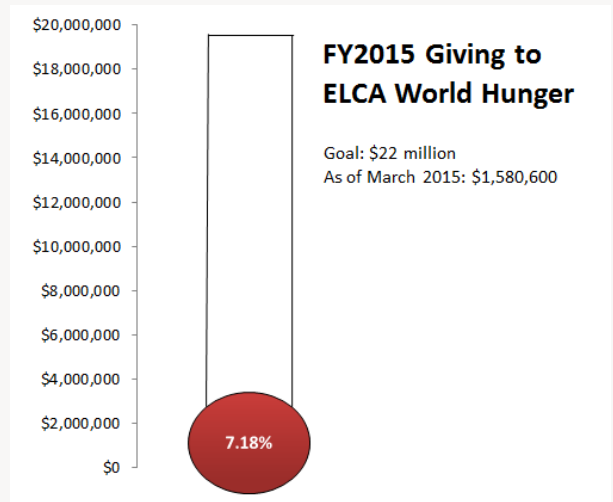
Next month's webinar: Tuesday, June 16

8:30 p.m. Eastern/7:30 p.m. Central/6:30 p.m. Mountain/5:30 p.m. Pacific

By the numbers: The Campaign for the ELCA

ELCA Malaria Campaign passes \$14 million!

Since the close of March, the ELCA Malaria Campaign has surpassed the \$14 million milestone, and we couldn't have done it without you! We have 1 million to go in order to fully fund the malaria programs of our companions and partners and to reach our goal. The ELCA Malaria Campaign has raised **\$14.1 million** so far, which puts us over **94 percent** of the way to reaching our \$15 million goal. Thank you for contributing your time, talents and resources to this campaign. Thank you for answering the call to work to make malaria history. Learn more about the campaign and ways to give during the campaign's homestretch at www.ELCA.org/malaria.



<i>Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA— Totals as of the close of March 2015</i>	
ELCA World Hunger (toward <i>The Campaign for the ELCA</i> goal of \$115 million by end of FY18)	\$20.90 million
ELCA Malaria Campaign (toward overall goal of \$15 million by end of FY15)	\$13.96 million
Overall <i>The Campaign for the ELCA</i> (toward overall goal of \$198 million by end of FY18)	\$47.63 million

ELCA World Hunger churchwide organization staff

ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

- Daniel Rift, director
- Sharon Magnuson, associate director
- Robin Brown, associate director
- Krystal McClinton, development assistant

Constituent Engagement

- Mikka McCracken, program director
- Jessica Fairfax, coordinator
- Gina Tonn, program assistant
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- Ryan Cumming, program director
- Elyssa Salinas, program assistant

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Join us in the “[ELCA World Hunger Leaders and Friends](#)” Facebook group.

Order all of our resources online at:
www.ELCA.org/resources