

**RESOLUTION** Concerning World Hunger and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal

WHEREAS, the outpouring of monetary gifts to the victims of the recent tsunami has been wonderfully generous (\$3.7 million alone through the ELCA as of February 18, 2005);

WHEREAS, the number of people killed in the recent tsunami disaster is equal to the number of people who died from hunger and hunger related causes every nine days, and;

WHEREAS, our Lord made it crystal clear that feeding the hungry and poor is of the highest priority for those who follow Him (Matthew 25:34-35); and

WHEREAS, this is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the ELCA World Hunger Program and Appeal; and

WHEREAS, God's people respond generously when they see and understand a real human need, be it

RESOLVED that each congregation of the Nebraska Synod recruit and train a congregational hunger contact team who will be the head cheerleaders / advocates for the ELCA World Hunger Program / Appeal by:  
+telling the story of what our church is doing on behalf of the hungry;  
+educating the congregation of the needs of the hungry;  
+inspiring people to give generously to the Appeal;

RESOLVED that each congregation of the Nebraska Synod hold at least two (2) events this coming year that:  
+ focus on the needs of the hungry of the world;]  
+lift up the ministry of the ELCA World Hunger Program to meet those needs;  
+give people an opportunity to respond with their gifts

RESOLVED that each congregation of the Nebraska Synod set a goal to increase its giving to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal by 30% or a minimum of \$10 per member in the coming year.

Submitted by the Nebraska Synod World Hunger Committee