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It is estimated that 821 million people around the world are suffering from food insecurity or chronic hunger, and regularly not getting enough nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life.

In many places in this world, vulnerable populations lack access or resources to buy or grow the food or secure the water needed to flourish. These vulnerable people live in extreme poverty, and poor nutrition and hunger live alongside them.

- 836 million people try to survive on feeding their family for just $1.25 per day
- Poor nutrition contributes to 45% of deaths in children under five
- Hunger kills more people each year than AIDS, malaria, and TB

Hunger is the #1 risk to global health, but it is curable.

With your generosity, we can bring end food insecurity and support people all over the world as they tirelessly work to survive, thrive, and live long lives.

When you give through The Advance, a United Methodist Church Global Ministries project, you can be assured that 100% of your donation is earmarked for the Advance Project you choose.

This is a catalog of our Hunger Initiatives that you can support generously. We encourage you to rally you, your congregation, your small group, your family, and even your community behind these efforts.

MARYLAND CHURCH AIMS FOR HUNGER-FREE ZIP CODE

St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Kensington, Md., has set out to make the ZIP code in which it resides — 20895 — the nation’s first “Hunger Free Zone.”

It all started three years ago.

“We believed, with all our heart, that God was calling us to feed hungry people,” said the church’s pastor. The church responded, he said, with small steps.

The congregation fed people at Thanksgiving and Christmas, distributed coupons to a monthly pancake breakfast at the church, and bought 2,500 reusable bags for church members to fill with groceries for the local food pantry. Snell’s vision is to, in partnership with Bethesda Help, eliminate chronic hunger in Zip Code 20895. Bethesda Help provides emergency relief and food assistance to area residents.

“Our promise is that anyone living in 20895 who is hungry will be fed,” said Snell.

According to the 2010 United States Census, ZIP code 20895 had a population of 19,054, with an average household income exceeding $111,000. With those statistics, it might be hard to imagine anyone lacking the resources to buy food or anyone going hungry.

Yet, in 2012, Bethesda Help assisted more than 300 households, according to Karen Auerbach, president of the organization and another speaker at the press conference.

The 20895 area, Snell said, includes immigrants, transients and people who are hungry.

“The need is great,” he said. “The reality is: it will always be great here. For whatever reasons, there are people who run short of food. When people call, we’re able to respond and people get fed, it’s hunger-free.”

“We promise to deliver a three-day supply of food to those people who are hungry in our neighborhoods,” said Snell. “All they have to do is simply ask for it.”

How will Snell know when 20895 has become a hunger-free zone?

“Ideally, when no more calls come in,” he replied. “When we have gotten everyone to come up to a level where we can then look beyond our ZIP code and help those around us.”

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Perry also recalls a memorable spring project when he and his wife helped a Christian-based boys’ home in Lampe, Mo. “We are told, ‘thank you’ all the time when we work for NOMADS,” he says, “but it’s really we who are the ones being blessed.”

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#982920

**World Hunger and Poverty**

**Annual Goal: $750,000**

*Location: Global, Global*

Approximately 815 million people are estimated to be suffering from food insecurity or chronic hunger, regularly not getting enough nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life. UMCOR accompanies and empowers families and communities by providing access to the resources, training and technical support they need to increase and diversify their agricultural production enabling them to consume sufficient food to maintain a healthy and productive life and to sell excess to meet other needs like health care or education. The primary goal of this project is to provide funding, develop resources, and mobilize people to end hunger and poverty in the world.

#982380

**Church World Service, CROP Hunger Walk**

**Annual Goal: $25,000**

*Location: Global, Global*

Hunger is the number one risk to global health, killing more people each year than AIDS, malaria and TB combined. CROP Hunger Walk is the community-based fundraising and awareness-building appeal of Church World Service, a coalition of 37 Christian denominations (including the United Methodist Church) and a major force in the fight to end hunger here at home and around the world. The primary goal of this project is to engage congregations to provide leadership and involvement for the interfaith CROP Hunger walk.

#982325

**Faith-Based Advocacy to End Hunger**

**Annual Goal: $75,000**

*Location: Global, Global*

Worldwide, 815 million people are chronically undernourished worldwide, including 159 million children. This project will support efforts of churches, including United Methodist Churches, in advocating for policies that will lead to an end of hunger and extreme poverty by 2030. It will support the development of resources for churches such as advocacy tools and educational materials on issues and the biblical basis for advocacy. Our goal is to help change U.S. national priorities by 2017 and work with the new president and Congress to foster U.S. leadership putting the world on track toward ending hunger by 2030.

#982532

**Living Gifts: Heifer International**

**Annual Goal: $1,000,000**

*Location: Global, Global*

There is a great need for Heifer International’s work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth by partnering with poor smallholder farmers. Worldwide over 815 million are undernourished*. Heifer International believes ending world hunger is possible and within our grasp. Heifer projects, through the Advance, directly help families to become self-sufficient in sustainable ways. The overall goal of this project is to improve livelihoods, by providing livestock and training and helping helping communities increase their income and improve their food security.

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The Church World Service Blankets and Program aims to garner support from congregations to provide basic emergency supplies, as well as tools and resources for long-term recovery and development to communities in need.

Society of St. Andrew

Annual Goal: $400,000
Location: United States, North America

41 million people in the United States are hungry—millions of them skimping on food or missing meals. More than 133 billion pounds of good food goes to waste in the United States every year, thrown in landfills or left to rot in fields. The Society of St. Andrew engages 30,000 or more volunteers to practice picking, digging, or gathering nutritious food remaining after harvest to share with neighbors in need. Through this project, the Society of St. Andrew will mobilize and engage volunteers to conserve and steward earth’s resources, salvaging and sharing fresh produce, so that everyone in the United States has access to healthy food and sufficient food to thrive.

Foods Resource Bank (FRB)

Annual Goal: $80,000
Location: Ilula Tanzania Africa

Sustainable agricultural education and development is necessary to defeat hunger and promote greater harvesting market income. The IOP Farm Program is developing Artemisia production, sorting, and packaging for the control of malaria, developing sustainable marketing products through the expansion of livestock, poultry, and bee keeping, in cooperation with university agricultural departments is testing and developing new agricultural procedures to defeat hunger and poverty in Ilula, Tanzania. Through this project, we are able to provide education and care for HIV/AIDS orphans, eradicate hunger, poverty, and disease.

Ilula Orphan Program

Annual Goal: $80,000
Location: Ilula Tanzania Africa

75% of the world’s 815 million hungry people are farmers and/or those living in rural communities. Therefore, agriculture offers a unique opportunity to millions of the poorest and hungriest people around our world to improve their lives. By engaging with these farmers and their communities we can work together to improve their health, livelihoods and futures and make a lasting impact on the reduction of hunger and poverty. Growing Hope Globally’s mission is to alleviate world hunger by supporting smallholder farmers through holistic small-scale food security programs. Growing Hope Globally’s primary goal is to support rural people in need in the developing world as they grow lasting solutions to hunger.
#3022148

**Agriculture Project**

**Annual Goal:** $35,600  
**Location:** Congo, (Democratic Republic) Africa

The purpose of this project is to eradicate hunger and malnutrition in central Congo and encourage economic development through sustainable farming. Through this project, we are able to teach traction farming, a method of farming that promotes good stewardship of soil and air. Along with alleviating malnutrition and creating economic development, this project will allow the community to set the standard for other villages, thereby providing sustainable agriculture throughout the Central Congo.

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**Advancing Food Security through Organic Agriculture in Brazil**

**Annual Goal:** $5,000  
**Location:** Brazil Latin America and Caribbean

Brazil’s northeast region faces significant historical and present day challenges to social and economic justice and food sovereignty. This project seeks to strengthen rural livelihoods throughout Brazil while offering a viable alternative to the damages of industrial agriculture, and promote sustainable and healthy agroecological farming practices to formerly landless farmers in the northeastern state of either Maranhão or Pernambuco. Overall, this project will also impact leadership capacity and strengthen communities.

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**Quéssua Mission**

**Annual Goal:** $15,000  
**Location:** Malange Angola Africa

In East Angola, education, health, nutrition, and modern agricultural practices are some of the urgent needs faced by the Mission and the surrounding communities, as the Country is recovering from the Civil War. Financial support raised through this project will be used to expand the school facilities, re-open the medical center as well as re-establish the agricultural programs for the good of the surrounding communities. Primary goal of the project is provision of education opportunities to the surrounding communities, medical care for the communities around Quessua, and nutrition resulting from modern agricultural practices.

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**Augmenting Food Production and Income in Times of Siege: Urban Gardens**

**Annual Goal:** $10,000  
**Location:** Israel/Palestine Middle East

Throughout the past 10 years Gaza citizens have suffered from heightened vulnerability and instability. This project, developed according to the needs of the beneficiaries with their input, will provide a sustainable and growing source of income and nutrition for the families by providing them with animals such as rabbits and chickens (or, when households have sufficient land, other animals such as goats or sheep) for breeding, and a plant unit (45 sq. mile green house which allows food production all year round for the family) to grow food. The families will also receive ongoing technical assistance to help them with their urban food production operations. The goal is to increase nutrition and economic resiliency among 250 poor vulnerable, women-headed households affected by the war on Gaza.
#982041

Appalachian Ministry Network

Annual Goal: $5,000
Location: United States, North America

There are unique issues that impact Appalachians -- there is a lack of resources in rural and urban churches for development of ministry to address issues of the community and there are growing problems of society: violence and crime, homelessness, substance abuse, lack of workforce development, and community and economic development. This project will provide resources and administrative assistance to agencies, conferences, and boards that are strategizing and implementing programs in Appalachia. The overall goal of the project is to alleviate the injustices impacting the lives of Appalachian families, such as hunger, poverty, environmental degradation.

#773726

Red Bird Mission

Annual Goal: $350,000
Location: United States, North America

Poverty, isolation, and lack of economic opportunity are the overarching circumstances of the Red Bird community. The Red Bird Mission addresses every one of the needs as funding and resources are available. This project funds the Red Bird Mission which empowers individuals and advocates justice though spiritual, educational, health and community outreach ministries.

#3021107

The Big Garden

Annual Goal: $15,000
Location: United States, North America

The Big Garden began in 2005, with a focus on growing nutritious food in East Omaha, an urban food desert with a diverse population, many of whom live below the poverty line.

Through The Big Garden’s mission, which is to cultivate food security by developing community gardens, creating opportunities to serve, and providing education on issues related to hunger, this project is doing many different things to address these needs. The primary goal of this program is to improve food security through the development of community gardens, educational offerings, and opportunities to serve.

#418812

Solar Oven Partners UMC

Annual Goal: $65,000
Location: Dominican Republic Latin America and Caribbean

There are many Dominicans who do not receive a living wage and live on the edge of being hungry. The new solar oven training and distribution program educates users on the concepts and benefits of using free solar energy, and provides hands-on training in the assembly, use and cooking of various meals for their families. The primary goal and long term impact of this project reduces the costs of daily meals, pasteurizes drinking water and encourages conservation.
In the Caribbean, economic conditions vary widely, as do educational opportunities, health services, nutrition and sanitation facilities. This project works locally to develop community gardens together with the community. The goal of this project is to reduce hunger and poverty.

In the South Sudan, there is a need for food security, economic development to reduce poverty, and a need for low input and start up costs. This project will continue to replace traditional bee hives to avoid destruction of bee colonies when the honey is harvested, identify effective leaders and train them so they can develop the project, and provide animals with high reproductive rates to insure a stable source of animals. Through this project, we will reduce malnutrition, hunger, and poverty as well as build stronger leadership.

Most Cambodian citizens are dependent on rice farming for their livelihood, but rampant poverty coupled with low crop yield and failure due to drought/flood, exacerbate food security problems. This project will assist households to meet their own daily nutrition requirements and generate surplus assets, aiming to help Cambodians to become income and food secure, healthy and resilient against climate change.
Agriculture and Development Center

Annual Goal: $120,000  
Location: Congo, (Democratic Republic) Africa

In the Congo, there is rampant poverty, weak income revenue, and poor nutrition. This project improves cultivating techniques and helps generate revenue by providing people with the seeds for planting and producing sunflowers which are transformed into oil and sold. Our primary goal is to continue empowering the community with innovations in agriculture and microfinance so that they will be able to save money, get credit, and growing their business.

Sheltering the Children of Gretta Moffat United Methodist School

Annual Goal: $24,015  
Location: Liberia Africa

The majority of the children who are attending the Gretta Moffat United Methodist School live ten to fifteen miles away from the school which means that the children are exposed to danger from walking the lonely bush roads without an adult person to accompany them. Donor funding will help purchase building materials needed for the construction of two dormitories for the school and will also seek local intervention for local materials such as rocks and sand. The primary goal is to provide shelter to the school children of John Dean Town and motivate children to go to school.

Lost and Found: Children of the Dominican Republic

Annual Goal: $22,000  
Location: Dominican Republic

Poverty and corruption have crippled the Dominican Republic nation, and those who suffer the consequences most are the children. Malnutrition, family violence, unemployment and low wages create a systemic social environment that destroys life. This project will provide an infusion of resources to enable new Christian Education resources to be written, printed and distributed locally to the IED church body. In addition, this project will provide teacher training in theology, pedagogy, Bible study methods, addressing social realities of the Dominican Republic. The goal of this project is to bring about a reduction in teen and pre-teen pregnancy and a reduction in family violence, as well as bring forth a new vision for the children and youth in the project based on the love and justice of God.

Cookson Hills Center United Methodist Mission

Annual Goal: $50,000  
Location: United States, North America

Cookson Hills is located in 3 of the 4 poorest counties in Oklahoma. Poverty is systemic and all of the effects of poverty can be seen here in this area -- domestic violence, addiction, incest, gambling, child neglect, hunger, lack of transportation and spiritual depravity. This project provides services that aid the poor and provides employment through 7 cottage industries. The primary goal is to meet the needs of the poor and to be the hands and feet of Christ to this community.
House of the Carpenter

Annual Goal: $8,000
Location: Wheeling United States North America

The region of Wheeling struggles with poverty -- over 25% of children are living below the poverty level and over 50% are below the self-sufficiency index. This project addresses the needs of the community, provides a Thursday dinner and worship experience, a youth mentoring program and it helps others begin the journey out of poverty. The primary goal is to meet the basic needs of neighbors thereby helping to improve the quality of life.

Give Ye Them To Eat

Annual Goal: $150,000
Location: Mexico Latin America and Caribbean

In this area, there is poverty, low levels of education, lack of water, arid land, a lack of job opportunities, no health services and a lack of good breed animals. This project helps to educate people by teaching them to build upon what they have - the local resources that surround them while teaching them to implement eco-technologies that will alleviate their suffering. This project’s primary goal is to strengthen the capabilities of marginalized people and communities to meet their basic needs, and to determine and sustain a just and integrated development process so people can achieve the full promise and potential of their life as a child of God.

Tsala Women Training Center and Program Department

Annual Goal: $14,000
Location: Matola Mozambique Africa

The Tsala community has been in an extended drought period which has lead to a lack of agriculture and food insecurity. In addition, many do not have jobs as they lack education. This project aims to mitigate hunger, by helping people start small businesses through micro-financing and providing lunches to children at school. The primary goal is to reduce the rate of unemployment, reduce illiteracy, and eliminate hunger.

Eurasia Church Planting and Mission Projects

Annual Goal: $60,000
Location: Russia Europe and Eurasia

There are 13 countries that form the area called Eurasia, which extends from the borders of the European Union to the Far East: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. The area has over 200 million people most of whom are unchurched. This project will help to plant new churches and send Eurasian mission teams to the area. Projects and ministries focus on education of pastors and lay leaders, evangelism, children and youth, and economically marginal groups.
#3020646

**Feeding of Homebound Elderly and Training Caregivers**

**Annual Goal:** $18,000  
**Location:** Liberia Africa

The needs affecting the community of Liberia, Africa include healthcare, food, shelter, clothing. This project will help train more caregivers how to be efficient and effective in caring for the elderly and making them aware of the needs of the elderly such as spiritual, physical, etc. The goals include encouraging them by letting people know that God loves them, helping locals learn sustainable trades so that they can afford food, creating a food bank, providing integrity and dignity to the elderly, and building a medical clinic.

#3022289

**Center for Health and Hope: The Gift of H.O.P.E.**

**Annual Goal:** $24,620  
**Location:** Kenya Africa

In Meru, Kenya, a major center of Kenya Methodists, AIDS has clearly been a disease closely associated with poverty and hunger and children orphaned by HIV or AIDS need protection, safety, food, education, love, and access to medical treatment. The Center for Health and Hope supports and advocates for persons infected and affected by HIV and AIDS around the world through programs of education, prevention, care, and treatment, as well as supports orphans in a community-based program. The aim of this project is to ensure even more AIDS orphans receive Christian care that includes at least these six life essentials: health care (including access to HIV treatment as needed), shelter, nutrition, education, safety, and personal support.

#3020439

**Shepherd Society**

**Annual Goal:** $49,000  
**Location:** Israel/Palestine Middle East

People of the holy land have witnessed much turmoil over the centuries which has contributed to severe unemployment and underemployment. In addition, the Syrian and Iraqi wars have created a huge crisis for refugees who need emergency humanitarian aid, food, medical aid, and encouragement. This project will enable us to continue to provide emergency humanitarian aid through financial help for food shortages, medical emergencies, and subsidies for electrical bills and school tuition fees. It will also provide job creation through micro-business grants which will enable some families to become self-sufficient. Through offering tangible assistance and ministry we aim to offer hope in the midst of violence, despair and hopelessness, lessening the suffering of those we are able to help, and helping some to get back on their feet.

#982027

**Children’s Ministries**

**Annual Goal:** $100,000  
**Location:** Global, Global

Around 30% of all children in developing countries are estimated to be underweight or stunted and poor nutrition contributes to 3.1 million deaths of children under five. UMCOR accompanies and empowers children, families and communities by providing access to the resources, training and technical support they need to break the cycle of poverty, become well-nourished, healthy and happy. Our goal is to ensure that children have the material, emotional and social resources they need to thrive and become active and engaged citizens.
**#15016A**

**Mujila Falls Agriculture Center**

**Annual Goal:** $160,000  
**Location:** Mujila Falls Zambia Africa

The people of extreme Northwest Zambia have the highest infant mortality rates and lowest life expectancy of all tribes in Zambia. The greatest need is to improve protein, vitamin and mineral content in the local diet and help families to increase their incomes so they can provide for schooling, medical care, clothing, additional foods, etc. This project expands egg and milk production, helps build an electrical system, and teaches sustainable farming and livestock practices. The goal of this project is to continue the work of eradicating malnutrition and help the Lunda People increase family incomes by becoming more effective and efficient farmers.

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**#791742**

**Robeson County Church and Community Center, Inc**

**Annual Goal:** $33,486  
**Location:** United States, North America

RCCCC is one of the lead non-government ecumenically sponsored, community sponsored non-profit organization in the county that seeks to address and alleviate hunger, homelessness, eviction, health care needs, and lack of housing for those living in poverty in Robeson County. The RCCCC offers multiple programs that address the needs in the community, including food pantries, wheelchair ramps, and emergency assistance.

Overall, this project will lead to a significant reduction of food deprivation issues, an increase in the number of senior citizens receiving more services, and provide more access to healthy foods such as fruits and vegetables.

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**Southern Philippines Methodist Colleges, Scholarships and Meals**

**Annual Goal:** $24,996  
**Location:** Kidapawan City Philippines Asia and Pacific

This project provides scholarship and meal assistance for needy students coming from Davao Episcopal Area. There are local churches of the UMC that are not capable of supporting its own ministry, where some pastors oversee 2-3 small churches, negatively affecting the pastor personally, and impacting the efficiency and growth of the church. There are still many young people in the rural areas especially among indigenous peoples, who are very willing to pursue a higher education, but cannot due to poverty and limited access to education. This initiative will result in a more empowered community.
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