

Resolution to Participate in Pray – Act – Connect – Educate (PACE) to Reduce Hunger in Our Neighbors Near and Far

2024 Greater Milwaukee Synod Resolution 1

WHEREAS, According to ELCA World Hunger, more than 820 million people, approximately 11% of the people in our world today, are hungry; and

WHEREAS, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need and to assist them with health clinics, microloans, water wells, animal husbandry, community meals, and advocacy, and that our gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty; and

WHEREAS, ELCA advocacy works for change in public policy based on the experience of Lutheran ministries, programs and projects around the world and in communities across the United State, and that the ELCA works through political channels on behalf of the following biblical values: peacemaking, hospitality to strangers, care for creation, and concern for people living in poverty and struggling with hunger and disease; and

WHEREAS, We believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor, and that God uses our hands, through our direct service work, our voices, through our advocacy efforts to restore and reconcile our world, and that through faithful advocacy we live out our Lutheran belief that governments can help advance the common good; and

WHEREAS, When we act as a coordinated network of advocates and reach out to officials on relevant, timely issues, we effectively impact public policies; and

WHEREAS, ELCA World Hunger is observing its 50th anniversary; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Greater Milwaukee Synod will encourage our synod members to support ELCA World Hunger by raising an additional \$50,000 by Synod Assembly 2025 above our usual synodical offerings through initiatives like Global Barnyard, and other opportunities found in the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog, Act 2 Day 4 Tomorrow, and many more opportunities found at <http://www.elca.org/hunger>; and

RESOLVED, That congregations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod will be encouraged to learn about and participate in Pray – Act – Connect – Educate (PACE) so that they can be God's hands and voice for our hungry neighbors, near and far; and

RESOLVED, That congregations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod will be encouraged to learn about ELCA World Hunger domestic hunger and hunger education grants.