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FROM MIKKA'S DESK: SYNOD ASSEMBLIES AND BEYOND

Dear ELCA World Hunger Leaders and Friends,

I've been a guest at six ELCA synod assemblies this season, including the Rocky Mountain, Southeastern Minnesota, Northwestern Minnesota, Nebraska, Eastern North Dakota synods and most recently, the New England Synod. Overall, through presence of ELCA World Hunger staff and *your important local synod leadership*, ELCA World Hunger will be present at more than HALF of the 62 synod assemblies gathered this season!

Through our combined witness, many ELCA Lutherans who so faithfully give and support this ministry will be encouraged and thanked, and many others who are looking for a way to be involved will have made that first connection. Thank you!

Listening in at six synod assemblies allowed me to observe some trends, namely that we are on the verge of a leadership crisis. According to some bishops' accounts, the average age of ELCA clergy is 61. On the reverse side of the coin, we have 40-45 percent fewer people enrolling in seminary each year as compared to 10 years ago. In some synods, there are no interns available for formation and service.

Let us ask the Lutheran question, "What does this mean for us?" As a church of the Reformation, next year, we will mark the 500th anniversary of our tradition. We, as a volunteer network of 2,000+ Lutherans, who want to see an end to poverty and hunger and a just world where all are fed – we can kick into high gear!

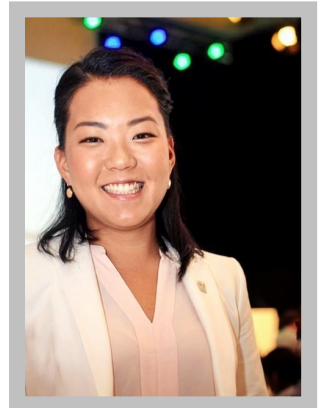
The church of tomorrow will need a hybrid leader who sees both Word and Sacrament and Word and Service ministry as inherently connected and feels the connection between the church within the four walls and outside the building. The church will need those folks in rostered and lay ministry, and we can help lead the way.

Thanks to you and counting you, we are on the way there. Over the summer, keep an eye out. Invite a friend, a colleague, a congregation member to join the ELCA World Hunger cause – we are church for the sake of the world!

Together,

Mikka McCracken

Director, ELCA World Hunger Planning and Engagement



INTERN INSIGHTS: SCOTT VAN DAALEN – NETWORKING INTERN

ELCA World Hunger has a long history of accompanying young adults as leaders in this church and in the world. One way this is done is through the opportunity to host summer interns. This year ELCA World Hunger is excited to introduce to you the three interns who will be working in a variety of ways on the team as they learn about the root causes of hunger and poverty in this world. A warm welcome to Shubira Backo, Micah Kassahun and Scott Van Daalen. Over the course of the next three months we will introduce each of them to you individually here in the Intern Insights section. If you would like to learn more about each of them and the work they are doing, be sure to follow the ELCA World Hunger blog this summer at: blogs.ELCA.org/worldhunger/.

Meet Scott:

Q: What led you to doing an internship with ELCA World Hunger?

A: One of the reasons I decided to intern with ELCA World Hunger is because I have been pretty involved with my congregation and synod, but I wanted to learn more about how the ELCA functions at the churchwide level. I also have been interested in the work that ELCA World Hunger does for the last few years, so this was an opportunity I could not pass on!

Q: What is one interesting fact that you have learned about ELCA World Hunger?

A: An interesting fact I have learned about ELCA World Hunger is that solving the problem of world hunger is so much more than just giving food to those who are hungry. If we want to end world hunger, we must be willing to create relationships, assist with sustainable development, educate people about hunger, create space at the table for all people and so much more!

Q: Where do you see media and ministry intersecting?

A: We are currently in one of the most exciting times to be the church. Never before have we had an ability to reach mass amounts of people through media. However, it also means that we must be willing to step up, learn and do what we can to share the good news on those platforms. I think it is important that we see this as a chance to move forward with the advances of technology and that we do not get left behind with outdated practices in terms of media.



**NETWORKING INTERN
SCOTT VAN DAALEN**

GRACE GATHERING AND THE 2016 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

Headed to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans as a voting member or visitor this August? Have you been wanting to try the Walk for Water for yourself? The ELCA Walking Path (in the exhibit hall) will provide an opportunity to wake up your mind and muscles along two courses to Walk for a Healthier ELCA (sponsored by Portico Benefit Services) and Walk for Water (sponsored by ELCA World Hunger). Learn more at ELCA.org/cwa.

Additionally, this year all ELCA members are invited to attend the Grace Gathering – a side event hosted in partnership with the ELCA Churchwide Assembly. ELCA World Hunger will be hosting one of the God's Grace in Action experiential learning tracks during the gathering. Join us on a walk through the heart of the city where we will hear from local leaders responding to hunger, discover the treasures of the city, and learn practical tools to help your congregation join in God's work of building a world where all will be fed. Learn more at ELCA.org/gracegathering.

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH: ELCA WORLD HUNGER TOOLKITS

Looking for an activity to help others learn about hunger? ELCA World Hunger Toolkits are the perfect place to start. Each toolkit includes a variety of activities designed for groups of different ages and activity levels, from folks who like to sit and talk to those who prefer to be up and moving around. These activities will help participants learn about different aspects of hunger, including food systems, disease, access to water and climate change. An updated toolkit on gender and hunger will be available summer 2016! Download all of the toolkits from ELCA.org/hunger/resources. Just click on the "Toolkits" tab.



AMMPARO LINKS FROM TUESDAY'S WEBINAR

The ELCA World Hunger June monthly webinar featured the ELCA's strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO). Learn more by viewing the webinar at the link provided in the box below. "God is our refuge and strength, very present help in trouble" Psalm 46:1.

Video links:

[Guardian Angles – an introduction](#)

[A mother's story – short](#)

[A mother's story – full](#)

Resource Links:

ELCA.org/Resources/AMMPARO



MONTHLY NETWORK WEBINAR: JUNE LINK AND JULY MEETING DATE

This month, the ELCA World Hunger webinar featured the ELCA's strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) with Mary Campbell from ELCA Global Mission. The summer interns introduced themselves and there was wonderful discussion around synod assemblies. You can listen [here](#). The recording is listed by topic below:

00:00 - 00:33 Welcome and introductions

00:33 - 22:33 AMMPARO presentation (resource links found above)

22:33 - 23:35 Fundraising update

23:35 - 27:24 Introducing the summer interns

27:24 - 35:00 Synod assemblies

35:00 - 37:24 Resource of the month: ELCA World Hunger Toolkits

37:24 - 40:08 Questions and discussion

Next month's webinar: Tuesday, July 19

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

Featured topic: ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering in review!

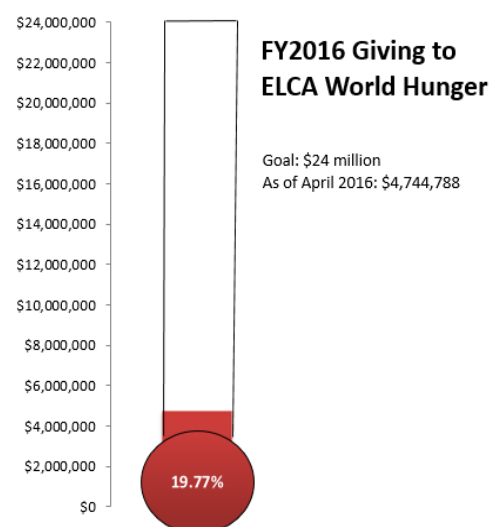
BY THE NUMBERS: THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELCA

Thank you for all your hard work and support for ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving! ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving was launched in Lent 2016 as a way to kick off ELCA World Hunger's year of emphasis within the life of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. There were 449 congregations registered for the initiative with nearly 10 percent of registrants exceeding their fundraising goals!

The initiative's was raising an additional \$2 million from congregations during Lent*. Congregational gifts given during the initiative totaled \$1,457,114**. All gifts given to ELCA World Hunger during Lent 2016 totaled \$3,125,154**. These totals do not represent all the Lenten gifts, however, as gifts given by participating congregations continue to come in. Once again, thank you for your generosity!

* Gifts were counted from Feb. 7, 2016, to April 15, 2016, or the duration of ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving.

** These numbers were pulled on May 20, 2016. They remain preliminary and unaudited.

***Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA – Totals as of the end of April 2016***

ELCA World Hunger year-to-date (toward overall goal of \$24 million by end of FY2016)	\$4.74 million
ELCA World Hunger (toward <i>The Campaign for the ELCA</i> goal of \$115 million by end of FY2018)	\$46.01 million
Overall <i>The Campaign for the ELCA</i> (toward overall goal of \$198 million by end of FY2018)	\$81.56 million

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