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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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## FROM TASHINA'S DESK:

Dear ELCA World Hunger Leaders,

It has been a true joy to spend the past year with you. I have had the privilege getting to know many of you through regional gatherings, phone or email conversations, via social media and most recently the ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering. Your passion for ministry and hunger justice is inspiring and brings hope.

This past weekend hunger leaders from across the ELCA came together for growth and development, fellowship and worship. If you were not able to attend, I lift up the Storify link on page 2 and the webinar link on page 3 as places to learn more about what we're up to. It was an amazing four days filled with conversation and stories. We were joined by ELCA missionaries from around the world telling how ELCA World Hunger is accompanying the communities where they serve. We also had the opportunity to hear from hunger leaders, like yourself, telling stories of their congregational and synod hunger ministries.

One such "ministry moment" presented by a hunger leader (Mary Clare James) lifted up the community that is shared by all of us. She spoke about the calling in faith toward hunger justice and how it unites each of us together in ways deeper than that of people we may cross paths with each day. This sense of a faith calling drawing into community is one that I not only relate to, it is one that excites and drives me. As an invested sister of the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, I see faith as being lived out in community. The deaconess motto begins with "Compelled by the love of Christ." This comes from 2 Corinthians 5 and is inscribed on my investiture pin as a reminder of why we do the ministries we are called to; it is ingrained in our faith; we are compelled; we are called. I see this in the hunger work that each of you does. You, we, are compelled by the love of Christ, and I am so honored to be a small part in that along side each of you.

As my time with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps and my placement with ELCA World Hunger comes to an end this week, I look forward toward the possibilities of a first call within a congregation. I look forward to continue walking alongside each of you as a fellow hunger leader. Thank you for showing me what that means.

Peace,

Sister Tashina Good

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## INTERN INSIGHTS: SHUBIRA BOCKO – EDUCATION 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. Last month we introduced you to Scott, and this month we are excited to introduce you to Shubira. Stay tuned for next month to meet Micah. 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/](https://blogs.ELCA.org/worldhunger/).

### Meet Shubira:

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

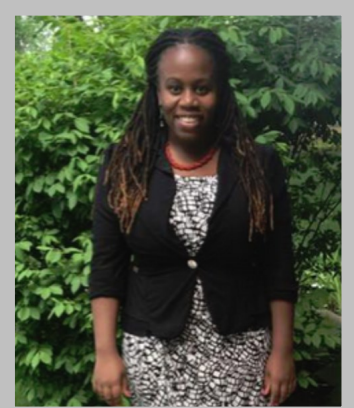
**A:** Having just returned from Peace Corps Tanzania where I worked as a health volunteer teaching women about maternal health and HIV and malaria prevention, I wanted an internship that dealt with similar work related to alleviating poverty. ELCA World Hunger is a place that gives me that opportunity.

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

**A:** During these past few weeks, I have learned more about the resources such as online toolkits that ELCA World Hunger has to help educate congregations and communities about hunger.

**Q:** What is an interesting fact about yourself?

**A:** During my time as a Peace Corps volunteer, I lived in the Philippines for five months. While there I had the opportunity to teach children and youth life skills.



**EDUCATION INTERN  
SHUBIRA BOCKO**

## ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering 2016

Thank you to all who joined together July 14-17 in Chicago for the ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering under the theme, "We Are Church for the Sake of the World." Every 18 months, two hunger leaders from each synod are invited to gather for a time of learning, fellowship and networking. This year we were blessed by the presence of missionaries from around the world who shared how ELCA World Hunger is involved in their region of the world, keynote addresses by ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop Jensen Seyenkulo, Lutheran Church in Liberia, and much more. Be sure to follow the link on page 3 to listen to the July monthly webinar focusing on a recap of the event and visit our Storify page, [by clicking here](#), lifting up pictures, quotes and stories shared during the event on social media.

*(Photos to the right were taken during the event.)*



## RESOURCE OF THE MONTH: ELCA WORLD HUNGER SOCIAL MEDIA

Looking for a place to connect, share, to find stories and relevant information and resources affiliated with ELCA World Hunger? ELCA World Hunger's social media platforms are the place to start! The [ELCA World Hunger Leaders and Friends](#) Facebook closed group is designed for you to engage one another in discussion and share information. ELCA World Hunger can also be found on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Vimeo at the links below. This is an amazing way to engage individuals, congregations and synods in the ELCA World Hunger ministries we do together in your communities and around the world. Be sure to follow, like, share, tweet, post and hashtag to grow this community and share your stories. See you online!

Click on the buttons below for links to the social media sites!



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## "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY — SEPT. 11, 2016

Here are some ways congregations were working toward a world where all are fed during "God's work. Our hands." Sunday 2015. If your congregation will be using an ELCA World Hunger resource or volunteering at a Domestic Hunger Grant site, be sure to share your story at [hunger@elca.org](mailto:hunger@elca.org) or on social media with the hashtag #ELCAWorldHunger.



**Our Redeemer Lutheran**  
@OurRedeemerLuth  
Community garden work for God's Work, Our Hands Weekend.  
#GWOH elca #OurRedeemerLives #grandprairie Antille  
2:03 PM · 12 Sep 2015



**Brandon Lutheran Church**  
about 10 mins. Mark Our Hands  
**free FARMERS MARKET**  
FREE Farmers Market ..... NOW @ Brandon Lutheran Church until gone!!!!  
#gwoh #dosomethingbc



**St. Mark's Lutheran**  
@StMarkHSV  
Packed 200 Blessings in a backpack sacks of food plus 100  
bags of food for Manna House #GWOH  
1:57 PM · 13 Sep 2015

## MONTHLY NETWORK WEBINAR: JULY LINK AND AUGUST MEETING DATE

This month, the ELCA World Hunger webinar featured a review of the ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering. Did you attend the gathering and wish to share your experiences with your synod or congregation hunger team? Were you not able to attend and want to know what others learned and experienced? This webinar is a great opportunity to see or share an overview of the event! You can listen [here](#). The recording is listed by topic below:

- 00:00 - 01:50** Welcome and introductions
- 01:51 - 30:14** ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering in review
- 30:15 - 34:50** The Mary and Howie Wennes Hunger Leader Endowment
- 34:51 - 39:50** Fall regional gatherings
- 39:51 - 43:45** Resource of the month: social media
- 43:46 - 48:36** A farewell to Tashina
- 48:37 - 49:36** Questions and closing

### Next month's webinar:

**Tuesday, Aug. 16**

8:30 p.m. Eastern/7:30 p.m.

Central/6:30 p.m.

Mountain/5:30 p.m. Pacific

**Featured topic: ELCA**

**Churchwide Assembly and  
Grace Gathering in review!**

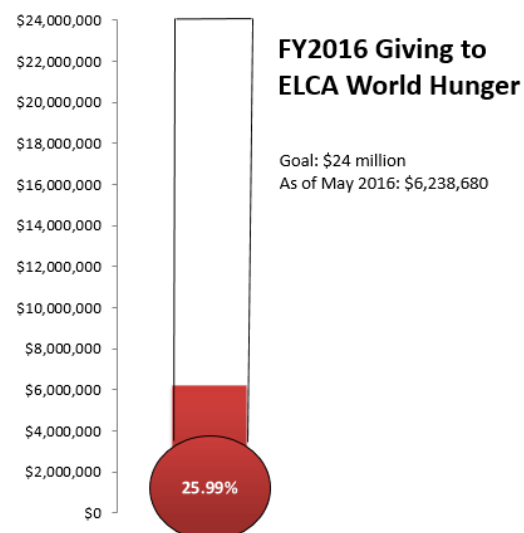
## BY THE NUMBERS: THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELCA

Taking a sneak peek into the unofficial giving information for the first half of the fiscal year, there is an interesting pattern emerging. Over-all giving to ELCA World Hunger is up, and this increase is being driven primarily by support given through congregations and synods. **This is a big change!**

For the past decade, annual giving to ELCA World Hunger through synods and congregations has been on a slow but steady downward trend. At the same time overall giving has been kept steady by increases from individuals, especially through ELCA Good Gifts, and through financial institutions.

For the first half of this year, however, giving through congregations and synods appears to be up by about 25 percent from last year. It is too early to know if this is a trend. However, it makes sense as many congregations and synods have placed a major focus this Lent and during synod assemblies on supporting the work we do together as ELCA World Hunger.

It is one more sign of the difference being made by congregation and synod hunger leaders. Thank you, and keep up the good work!



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

<b>ELCA World Hunger year-to-date</b> (toward overall goal of \$24 million by end of FY2016)	\$6.24 million
<b>ELCA World Hunger</b> (toward <i>The Campaign for the ELCA</i> goal of \$115 million by end of FY2018)	\$47.50 million
<b>Overall <i>The Campaign for the ELCA</i></b> (toward overall goal of \$198 million by end of FY2018)	\$83.31 million

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