

Presbyterian Hunger Program

Alleviating Hunger and Eliminating Its Causes



“Enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation.”

—Book of Confessions, 9.46

Fighting hunger is at the heart of our Presbyterian understanding of mission. Jesus fed the hungry and told his disciples to do the same. Yet, we know that hunger is an extremely complex phenomenon with economic, political and social causes. A local congregation can make a huge impact on local hunger. Thankfully, Presbyterian churches are feeding hungry people in their neighborhoods with food pantries, soup kitchens, community meals, community gardens, backpack programs and more. This important hunger ministry is vital to people who are hungry today. As the national Presbyterian Hunger Program, we celebrate this vital work of local congregations and we complement it by doing “root cause” work to help address the underlying questions of why people are hungry in order to reduce ongoing hunger.

When the world tolerates the vicious suffering of hungry people, the church is called to speak out and share all that we have. When powers and principalities regularize exploitation, the church stands with the exploited and witnesses to the fullness of life God intends for all. When people are made poor and vulnerable or are reduced to objects of pity, the church builds relationships of dignity and equality among all. Even at the risk of losing its own life, the church is called to point beyond ourselves to the new reality in Christ. Praying and working with Presbyterians and other partners, that it may be “on earth as it is in heaven,” the Presbyterian Hunger Program helps the church respond to the violence of hunger and poverty.

Presbyterian Hunger Program’s mission is clear: alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. There is no one-size-fits-all solution. PHP complements the work of Presbyterian congregations through strategic partnership collaborations, print and web educational and worship materials, and participatory programs so that Presbyterians Go, Join and Act to end hunger for our neighbors next door and across the planet.

We approach hunger holistically with five tools:

- Direct Food Relief combined with Root Cause Work
- Sustainable Development
- Advocacy
- Intentional and Sustainable Living
- Education

Employing these tools alongside congregations, partners and local communities, together we can end hunger.

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