

Hunger Ministries

How is our congregation doing?

(_____)
DATE

...For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...
Matthew 25:35

Our response to the poor is an indication of our relationship with Christ. Mother Teresa said, "*When I touch the body of the poor, I touch the Body of Christ.*" During the month of _____, we want to revitalize our covenant relationship with Christ and the poor.



Assessing Our Congregation's Hunger Ministry – On the lines below, enter either a **Y** (Yes) or **N** (No) to indicate the scope of our congregation's **present** or **recent** involvement. (Extra lines are provided for additional responses.)

Local Hunger

- Does our congregation participate in our community food pantry program? (See guide on web)
 - Does our congregation support Crop Walk each year?
(Go to **www.cropwalk.com** to see if there is a walk close by)
 - Does our congregation encourage persons to deliver Meals on Wheels?
 - Does our congregation provide meals for the hungry? (shelters, etc.)
 - Does our congregation support local food drives?
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Financial Assistance

- Does our congregation provide generous support to the Oblation Fund?
 - Does our congregation provide generous support to the World Hunger Fund?
 - Does our congregation have a partnership this year with Outreach International?
 - Is our congregation making a financial contribution to Bread for the World?
 - Have you included a budget line item for hunger ministry?
 - Is there a plan in place for members to contribute to the local food pantry?
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Worship

- Has our congregation provided a hunger-focused worship service? (1st Sunday in March or September or another date)
 - Are there regular prayers for the hungry in our worship services?
 - Does our congregation have banners/displays that reflect hunger concerns?
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Education

- ___ Has our congregation offered a hunger presentation? (video, guest speaker, etc)
 - ___ Has a study class on hunger been offered? (See website to access free *Hunger No More* study resource)
 - ___ Has our congregation sponsored a hunger fast? (See website to access Hunger Challenge resources)
 - ___ Does our congregational library/tract rack contain books/pamphlets/brochures on hunger?
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Advocacy

- ___ Has information been provided for the congregation to understand that the political process of citizen advocacy is an important response to hunger?
 - ___ Has our congregation provided for a Bread for the World Offering of Letters?
 - ___ Has membership in Bread for the World ever been encouraged in our congregation—either from the pulpit or by distribution of BFW brochures? (See **www.bread.org**)
 - ___ Does our congregation understand the difference between **relief** (charity) and **release** (justice) ministries?
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"O God, those who have hunger give bread; and to us who have bread give the hunger for justice."

--Latin American table grace

For additional information on things you can do and resources that would be helpful, go to **www.CofChrist.org/hunger**.