



The Hunger Action Team of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy invites you to join us in

UPROOTING HUNGER



In 2019, the congregations of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy are working together to create a massive effort to combat hunger and foster greater food justice, both in our region and around the world. Are you ready to join us?

What can my congregation do?

Become a PCUSA Covenanting Hunger Action Congregation!

The first step in the GLPBY **UPROOTING HUNGER** project is for congregations to become designated by the PC(USA) as a Covenanting Hunger Action Congregation. For congregations that already participate in or take up a collection for some type of hunger ministry, this will be a simple first step! Use the checklist on the following pages so you'll be ready to cut and paste into the online application: bit.ly/hungeractionform

NOTE: Covenanting Hunger Action Congregations in the GLPBY are eligible to receive a grant from the GLPBY Hunger Action Team to the feeding ministry of your choice. Once you've completed the process with the denomination, let us know!

What is a Hunger Action Congregation?

A project through the Presbyterian Hunger Program

The Hunger Action Congregation process is intended to celebrate the faithful work congregations are doing to alleviate hunger and end its causes, and ALSO to provide a framework, encouragement, & resources for these congregations to be even more justice-oriented.

People facing hunger:

IL: 1 in 9 people

MO: 1 in 7 people

(USA: 1 in 8)

In both IL and MO,
1 out of every 6
children struggles
with hunger.

Where do we begin?

Get your congregation on board!

Get the Session excited! Start a Hunger Action Team! (Or perhaps your Mission Committee will lead the charge?) Get the youth and children involved! Involve the adult Sunday School classes!

Evaluate what your church is already doing and plan the 'next steps' that will grow the practices, educational programs, and ministry participation. Make sure you consider the **UPROOTING HUNGER** timeline from the GLPBY, so that you'll know what resources are / will be available.

OK. We're a Covenanting HAC. Now What?

Become a CERTIFIED Hunger Action Congregation!

Becoming certified is the next step of the process ... and it's a little more difficult. (You might have to step up your game!) To qualify as a PCUSA Certified Hunger Action Congregation, you have to be participating in some kind of ministry or mission in each of the 6 categories that make up the Hunger Action Congregation program.

NOTE: Certified Hunger Action Congregations are eligible to receive an additional grant from the GLPBY Hunger Action Team to the feeding ministry of your choice. Don't forget to complete the application!

What are these 6 Categories of Hunger Action?

1. **Hunger Alleviation:** providing food in a dignified way with an eye to long-term structural solutions
2. **Development assistance:** addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty through equitable and sustainable development
3. **Hunger Education:** learning about systemic causes of hunger, leading towards faithful action that is informed and directed by directly-affected people and partners
4. **Lifestyle Integrity:** adopting sustainable personal and corporate lifestyles to restore justice and protect all of God's creation
5. **Corporate and Public Policy Witness:** advocating and campaigning for changes in policies and practices to end hunger and its causes, promote self-development, and care for creation
6. **Worship:** incorporating prayer, education, and preaching about ending hunger and its causes into worship



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Hunger Action Congregation Covenant

Hunger Alleviation: Providing food in a dignified way with an eye to long-term structural solutions

- Raise funds** to end hunger around the world
- Support a **feeding program** with volunteers and/or financial support, or run one yourself.
- Host or support (financial and/or volunteer) a **Summer Food Service Program**.
- Start or participate in a **Community Garden** or **host a CSA** (Community Supported Agriculture).
- Partner with another church** in your area to support their hunger ministry.
- An action your congregation is doing in this area: _____

Development Assistance: Addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty through equitable and sustainable development

- Support the Presbyterian Hunger Fund**, which provides grants to organizations in the U.S. and around the world.
- Become a **Jubilee Congregation** and work for economic justice locally and globally.
- Run a **shelter for the unhoused**, or support one with volunteers and/or financial support.
- Join or create a **local food policy council**.
- Become a **Worker Justice Congregation** through Interfaith Worker Justice.
- Support an existing **cooperative grocery** or get one going in your community.
- Organize a **job training program**, or support one with volunteers and/or financial support.
- An action your congregation is doing in this area: _____

Hunger Education: Learning about systemic causes of hunger, including racial, gender and economic injustices

- Use the ***Just Eating? Practicing Your Faith at the Table*** curriculum.
- Invite someone** from a local anti-hunger or anti-poverty program, particularly a person who is directly impacted, to speak at a study session or during worship.
- Host** a Hunger Banquet, Simple Meal, or Local Foods Potluck
- Christian education**, such as a Bible study or topical seminar.
- Do a **book** study.
- Show** a film or film series on hunger, poverty or injustice, and follow with discussion.
- Go on a Presbyterian Hunger Program **Reflection-Action Trip**,
- Participate in **World Food Day / Food Week of Action** or participate in or organize other hunger root cause events.
- Volunteer** for short-term service or other mission work
- Join** with another congregation in a hunger-related mission work experience.
- Participate** in listening projects and dialogue about the current and historical context of race and privilege, learning and practicing sensitivity about power dynamics and these issues.
- Send representatives to **Ecumenical Advocacy Weekend** in Washington, D.C. and have a report-back event or church newsletter article about it.
- An action your congregation is doing in this area: _____

Lifestyle Integrity: Adopting sustainable personal and corporate lifestyles to restore justice and protect all of God's creation

- Become an **Earth Care Congregation**.
- Join the Presbyterian Coffee Project** and offer fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate and more.
- Do another Fair Trade** activity and describe here _____
- Host a **fair trade/alternative market**.
- Use Eco-Palms** on Palm Sunday.
- Use pitchers of water** or other environmentally-friendly options at all church events rather than bottled water.
- Recycle**.
- Study** lifestyle issues and have individuals take actions in their own lives.
- An action your congregation is doing in this area: _____

Corporate and Public Policy Witness: Advocating and campaigning for changes in policies and practices to end hunger and its causes, promote self-development, and care for creation

- Do an Offering of Letters on the Bread for the World priority for the year.**
- Advocate for more livable wages.**
 - Call on Wendy's and/or Publix to join the Fair Food Program.
 - Ask Congress to raise the minimum wage.
- Advocate for an end to hunger and its** causes by contacting Congress through the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness.
- Encourage TIAA-CREF**, the pension company, to stop investing in land markets, which drive land grabs, speculation and deforestation by signing the letter to TIAA.
- Visit elected officials** and/or their staff.
- An action your congregation is doing in this area: _____

Worship: Focus on the biblical and theological grounding for hunger and poverty work, and incorporate these into worship through:

- Sermons on hunger, poverty and injustice
- Prayers, litanies, minutes for mission on hunger
- Music and hymns on these topics
- Video, skits and other activities during worship
- Choose and describe an action or actions your congregation is doing in this area: _____

Becoming a Hunger Action Congregation

- **Covenanting Hunger Action Congregation:** If you are doing hunger-related work in one or more of the six areas above, check the activities you are currently doing. You will be recognized on the PHP website as a Covenanting Hunger Action Congregation for three years. PHP will communicate with you periodically with updates, opportunities, and stories from other congregations to encourage you to increase or broaden your hunger ministries into other areas.
- **Certified Hunger Action Congregation:** If you are doing activities in all six areas, you will be certified for three years as a Certified Hunger Action Congregation and will receive a certificate to post in your church. You can renew certification by describing a new area of work or by submitting a story about your work for publication on social media and for possible use in the *PHP Post* justice journal.