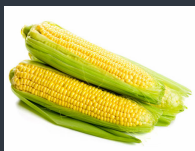


# Go and Do News

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2011

## AmpleHarvest.org



Did you know that 70 percent of food pantries are located in houses of worship?

The work of ELCA World Hunger includes development, education, advocacy and relief, such as food pantries.

The AmpleHarvest.org Campaign is a national online effort that enables the 40+ million Americans who grow food in home gardens to donate their excess harvest to registered local food pantries across all 50 states.

Food pantries must be registered with AmpleHarvest.org to receive donations. Please tell all food pantries you are associated with to register today by visiting [www.ampleharvest.org](http://www.ampleharvest.org). It's free and easy to do!

Thanks, and tell a friend!



Photo: ACT/Paul Jeffrey

A mother and her children--newly arrived refugees--carry their belongings through the Dadaab camp in northeastern Kenya. The Lutheran World Federation is manager of the camp and in July opened a new extension of housing for refugees. This photo and others are available for your use at [www.globalpix.smugmug.com/forsynodcommunicators](http://www.globalpix.smugmug.com/forsynodcommunicators). For more on the drought situation, see page three.

## ELCA Good Gifts



New gifts, new ways to make a difference!

The new, 24-page ELCA Good Gifts catalog offers more than 50 unique, meaningful gifts that support your favorite ELCA ministries--like ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Response and the ELCA Malaria Campaign--and honor loved ones at the same time.

Among the new gifts are the alpaca, a smaller relative of the llama, that for \$175 can provide a family living in poverty with soft fleece to make into clothing to sell at the marketplace. A gift of just \$270 could provide an operation to restore sight to the blind. Or, a gift of just \$25 is enough to provide medication to treat 25 people with

malaria. With all these gifts, there's something for everyone on your list!

Shop Good Gifts ([www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts)).

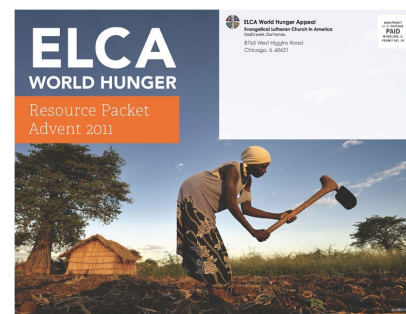
Order the catalog online ([www.elca.org/resources](http://www.elca.org/resources)).

## ELCA World Hunger Resource Packet

The new ELCA World Hunger Resource Packet includes a collection of the newest resources designed to raise awareness and funds for ELCA World Hunger in your congregation. The new packet should be in homes within the next 2 to 3 weeks. It includes a copy of the new ELCA Good Gifts catalog, new resources for the ELCA Malaria Campaign, reproducible stories and more!

To have the ELCA World Hunger Resource Packet delivered to your home twice a year, call 800-638-3522, ext. 2616.

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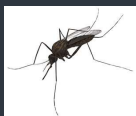
## ELCA Malaria Campaign Giving Fast Facts

**\$239,438**

Total gifts and commitments from the ELCA Churchwide Assembly Leadership Circle (voting members) as of August 25.

**\$28,591.93**

Total given during offering at the Assembly's worship service on Tuesday, August 18.



## Malaria Facts

- Almost 90 percent of the 800,000 people who die from malaria each year live in Africa.
- An African child has on average between 1.6 and 5.4 episodes of malaria each year.
- In countries with high rates of malaria, the disease accounts for up to 60 percent of health clinic visits and 50 percent of hospital stays.



## ELCA Malaria Campaign Underway

“Every 45 seconds a child dies from malaria, a preventable and treatable disease. Now the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will join with Lutheran churches in Africa to work toward a malaria-free future. This effort is part of the ELCA Malaria Campaign, officially launched by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly Aug. 15 by a 968-19 vote. A goal of the campaign is to raise \$15 million over a four-year period.”

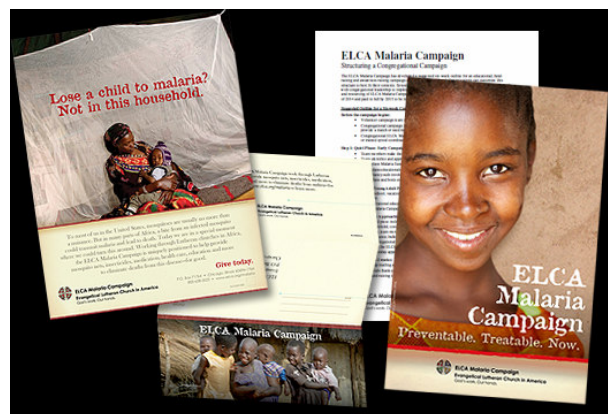
To read this and other ELCA News Service articles, visit [www.elca.org/news](http://www.elca.org/news).

## About the ELCA Malaria Campaign

Today we are in a special moment. Working through Lutheran churches in Africa, the ELCA Malaria Campaign is uniquely positioned to provide mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, health care, education and more to help eliminate deaths from this disease—for good.

The ELCA, through the ELCA Malaria Campaign, is joining hands with eleven Lutheran church bodies in Africa and becoming part of an historic global movement to say, “enough is enough!”

To learn more, get resources and get involved, visit [www.elca.org/malaria](http://www.elca.org/malaria). Graphics, video, bulletin inserts, youth activities, materials to learn about malaria, worship materials, craft projects and suggestions for structuring your campaign are all available.



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## Did you know?

Currently, most international appeals to raise funds in response to this emergency are only half funded.

## Give Now

There are many ways you can give to ELCA Disaster Response for Horn of Africa Drought Relief.



Give online (secure): <https://community.elca.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=656>.

Give by check\* or money order mailed to:  
ELCA Disaster Response  
39330 Treasury Center  
Chicago, IL 60694-9300  
(\*Write "Horn of Africa Drought" on the check's memo line.)

Give by credit card over the phone: 800-638-3522.

## Questions?

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## East Africa Drought Situation Update

The worsening drought in the Horn of Africa continues to have a devastating effect on more than 12.4 million people in that region. Through our membership in the Lutheran World Federation and the ACT Alliance and our relationships with companion churches in Kenya and Ethiopia, the ELCA is responding. The need is great, and the time is now.

As the United Nations declares famine in five areas of Somalia, more than one quarter of all Somalis have been displaced. Many walk for weeks to reach the already overcrowded LWF-managed camps of Dadaab and Dollo Ado. Millions of others in the region stand on the brink of starvation as their food and water run out.

Your gifts through ELCA Disaster Response help ease the overcrowding of camps by providing new arrivals with tents. Your gifts bring life-giving food, water and medical care to those who are most in need. Your gifts are enabling God's work through our hands.



## East Africa Drought Special Webinar Recording

On Thursday, August 11, ELCA World Hunger and ELCA Global Mission hosted a special webinar briefing on the Horn of Africa drought situation.

To view the full presentation with narration, visit <https://elcaorg.webex.com/elcaorg/lsr.php?AT=pb&SP=MC&rID=20702737&rKey=9fc11be6f2b16a72>.

For a copy of PowerPoint presentation itself, write Mikka at [Mikka.McCracken@elca.org](mailto:Mikka.McCracken@elca.org).

Special thanks to our diakonia colleagues in ELCA Global Mission, Megan Bradfield and Matthew Ley, for presenting at the web meeting.

## ELCA Churchwide Assembly

The 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, August 15-29, has ended, but the journey has just begun. Visit [www.elca.org/assembly](http://www.elca.org/assembly) to watch 2011 assembly videos, watch Living Lutheran video contest entries, read the new social statement on genetics, review "Living into the Future Together (LIFT)" recommendations and actions, read a summary of actions taken at the assembly and much more.

All in all, under the theme "Freed in Christ to Serve," the work and ministry of ELCA World Hunger shone throughout the life, decisions and messages of the Assembly.

*"For freedom Christ has set us free...only do not use this freedom as an occasion for self-indulgence, but serve one another in love." -Galatians 5:1,13*



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