

2023 Grand Canyon Synod Assembly

“Be Bold in Your Baptism”

June 9-10, 2023

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Oro Valley, Tucson Area

REPORT OF THE REFERENCE AND COUNSEL COMMITTEE

Dear friends in Christ,

The assembly received one resolution before our deadline on April 21, 2023.

In the opinion of the Reference and Counsel Committee, the resolution as submitted is “in order,” as it does not contradict the constitution, bylaws, continuing resolutions, or assembly rules of the Grand Canyon Synod.

The committee worked with the resolution submitter to edit the resolution for clarity.

The resolution {S23.01} is attached, and at the designated time will be presented to the assembly without recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Baron
Chair

Resolution Submission Form
Grand Canyon Synod Assembly

RESOLUTION MEMORIAL

TITLE: Encouraging congregations to support local hunger ministries, increase awareness of hunger and poverty issues, and increase opportunities to financially support the work of ELCA World Hunger.

Whereas the world produces enough food for all, but as many as 811 million people around the globe live in hunger and poverty;

Whereas ELCA World Hunger provides a comprehensive array of resources to educate, inspire, and tell the stories of this work we do together as church;

Whereas the 2023 Grand Canyon Synod Assembly invites us to *Be Bold in Your Baptism* as we find the beat for ministry and service in post-covid times and ELCA World Hunger is already doing this work and invites us to join in the efforts;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Grand Canyon Synod, meeting in assembly, challenges each of its congregations, in the next three years to take concrete steps to:

- **increase their support of local hunger ministries,**
- **increase their awareness of hunger and poverty issues through educational resources developed by ELCA World Hunger, and**
- **increase opportunities to financially support the work of ELCA World Hunger, and**
- **collect and maintain data on existing hunger and feeding ministries to support this resolution.**

Implications of Resolution (if adopted):

1. What is the financial impact of this resolution on the synod budget? If expenditures are required, what are the sources of income anticipated to accomplish the purpose of the resolution? **No financial impact.**
2. What are the personnel implications within our synod (or churchwide organization)? Who will be responsible for implementation of the resolution? **No personnel implications. GCS Hunger Leaders Network will implement this resolution.**
3. How does this resolution enhance and forward the mission of the church and our synod? **This resolution flows directly from our Lutheran understanding of service to neighbor.**

May 9, 2023

Date Submitted

Submitted by (required):

Rev. Sarah Stadler

Signature

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Arizona (LAMA) Policy Council

On behalf of Grand Canyon Synod Hunger Leaders Network

Rev. Sarah L. Stadler, Esperanza Lutheran Church, interim pastor

Name (Please print)

Provide names of ALL co-signers:

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How can your congregation meet the “*Therefore Be It Resolved*” sections of the Hunger Leaders Network resolution?



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:
Worksheet and Guide

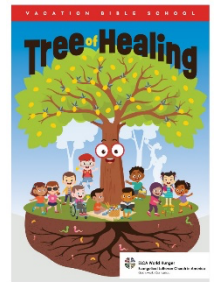
Support Local Hunger Ministries

What is happening in your community? Are food banks and feeding ministries struggling to keep up with demand? Are there holes in service to parts of the community? Are there trusted organizations that you can support? **ASK THEM WHAT THEY NEED!** If you believe there are holes in services, **BE INTENTIONAL** about what you might create! Learn before you act; walk *alongside* your neighbors. Work with our partners in the **Arizona Anti-Hunger Alliance** (Arizona Food

Bank Network, Pinnacle Prevention, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Arizona, Arizona Faith Network, WHEAT, and Bread for the World) to support the programs that they champion.

Increase Awareness of Hunger and Poverty Issues

Go to elca.org/hunger/resources and browse through all the possible resources you can use. Consider trying ELCA World Hunger’s VBS curricula (FIVE versions!), confirmation and youth ministry resources, toolkits designed to explore many topics that intersect with hunger and poverty, planning guides for beginning or evaluating feeding ministries, bulletin insert stories about the work we support together, compelling videos, ETC. Encourage adults to use devotional books for Lent and Advent and sign up for Hunger Blog updates. Encourage members participate in the **Monthly Grand Canyon Synod Hunger Leaders Network Zoom call at 6:00 p.m.**, AZ time, the last Tuesday of each month (Meeting ID: 874 3817 1116). Subscribe to the ELCA Hunger Blog, HUNGERRUMBLINGS.



Increase Opportunities for Financial Support



This can be as simple as putting ELCA World Hunger envelopes in your pews. Highlight a story of this ministry through bulletin inserts or showing a video and encourage members to make a financial gift. Use the *40 Days of Giving* resources during Lent and take an intentional offering on or around Easter. Use all the Advent resources. Plan a FUNdraiser with youth. Encourage members to sign up for **Monthly Partners** (elca.org/monthlypartners) and consider **Good Gifts** (elca.org/goodgifts). *Tell the*

story and invite a response!