



# HOW to GET involved!

## BEGINNING STEPS

### For a Presbytery:

- Assign a committee or task force to plan and promote your Cents-Ability program.
- Develop a plan for distribution of Cents-Ability receipts (e.g. 50% for national and international projects, 25% for congregations to keep for local projects, 25% for the presbytery's hunger action program. A small percentage of the funds may be designated for administrative expenses).
- Set goals for the first year (e.g. number of congregations participating, amount of funds raised, etc.).
- Present plans and goals to the appropriate presbytery body for approval.
- Develop a promotion plan including mailings, newsletter articles, presentations, and skits at presbytery meetings.
- Send funds for national and international projects directly to the Centsability Fund (H000107).
- Develop procedures for distributing presbytery funds to hunger ministries.

*Fundraising through Cents-Ability should supplement ongoing support for the One Great Hour of Sharing, other special offerings, and the general support of the PC(USA). The Presbyterian Hunger Program requests that a portion of the funds raised be contributed to the Cents-Ability Fund (H000107).*

### For a Congregation

- Assign an individual or team to plan and promote your Cents-Ability program.
- Identify recipients of the offering (following presbytery plan if one exists -- e.g. 25% for local projects, 25% for presbytery projects, 50% for the Hunger Fund).
- Develop goals and plans for session approval.
- Provide banks or other containers to each household, requesting that each person contribute a specified amount per meal.
- Plan a regular (monthly?) time for receiving the offerings in worship -- be sure to involve the whole congregation, especially children.
- Distribute funds according to the approved plan. Contributions to the Hunger Fund are sent through the regular receiving channels designated for Account # H000107.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

### Local Church Participation:

- Schedule church school classes focusing on hunger.
- Plan "minutes for mission" on Cents-Ability Sundays.
- Find out if your presbytery has a Hunger Action Advocate. Invite the HAA for your special programs.
- Interpret local, national, and international hunger ministries in your newsletter.
- Carefully coordinate Cents-Ability with annual One Great Hour of Sharing planning.

### Presbytery Participation:

- Schedule a Cents-Ability report at each meeting -- congratulate congregations raising the most money -- and the most per capita.
- Serve simple lunches and suppers at presbytery meetings.
- Place Cents-Ability offering boxes on meal tables.
- Plan a hunger-focused worship service.
- Display PHP interpretation and education materials at all meetings.
- Plan a presbytery mission trip focusing on hunger and poverty ministries.

