

# Become A Hunger Action Congregation

## 1. What's Required

Be active in at least one area of hunger action to become a Hunger Action Congregation! If your church is active in all six areas, you can become a Certified Hunger Action Congregation.

## 2. How to Join

Visit [www.pcusa.org/hac](http://www.pcusa.org/hac) to download a copy of the covenant to complete for your records and then submit the online covenant application.

## 3. What to Expect

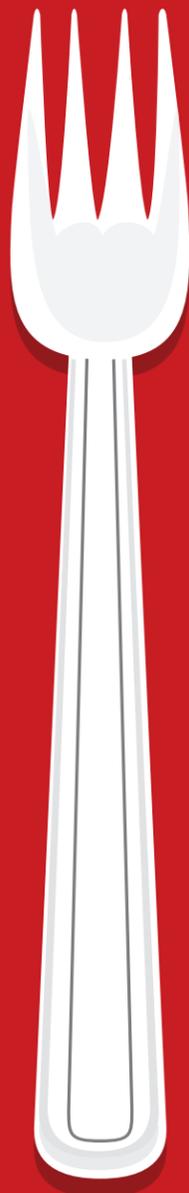
Complete the online covenant by September 15th to be included with those celebrated on World Food Day. Covenant every three years to remain in the network.

## 4. Why Become A Hunger Action Congregation

To continue to help alleviate hunger in your community, to share stories and best practices, and to make connections with other congregations for mutual inspiration for broader, deeper hunger ministries.

## 5. Questions?

Email [php@pcusa.org](mailto:php@pcusa.org) or call (502) 569-5832. Go to [www.pcusa.org/hunger](http://www.pcusa.org/hunger) and [www.facebook.com/presbyhunger](http://www.facebook.com/presbyhunger) to connect with PHP and get inspired!



## Six Areas of Hunger Action

Congregations around the nation are working in many ways to follow Christ's example of feeding the hungry and caring for those in need. Churches who become Hunger Action Congregations are acknowledged for their work, invited to share their stories, and celebrated by the Presbyterian Hunger Program each year on World Food Day — October 16th. We invite you to covenant with us to help end hunger!

### 1. Hunger Alleviation (providing and/or sharing food)

"We partner with other churches in their Empty-to-Full anti-hunger ministry. Twice a year, we provide recipes and 6-8 dozen large foil pans to the members. They bring them back the next week full of hearty casseroles, which are frozen and used in future months at a local homeless shelter. The youth group dedicates a meeting to preparing some of these frozen meals." — Memorial Presbyterian Church, Appleton, WI

### 2. Development Assistance (equitable and sustainable development)

"We have volunteers who teach English as a Second Language on a weekly basis to immigrants so they are more able to deal with schools, the job market and society in general." — Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, Pleasantville, NY

### 3. Hunger Education (including systemic, underlying causes of hunger)

"Our congregation hosted a Mission Luncheon with personnel from the county food bank, whose presentation included a showing of the film *A Place at the Table*, about hunger in America." — First Presbyterian Church, Matawan, NJ

### 4. Lifestyle Integrity (personal and corporate practices to care for all people and creation)

"We have had several Minute for Mission presentations on fair trade; we provide water from pitchers for many of our social activities; we recycle; and we use solar panels on our roof." — Covenant Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

### 5. Corporate & Public Policy Witness (advocating for changes in policies and practices)

"On the second Sunday of each month, our Faith Builders Sunday School class worships through service by either writing letters to our local and national elected officials or serving in the homeless shelter in Asheville." — Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Black Mountain, NC

### 6. Worship (scripture, prayer, story-telling, and singing)

"... our VBS children worshiped with the 'Cheerful Chicken' and watched skits that taught them about the importance of sharing the gift of food." — Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, CA

