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Presbyterians from White Plains Presbytery & others stood in opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership. This was the biggest trade agreement in history & was defeated!

PHP Impacts Communities Across the U.S. and 37 Countries

Learn more about PHP’s current grant partners by going to pcusa.org/oghsmap.

A woman from Kangama in Sierra Leone preparing rice seeds. Kangama is a very active village participating in the West Africa Initiative.

“Now, I am proud to say that not only do I know how to identify a variety of different plants and species, I also know how to plant them.”

A Texas Earth Care Congregation has a Good Earth Garden and Arbor where organic vegetables are shared with the local homeless shelter.

Valery Nodem
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Pam Lupfer
Maria from Guatemala / Pueblo a Pueblo

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Addressing the Root Causes of Hunger

More and Better Food

- 23 Hunger Action Advocates served 1,600 congregations.
- 26,650 pounds of food donated by farmers to food banks in the U.S.
- $25,000 in SNAP incentives to farmers’ market customers in Maine generated over $50,000 in purchases for local, healthy food.
- 11,000 free vegetable seedlings provided by one Presbyterian church to residents living in a food desert, which produced a harvest of 3.9 tons of food worth $16,650.
- 58 fuel efficient stoves constructed and installed in family homes in Guatemala.
- 55,115 pounds of grain distributed through community food banks.
- 500 chicks given to families around the world.

Solidarity with People

Since the Fair Food Program was implemented in 2011, more than $25 million has been paid out to farmworkers in Fair Food Premiums; 135,000 farmworkers have received “Know Your Rights” materials; and 1,100 farmworker complaints have come in through the 24-hour complaint hotline, 100% of which have been resolved.

- $9.1 million in compensation to victims of sweatshop fires in Pakistan and Bangladesh.
- Cincinnati passed a wage theft ordinance for more than 33,000 low-wage workers.
- $15 million for weatherization of low-income households in Seattle.
- In Iowa, minimum wage raised to $10.75 by January 2019 affecting 60,000+ workers. New York’s minimum wage will be at $12.50 by 2021, with a promise from the governor to raise it to $15 in the future.
- In Washington state, an extra $1.6 million was added to the budget for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP), for food-insecure households.
- 12 wells and hand pumps built or repaired in Sierra Leone and Liberia.

More Livable Environment

Climate and environmental injustice deepen hunger and poverty. PC(USA) certified Earth Care Congregations work to make God’s world livable for all people and all God’s creatures—through planting community gardens, installing solar panels, using fairly traded coffee, waving sustainably harvested “eco-palms” on Palm Sunday, and/or advocating for strong climate policies.

- 191 certified PC(USA) Earth Care Congregations
- More than 1,000 Presbyterians purchased at least 79,000 lbs of Fairly Traded coffee
- 93,020 planted trees, 128 nurseries and 40 family gardens in partner countries
- 45 latrines were built in India
- 1,088 congregations ordered 192,560 Eco-Palms
- 150 farming households were collectively certified as organic in Udaipur’s Gati Village, resulting in the village becoming the first fully organic farming community in the Indian state of Rajasthan.

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Small change adds up. $41,381 raised in Cents-ability for local and national hunger in 2016.

PHP helped the Office of Public Witness mobilize more than 7,000 Presbyterians and others on critical public policy issues.

PHP’s social media engagement continues to grow: 4,582 page likes on Facebook and 1,298 Twitter followers.

For blogs, resources, trips and more go to presbyterianmission.org/hunger

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