**Supplemental Document to
Hunger Action Congregation Covenant**

Below are the instructions as well as webpage links
for resources and more information

*\* The covenant form should be filled out online at* [*bit.ly/hungeractionform*](http://bit.ly/hungeractionform)

The purpose of the Hunger Action Congregation process is to
(1) acknowledge and celebrate the faithful work of Presbyterians happening around the country to alleviate hunger and end its causes, and (2) to encourage these ministries to be even more holistic and justice-oriented.

***Step 1: Form a Hunger Action Team*** *(if you don’t already have a similar team or committee to steward this work)*

Gather church members – including children and youth – who are passionate about addressing hunger, poverty and related injustices, and meet periodically to examine and grow the church’s practices in this area. Review the Covenant, and then you will need to fill out the application online at http://bit.ly/hungeractionform.

***Step 2: Covenant to Become a Hunger Action Congregation***

1. **Covenanting**: If you are doing hunger-related work in one or more of the six areas (see below), check the activities you are currently doing. Be sure to invite children and youth to participate. You can submit the covenant anytime, and September 15 is the annual deadline so the Hunger Action Congregations can be announced in time for World Food Day on October 16.

You will be recognized on the PHP website as a Covenanting Hunger Action Congregation for three years. PHP will communicate with you periodically with updates, opportunities, and stories from other congregations to encourage you to increase or broaden your hunger ministries into other areas.

1. **Certification**: If you are doing activities in all six areas, after submitting the completed Covenant, you will be certified for three years as a Certified Hunger Action Congregation and will receive a certificate to post in your church. You can renew certification by describing a new area of work or by submitting a story about your work for publication on social media and for possible use in the *PHP Post* justice journal. We will send you a reminder before the 3 years have expired.

**Ending Hunger and Its Causes: Six Areas**

1. **Hunger Alleviation: providing food in a dignified way with an eye to long-term structural solutions**
2. **Development assistance: addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty through equitable and sustainable development**
3. **Hunger Education: learning about systemic causes of hunger, leading towards faithful action that is informed and directed by directly affected people and partners**
4. **Lifestyle Integrity: adopting sustainable personal and corporate lifestyles to restore justice and protect all of God’s creation**
5. **Corporate and Public Policy Witness: advocating and campaigning for changes in policies and practices to end hunger and its causes, promote self-development, and care for creation**
6. **Worship: incorporating prayer, education, and preaching about ending hunger and its causes into worship**

**Hunger Action Congregation Covenant**

\* The underlined blue text are hyperlinked in the online version of the Covenant at http://bit.ly/covenantlinks.

**1. Hunger Alleviation**

**Providing food in a dignified way with an eye to long-term structural solutions**

* **Raise funds** to end hunger around the world; give to the [Presbyterian Hunger Program](https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/H999999/), to [Cents-Ability](https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/H000107/), or other.
* Support a **feeding program** with volunteers and/or financial support, or run one yourself. [[Start/operate a soup kitchen](https://www.endhungerinamerica.org/publications/mission-possible/) | [Find a food pantry](https://networks.whyhunger.org/) | Meals on Wheels | Backpack Program]
* Host or support (financial and/or volunteer) a [**Summer Food Service Program**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program).
* Start or participate in a [**Community Garden** or **host a CSA**](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/food-sovereignty-all/)(Community Supported Agriculture).
* [**Partner with another church**](https://www.pcusa.org/search/congregations/) in your area to support their hunger ministry.
* An action your congregation is doing in this area: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Development assistance
Addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty through equitable and sustainable development**

* **Support the** [**Presbyterian Hunger Fund**](https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/H999999/)**,** which provides grants to organizations in the United States and around the world doing this work.
* Become a [**Jubilee Congregation**](http://www.jubileeusa.org/en/faith/jubilee-congregations.html) and work for economic justice locally and globally.
* Run a **shelter for the unhoused**, or support one with volunteers and/or financial support.
* Join or create a **local food policy council.**
* Become a [**Worker Justice Congregation**](http://www.iwj.org/get-involved/be-a-worker-justice-congregation) through Interfaith Worker Justice.
* Support an existing**cooperative grocery** or get one going in your community.
* Organize a **job training program**, or support one with volunteers and/or financial support.
* An action your congregation is doing in this area: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Hunger Education**

**Learning about systemic causes of hunger, including racial, gender and economic injustices**

* Use the [***Just Eating***](http://pcusa.org/justeating)***? Practicing Your Faith at the Table* curriculum** (adult or middle school version, or both. Also available: Spanish, Latin American, and African American Congregational versions.)
* **Invite** someone from a local anti-hunger or anti-poverty program, particularly a person who is directly impacted, to speak at a study session or during worship.
* **Host** a [Hunger Banquet](http://www.oxfamamerica.org/take-action/events/hunger-banquet/), Simple Meal, or Local Foods Potluck
* **Christian education**, such as a Bible study or topical seminar.
* Do a **book** study. [See list of recommended book]
The PC(USA) co-moderators have recommended [*Waking Up White*](http://www.pcusa.org/resource/waking-white-and-finding-myself-story-race-study-g/) for 2017 to sensitize us to racial privilege as well as connections to hunger and poverty.
* **Show** a film or film series on hunger, poverty or injustice, and follow with discussion; contact php@pcusa.org if you need ideas.
* **Go** on a Presbyterian Hunger Program [Reflection-Action Trip](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/trips/).
* **Participate** in World Food Day / Food Week of Action or participate in or organize other hunger root cause events.
* **Volunteer** *(See opportunities for short-term service, internships, and mission work trips on the* [*OGHS Engagement Map*](http://pcusa.org/oghsmap)*).*
* **Join** with another congregation in a hunger-related mission work experience.
* **Participate** in listening projects and dialogue about the current and historical context of race and privilege, learning and practicing sensitivity about power dynamics and these issues.
* Send representativesto [**Ecumenical Advocacy Weekend**](https://advocacydays.org/) in Washington, D.C. and have a report-back event or church newsletter article about it.
* An action your congregation is doing in this area: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Lifestyle Integrity**

**Adopting sustainable personal and corporate lifestyles to restore justice and protect all of God’s creation**

* Become an [**Earth Care Congregation**](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/)**.**
* **Join the** [**Presbyterian Coffee Project**](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/enough/presbyterian-coffee-project/) and offer fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate and more.
* **Do another** [**Fair Trade**](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/enough/fair-trade/)activity and describe here \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Host** a fair trade/alternative market. Contact Jessica.Maudlin@pcusa.org
* **Use** [**Eco-Palms**](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/enough/eco-palms-2/) on Palm Sunday.
* **Use pitchers of water** or other environmentally-friendly options at all church events rather than bottled water.
* **Recycle.**
* **Study** lifestyle issues and have individuals take actions in their own lives. [Visit Enough for Everyone’s [*Just Living*](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/enough/just-living/)page for ideas and resources; also, the ***Lent 4.5*** curriculum is available from PHP; contact php@pcusa.org for information.]
* An action your congregation is doing in this area: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Corporate and Public Policy Witness**

**Advocating and campaigning for changes in policies and practices to end hunger and its causes, promote self-development, and care for creation**

* **Do an** [**Offering of Letters**](http://bread.org/offering-letters) **on the Bread for the World priority for the year.**
* **Advocate for more livable wages.**
* Call on Wendy’s and/or Publix to join the Fair Food Program.
* Ask Congress to raise the minimum wage.
* **Advocate for an end to hunger and its** causes by [contacting Congress](http://capwiz.com/pcusa/home/)through the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness (see [advocacy guide](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/holy_discontentment_advocacy_resource_final.pdf)).
* **Encourage TIAA-CREF**, the pension company, to stop investing in land markets, which drive land grabs, speculation and deforestation by [signing the letter to TIAA](http://action.foe.org/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=20497&okay=true).
* **Visit elected officials** and/or their staff.
* Choose and describe an action or actions your congregation is doing in this area: **\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Worship
Incorporating prayer, education, and preaching about ending hunger and its causes into worship**

* **Focus on the biblical and theological grounding for hunger and poverty work, and incorporate these into worship through**
* Sermons on hunger, poverty and injustice
* Prayers, litanies, minutes for mission on hunger
* Music and hymns on these topics
* Video, skits and other activities during worship
* Choose and describe an action or actions your congregation is doing in this area:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Future action(s) you are considering:**

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