

**Resolution #5**  
**Recommendation: Do Pass**  
**Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Subject: Support ELCA World Hunger Efforts**

**Source:** The South Dakota Synod Hunger Team; Pastor Erika Lehmann, Chair; and the Bear Butte Conference

**WHEREAS** ELCA World Hunger provides immediate relief to those who are hungry, and connects people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, for long-term, sustainable change, and

**WHEREAS** ELCA World Hunger effectively reaches more places than we could ever do alone by working with congregations, global companion churches, Lutheran World Federation and other partners like Bread for the World, Church World Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Lutheran World Relief, and by funding relief and development projects that assist our sisters and brothers in need, and

**WHEREAS** ELCA World Hunger engages members of the ELCA through education and advocacy to help change the systems that perpetuate poverty, and we believe that God uses our hands to serve and love our neighbor, and uses our voices through our advocacy efforts to restore our world, and that through faithful advocacy we live out our Lutheran belief that governments can help advance the common good,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that our synod congregations be challenged to set aside at least one Sunday or special service each year to reflect on caring for those who are hungry and to bring an awareness of the work and ministry of ELCA World Hunger domestically and internationally, such as by participating in Souper Bowl Sunday, ELCA Good Gifts, or the 40 Days of Lent; and strive to educate members using ELCA World Hunger educational videos and other materials;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that congregations support state and local efforts to alleviate hunger; both by direct providing of food and through advocacy such as participation in Bread for the World's annual "Offering of Letters" and by signing up for ELCA Advocacy's Action Alerts at <http://support.elca.org/>