

Stand With Africa:

A Campaign of Hope - Business as Usual Is Not Enough

Widespread hunger is declining worldwide, but increasing in Africa. AIDS also is cutting a deadly swath: 17 million Africans have died, leaving 13 million AIDS orphans to face a rocky future. This extraordinary situation calls for an extraordinary response. The World Hunger Program in its 27-year history has never launched a campaign like Stand With Africa. But now, the ELCA Division for Global Mission has joined with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Lutheran World Relief to provide the means to save lives and bring hope through the World Hunger Appeal.

The campaign supports African churches and communities as they battle AIDS, hunger and chronic poverty. As part of the program's first year of a three-year program, 100% of Stand With Africa-designated gifts to the World Hunger Appeal will go to help AIDS orphans and to prevent further spread of the disease.

We as the Church are asked to take four actions:

- 1) Learn about Africans' needs, concerns, joys and hopes;
- 2) Pray for ELCA partner organizations, companion churches and missionaries in Africa working tirelessly to combat HIV/AIDS;
- 3) Advocate for the U.S. to give more aid to Africa to fight HIV/AIDS;
- 4) Give generously. Support our church's ongoing commitment to walk with African partners by giving to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. And go the "second mile" with an additional gift designated "Stand With Africa." 100 percent of gifts for Stand With Africa-AIDS will provide additional help to deal with the HIV/AIDS crisis.

You may give through your congregation or directly:

By mail: ELCA World Hunger Appeal

P.O. Box 71764

Chicago, IL 60694-1764

By phone or the Internet with a major credit card at: 800.638.3522

www.elca.org/co/hunger/howtogive.html

For more information and regular updates, visit the Stand With Africa Website at www.standwithafrica.org

Or call The World Hunger Appeal office at 800.638.3533, ext. 2764, or write: ELCA World Hunger Appeal, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631.