

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY APPEAL

Zion's World Hunger Sunday is observed during the Advent season, the beginning of the Christian Calendar, when we reflect on Jesus' coming into this world as a Babe. World Hunger Sunday gives us an opportunity to join forces at – home and overseas – to live out God's vision of a world without hunger; and it marks a new beginning in our lives, as we wait and hope and pray for the coming of a Savior.

Advent is a time to take off the habits and attitudes that keep us in darkness, separating us from God. It is a time of longing for light, freedom, and a new way of living in this world, as people seeking a King who is to come and reign in our hearts forever. Jesus is both food for our spiritual journey and food that physically nourish us. It is fitting that the Savior, at the start of his life, would be placed in a feeding-trough as a sign, not only of who He is, but of how He will fulfill His purpose.

May this Advent Season transform us by the renewing of our mind so that we may become a community of caring people, feeding hungry hearts through worship, through our love of neighbors, and through our giving. As we prepare to celebrate the gift of Jesus, may the Holy Season give us the opportunity to reflect on our giving and how we can give gifts that feed hungry hearts. Per the latest Hunger Projects statistics, 795 million people – or one in nine people in the world – do not have enough to eat.

Over three decades ago, the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society accepted World Hunger as an annual mission challenge under the presidency of Mrs. Alcestis M. Coleman. December 6, 1982 was designated as the first World Hunger Sunday and, thereafter, missionaries throughout our denomination observe World Hunger Sunday. Programs and activities are planned to increase awareness. The objective of World Hunger Sunday is to help in a spiritual way by sharing and giving of our monetary resources to help relieve the suffering of the hungry. Funds can be contributed any Sunday in December as it is Zion's World Hunger Action Month. We are "*Laborers with Christ as His instruments for feeding the Hungry.*" Let us partner with others to **STOP HUNGER NOW!**

Mary and Joseph could find no place to stay in Bethlehem when Jesus was born, but today WH&OMS ministries with support from the World Hunger Appeal, is providing the sort of help that Jesus' family might have wanted. Giving a monetary gift to the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society's World Hunger Day Appeal is our response to the Gospel of Jesus.



The **World Hunger Appeal gift** may be reported through your district or sent directly to: **Mrs. Rosetta Dunham, Executive Director**

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