



ELCA World Hunger
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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2023 Hunger Education and Networking Grants Invitation

ELCA World Hunger accompanies congregations, companions and partners working together to address the root causes of hunger. Our comprehensive approach starts with accompanying neighbors and local communities as they work toward sustainable, transformative solutions to hunger and poverty.

Learning about the root causes of hunger and effective responses is key to ending hunger locally and globally. **ELCA World Hunger Education and Networking Grants** support work that educates and engages ELCA congregations, groups, and/or synods; fosters the development and education of leaders and participants; builds relationships locally, regionally and nationally; and equips ELCA members and neighbors as they work toward a just world where all are fed.

We are excited to announce that the 2023 ELCA World Hunger Education and Networking Grant application cycle is now open! We will be accepting proposals from March 15, 2023 through November 15, 2023. *Grant applications are accepted and reviewed throughout the year. Please allow 6-8 weeks for review of your application. Grants average between \$1000 and \$3000 and are non-renewable.*

ELCA World Hunger Education and Networking Grants are designed for projects that provide educational opportunities to deepen participants' understanding of poverty and hunger (including root causes and intersectional issues) and equip participants to work toward effective solutions.

Projects involving direct service within communities are only eligible if the service happens within a program for service learning. If your project involves direct service, ELCA World Hunger's Domestic Hunger Grants and Daily Bread Matching Grants may be more appropriate for your needs.

To be eligible for an ELCA World Hunger Education and Networking Grant, proposals must be:

- received through the ELCA's online Grantmaker portal between March 15 and November 15, 2023;
- focused on education, engagement and networking toward a just world where all are fed; and
- consistent with ELCA World Hunger's [values and priorities](#).

In addition, eligible projects must occur within the footprint of the ELCA, which includes the United States and the Caribbean. Applicants that are not ELCA congregations or ministries are welcome to apply and will be asked to include a letter of support from an ELCA congregation, synod, ministry or affiliated organization. Proposals cannot include pass-through fundraising for other organizations.

Previous grants have included support for congregational workshops, educational events, service-learning retreats, publication of new educational resources and awareness-raising initiatives. The work of grantees in the past have focused on a wide variety of areas, including climate change and sustainability, housing security, racial justice, worker justice, reducing food waste and community organizing training.

Applicants must pre-register on ELCA GrantMaker in order to access the grant application. Approval of registration may take up to ten business days. Register at [ELCA.org/grants](https://elca.org/grants).

If you have questions, please contact Ryan Cumming at Ryan.Cumming@elca.org.