



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Bold Moves:

An initiative of ELCA Outdoor Ministries and ELCA World Hunger

God places each of us in a global community, one with neighbors both near and far. Together our earthly pilgrimage is a shared journey, one that uncovers the goodness of our world, but also the harsh realities of hunger and poverty that many of our neighbors experience everyday. This common experience provides each of us with an opportunity to speak out and act with and on behalf of the most vulnerable in our world. '**Bold Moves**' is intended to provide opportunities for outdoor ministry communities to encounter the realities of hunger and poverty around the corner and the globe and to boldly act to bring forth a more fair and just world.

This new pilot project will provide for a partnership between selected ELCA outdoor ministry sites and ELCA World Hunger for the summer of 2009. This partnership will be characterized by:

- education about the root cause and solutions of hunger and about the anti-hunger/anti-poverty efforts of the ELCA;
- creative development of programs and experiences for people to encounter the realities of hunger and poverty in the world and to reflect upon our own lifestyle choices;
- formation of communities that imagine a world free from hunger and poverty and are committed to bringing this idea into reality;
- enrichment of the larger church by making available the programs and projects that were developed and tested throughout the summer.

Initiative Specifics

Recognizing that each outdoor ministry site and program is unique and has a diverse set of assets, the specifics of how the initiative will come to life will be different for each location. There are though a few core specifics that will need to be a part of all of our work.

- 1) The work of the initiative will need to meet to guidelines and philosophy of ELCA World Hunger. These guidelines, as well as more information about our anti-hunger/anti-poverty work can be found at www.elca.org/hunger.
- 2) ELCA World Hunger will provide a series web conferences and resources for camp staff to learn more about the root causes and solutions of hunger and poverty and the approaches that ELCA World Hunger employs to address these concerns. These gatherings will be designed not only to provide information, but to be a place of idea generation and an incubator of this new endeavor.
- 3) Selected outdoor ministry sites will receive a grant of up to \$5,000 from ELCA World Hunger to be used for staff salary, room and board, and program supplies and materials related to the work of the initiative.
- 4) Camp staff responsible for this work will be asked to make at least two entries on the ELCA World Hunger blog (<http://blogs.elca.org/hungerrumblings>) to share about the work and action of your community.
- 5) Financially supporting ELCA World Hunger is an important response to ending hunger and poverty in the world. All selected outdoor ministry sites should incorporate a giving component to the work of the initiative in your community.

Application

For an opportunity to participate in **'Bold Moves'**, submit electronically the following information to Christopher.Carpenter@elca.org by January 9th, 2009:

- 1) Cover sheet which includes the name and contact information of the organization, name and contact information of the project coordinator, website, federal tax ID number, and ELCA synod
- 2) Two-page project proposal detailing how this initiative would be incorporated into the daily life of the summer community including past work in this area, new program and project ideas, a giving component to ELCA World Hunger, and identification of who will be responsible for this work
- 3) Proposed budget

Staff Recruitment

Responsibility for the recruitment and hiring of staff to carry out this work is the responsibility of selected outdoor ministry sites. ELCA World Hunger will promote the summer opportunity across our network of volunteers and on our website (www.elca.org/hunger). Interested applicants will be directed to contact the outdoor ministry site for position and application information.

Evaluation

There will be two evaluation times: one mid-summer and one at the end of the summer. The mid-summer evaluation will be a corporate evaluation with all staff and sites participating together. This will be conducted via web conference. The end of summer evaluation will be conducted with each camp separately and is meant for a comprehensive review of the initiative and how it affected the life and ministry of the outdoor ministry community. An accounting of how grant money was used will be requested during the final evaluation.

Programs and projects developed during the summer through the work of the initiative will be collected during the end of summer evaluation. It is expected that at least three new ideas will be developed, refined and submitted to ELCA World Hunger by the end of the summer season. These will then be made available to the wider ELCA as resources for our continued anti-hunger, anti-poverty work.

Outdoor Ministry sites will be encouraged to take photos or video of their work related to the initiative for use in ELCA World Hunger electronic and print publications. These too will be collected during the final evaluation.

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