

ELCA WORLD HUNGER'S

GLOBAL FARM

Challenge

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*Food and Agriculture Organization
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International Food Policy Research Institute

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Access to livestock, seeds, tools and training can change everything. Parents can earn income to save, kids can go to school, and their families can stay safe and secure in their homes. With support from ELCA World Hunger, communities around the world are working together to end hunger – for good.

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HOW TO GIVE

In person

Bring your check to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston June 27-July 1.

Online

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By mail

ELCA, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Please make checks payable to "ELCA World Hunger" and write "Global Farm Challenge" in the memo line. To tell us more about your gift, you can give online or download the order form at ELCA.org/globalfarmchallenge.



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