



## Suggested Mission Moment #3

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### Mission: 1 — 11 Powerful Days

Today we are in the midst of Mission:1 — 11 powerful days when the United Church of Christ takes on a shared mission to help feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice at home and overseas. As UCC members make a special push during these 11 days to donate food, contribute Neighbors in Need hunger-related ministries and East Africa famine relief, and write letters to Congress, we join our efforts with all who seek to alleviate hunger in God's world.

Despite the enormity of the problem, those efforts have made a real impact. According to the hunger and poverty advocacy organization, Bread for the World, since 1990:

- ◆ The number of people living on \$1.25 a day fell by 400 million people.
- ◆ The rate of chronically hungry people in developing countries fell from 20 percent to 16 percent.
- ◆ The mortality rate for children under 5 fell by 40 percent or more in Ethiopia, Malawi, and Niger.

While this is good news, the world suffered a big setback beginning in 2007 with the food price crisis and the global recession. As a result:

- ◆ Even though there has been an overall percentage decrease, 925 million people still suffer from chronic hunger worldwide, nearly 90 million higher than in 2000.
- ◆ 24,000 children die every day from poverty, hunger, and preventable diseases. That's one child every 3.6 seconds.
- ◆ 1.5 billion people are in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.25 a day.

Our UCC motto and Jesus' prayer, "That they may all be one" compels us to confront these facts with a concerted mission emphasis. For these 11 days of Mission:1, across the whole United Church of Christ, we are educating ourselves and one another about food-related policy issues; we are advocating on behalf of hungry people at home and around the world; we are raising money for hunger-action purposes and for East Africa famine relief; and we are sharing our plenty, donating tons of peanut butter, tuna, vegetables, cereal, and more to our local food pantries and outreach centers.

Become a part of Mission:1. Go to <<http://www.ucc.org/mission1>> for more information. And plan to celebrate the campaign's success Sunday, Nov. 13, in your church.

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