

## Dimes for Hunger ~ 1977-2021

For 43 years we have responded to Christ's call to "give them something to eat."  
Together we have given 18,398,523 dimes!

This year will be the 44<sup>th</sup> year that members of the churches in Providence Presbytery have given their dimes. We continue to collect our dimes because Christ said to his disciples long ago,  
"You give them something to eat!" Mark 6:37.

Let's save our CHANGE, so we can give our CHANGE, so we can do more to CHANGE the lives of those who are hungry here at home and farther away.

### HELPFUL HINTS FOR DIMES FOR HUNGER COORDINATORS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. Start planning early – meet with your mission committee or session and select a month for Dimes for Hunger ... it is designed to be a month-long promotion. However, if you wish to have another plan, that is okay as well.
2. Review information about your church's DFH giving history. Contact [barbara@providencepres.org](mailto:barbara@providencepres.org) for a record of your church's giving. While DFH started in 1977 we only have records of individual church giving since 1986.
3. Select a goal for your church for this year [\$9.30 per member is ideal, but you may want to match your highest gift or top what you gave in 2020].
4. Arrange promotions for the offering in your local church – put up posters, use the bulletin inserts on the first Sunday of your DFH month, put reminders in the bulletin, newsletter, church e-news, etc. Be sure to remind the congregation when the offering will be collected.
5. Ask the pastor to use the children's sermons – or ask a lay person to do them ... maybe even YOU. **Remember that DFH is not just for children – it's for adults as well.**
6. Use congregational dinners, Sunday School classes, circles, youth groups, etc. as opportunities to share the Dimes for Hunger message – Christ told his disciples to "give them something to eat." He expects the same of us today.
7. Invite a speaker to visit your church to talk about Dimes for Hunger. [You can request one the night of the DFH dinner or call the presbytery office.]
8. Be sure that your congregation understands that 50% of the offering is divided among agencies within the bounds of Providence Presbytery for home delivered meals, feeding sites, and food pantries. 50% of the offering is divided among agencies in Guatemala, Honduras [Central America] and Malawi [Africa] for programs that help those who are hungry.
9. **Emphasize that our churches in Providence Presbytery are working together** in Dimes for Hunger – together we can have a greater impact in our communities as we respond to Christ's call to "give them something to eat."
10. Stay in touch with YOUR person on the Hunger Action Team or **Barbara Kurz, Mission Consultant [328-6269 or 800-922-1609 or [Barbara@providencepres.org](mailto:Barbara@providencepres.org)]**. Ask for help if you need it – or even if you just want to talk.
11. Enjoy the experience. Remember when we give our dimes, we also give love. Our dimes help feed our neighbors, near and far away. In doing so, our dimes help make a difference in the lives of those who are hungry.

*Thank you for responding to Christ's call.*

*Thank you for helping make a CHANGE in the lives of those who are hungry.*