

1. To Eliminate Food insecurity in southeastern Minnesota by 2020 through:

- a. Sharing congregational stories
 - i. By 2016 develop an ongoing list of creative feeding ministries occurring within congregations of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod and documenting (in print or video) six per year to be shared with Mission Interpreters and other synod communications
- b. Advocacy
 - i. By the end of 2016, the advocacy subcommittee will present at least 1 program, that members of the congregations of the synod can attend, to understand and begin to implement strategies for Advocacy to eliminate food insecurity in SE MN
 - ii. By the end of 2016, the advocacy subcommittee will set up a process for getting advocacy issues, relating to food insecurity, out to synod congregations for consideration and action by members of these congregations.
 - iii. By the end of 2017, the advocacy subcommittee will partner with youth and young adults, in the synod's congregations, about advocacy and food insecurity.
 - iv. In 2018 forty congregations of the synod will have members take part in the Lutheran Day at the Capitol in St. Paul, organized by Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota or the Day on the Hill, organized by JRLC.
- c. Providing healthy food
 - i. By 2016 every congregation in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod will receive a poster and literature explaining the need for healthy donations to local food shelves.
 - ii. By 2018 fifty congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod will host a community garden on their property, with a proportion of the harvest earmarked for a local food shelf.
 - iii. By 2019 ten congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod will host cooking classes for their community to teach healthy and economical cooking techniques.
- d. Building Relationships
 - i. To show how hunger pervades all communities, by the synod assembly of 2015 each congregation will be provided with a poster showing the percentage of people (per county) who are food insecure.
 - ii. By 2016 start one new ministry that is intentional about both providing food and building relationships with those who receive it.
 - iii. By 2016 develop a prayer resource, for use by congregational feeding ministries, that includes prayers that help those working with the food insecure to view the recipients as beloved children of God.
- e. Direct support
 - i. Beginning in 2016, raise an additional 2 million pounds of food (or financial equivalent) per year for Channel One, ECHO Food Shelf from congregations of our synod and our partners