

Dimes for Hunger ~ 1977-2023

For 40 years we have responded to Christ's call to "give them something to eat."

45 years – 19,467,167 dimes!



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.
2. Review information about your church's DFH giving history.
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 2022].
4. Arrange promotions for the offering in your local church – put up posters, 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. [contact Barbara at the presbytery office – 803-328-6269 or barbara@providencepres.org]
8. Be sure that your congregation understands that **100% of the DFH Offering goes to help feed our neighbors hungry.** 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. Enjoy the experience. Remember when we give our dimes, we also give love. Our dimes help feed our neighbors, near and far away, who are hungry.

Thank you for your dimes and your love!