

2015 Annual Report to Montana Synod

Some great things happen this past year in our Synod and with ELCA World Hunger. First was the successful Pedal for Peas. Many thanks to the riders who raised awareness and funds, the 4 churches who hosted, welcomed and fed the riders, Pastor Greg for organizing and providing technical support and to all the congregations for the prayers and donations to ELCA World Hunger.

During July many of the youth who gathered in Detroit participated in the Walk for Water, they raised over \$500,000 to match a grant of \$500,000 for a total of more than 1 million dollars. The Walk for Water material is still available on the ELCA website and is an excellent resource.

In the fall a group of us reviewed five applications for ELCA World Hunger grants. We were able to recommend all five and were pleased to see that all five were awarded grants. In total 348 ELCA grants were funded this year for a total of \$747,810. This is the return of the money congregations all over the country send in, and see returned. The next application period will be summer of 2017.

While not much has happened recently, with help from Jessie Obrecht, we are hoping to meet with people from across our Synod at the Assembly meeting in June to organize a team to coordinate working together on hunger issues.

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