



**UMMen Meals for Millions**  
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**Some Hunger Facts:**

- In the United States, the world's wealthiest nation, more than 40 million people live in poverty.
- Nearly one in four children lives in a household that struggles to put food on the table.
- Globally, 29% more food is produced each year than is needed to provide for the nutritional needs of every person on the planet.
- About 20% of the food commercially grown in the U.S. is left behind in farmers' fields to rot due to market forces or cosmetic reasons.
- In American cities, one in five people seeking emergency food assistance is turned away because there is no food to give them..

**Something to ponder...**

According to a 2003 report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, an additional investment of \$24 billion per year will halve world hunger by 2015 and ultimately end it.



One estimate says it would cost \$10-12 billion a year to end hunger in America. By contrast, here are some things we spend our money on in the U.S. each year:

- Beer: \$ 45 Billion
- Legal gambling: \$ 550 Billion
- Pet products \$ 41 Billion
- Weight control products \$ 33 Billion
- Bottled water \$ 15 Billion
- Cosmetic products \$ 30 Billion
- Soft drinks \$ 60 Billion
- Video games \$ 25.3 Billion
- Fast foods \$ 130 Billion

**We can end hunger in America  
 and across the globe -  
 to the glory of God!**

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**Society of St. Andrew**

**GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS  
 FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY**

The Society of St. Andrew is a nonprofit ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to fighting hunger in our nation and the world. Formed in 1979 by two United Methodist pastors, the Society of St. Andrew is an Advance Special mission project of the United Methodist Church. The society works primarily to salvage fresh produce that would otherwise go to waste and deliver it to people in need. Through the Society of St. Andrew *Potato & Produce Project*, 10-15 million pounds of produce is salvaged annually to provide 30-45 million servings of food to food banks, soup kitchens, Native American reservations, and other distribution agencies for free. *Harvest of Hope* and the *Gleaning Network* also salvage millions of pounds of food from farmers' fields and deliver it to the nation's hungry.

**The ministries of the  
 Society of St. Andrew  
 deliver food to the nation's  
 hungry at a cost of about  
 2 cents per serving.**

Visit [EndHunger.org](http://EndHunger.org) for more information

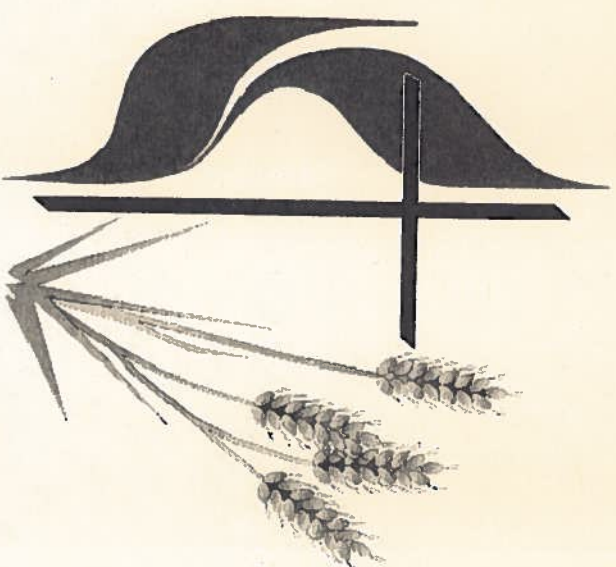
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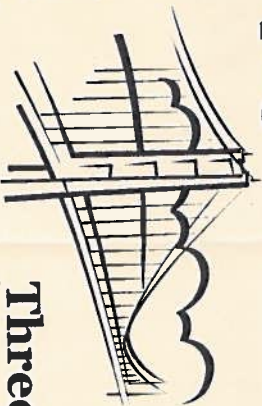


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# UMMen are helping

## bridge the hunger gap!

More than 96 billion pounds of wasted food



More than 40 million hungry Americans

**W**e live in a country where millions of Americans don't always get enough to eat, while billions of pounds of perfectly edible food are left behind in farmers' fields to rot. It does not have to be that way!

United Methodist Men have joined with the Society of St. Andrew, through the Hunger Relief Advocate Initiative, to help bridge the hunger gap in America. The goals of the HRA Initiative are:

1. To engage United Methodist Men in leading the church to end hunger in America.
2. To establish a Hunger Relief Advocate in each annual conference in the U.S.
3. To provide 60 million more servings of food annually to the poor than what is currently done through the Society of St. Andrew Potato & Produce Project.
4. To provide another 90 million servings of food to the poor through new local gleaning ministries established by conference HRAs.

## Three things you can do:

- First, pray for the Society of St. Andrew and for the HRA Initiative.
- Second, glean. If you do not have a Hunger Relief Advocate in your conference, call the Society of St. Andrew to find out how to set up a gleaning activity in your area.
- Third, make a financial contribution to *Meals for Millions*, which funds The HRA Initiative, by using the form in this brochure.

### Conference HRA Duties:

- Establish a gleaning ministry within the Annual Conference.
- Network with churches and agencies to address hunger in America and globally.
- Educate the church about hunger and poverty and the Christian response to those issues.
- Mobilize the church to take action to end hunger in America.
- Bring church members into hands-on hunger ministry.

*Help us bring this vision into reality!*

*Take a stand today against hunger in America!*

### BECOME A CHALLENGE DISCIPLE:

A Challenge Disciple commits to feeding the poor and supporting the HRA Initiative by donating \$25 twice each year in response to a call letter in the spring and fall. Challenge Disciples receive our quarterly newsletter.

### BECOME AN HRA SPONSOR:

An HRA Sponsor is similar to a Challenge Disciple, but donates \$50 twice each year in response to a call letter in the spring and fall. HRA Sponsors also receive our quarterly newsletter.

### BECOME A CHALLENGE FELLOWSHIP:

Every UMMen fellowship can become a Challenge Fellowship by donating \$200 to *Meals for Millions* in support of the HRA Initiative. A Challenge Fellowship provides 10,000 servings of food to the hungry each year through its donation. A men's group's Challenge Disciples and HRA Sponsors count toward the group's Challenge Fellowship.

### BECOME AN HRA SPONSOR FELLOWSHIP:

Every UMMen fellowship that donates \$500 or more to *Meals for Millions* is recognized as an HRA Sponsor Fellowship, as well as a Partner Church of the Society of St. Andrew. As with Challenge Fellowships, a group's Challenge Disciples and HRA Sponsors count toward its HRA Sponsor Fellowship.

## Response Form

*Complete this form to make a commitment to support the HRA Initiative! You may make additional copies for all members of your UMMen unit. Please mail completed forms to Meals for Millions at the Society of St. Andrew Virginia office (see reverse).*

Yes! I want to be a (check one):

**Challenge Disciple!** I will send a \$25 donation when I receive a call letter each Spring and Fall.

**HRA Sponsor!** I will send a \$50 donation when I receive a call letter each Spring and Fall.

Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! Our men's group pledges to support the HRA Initiative by sending in a donation to *Meals for Millions* before December 31 this year. Amount pledged (check one):

\$200 to become a Challenge Fellowship.

\$500 to become a HRA Sponsor Fellowship

Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tell me how I can become a Conference HRA.

Tell me how to set up a gleaning event.

### Please Print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference: \_\_\_\_\_