

## 2019 Presbytery of the Peaks Hunger/Poverty Information

To: Presbytery of the Peaks Sessions, Mission and/or Hunger Committees

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### Enclosed please find:

**2019 Two Cents-a-Meal Information** – 2018 grant applicants have been notified that they may apply one time per year, with April 1 and October 1 deadlines. Applicants providing “direct relief” are encouraged, if possible, to take “next steps” to address systemic causes of hunger and poverty. \$500 grant awards will be made to a limited number of applicants whose existing programs propose new ways for the applicant to address systemic or root causes. Additional \$500 grants may be awarded to applicants whose programs propose new ways for the applicant to address systemic or root causes.

### 2019 Community Outreach Block Grant Information

Reminders:

-All 2018 Two Cents and Community Outreach Block grant recipients will also receive 2019 information.

-2018 Two Cents-a-Meal congregational participation will be celebrated during the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks in February. To assist in our mission efforts and to ensure that your congregation’s participation is acknowledged, please remit 2018 Two Cents-a-Meal offerings by January \_\_, 2019. Your faithful giving to this offering enables thousands in our presbytery and beyond to have access to food. And if everyone gave just 2 cents per meal, \$21.90 per person each year, we would be able to fund all grant requests!

### The following information is available for assisting you in addressing hunger and poverty:

- Visit Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice urging our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Learn how you can help change policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist at [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org).
- Visit [www.pcusa.org/hunger](http://www.pcusa.org/hunger) for a wealth of information and to learn how your church can become an official **Hunger Action Congregation**.  
*What’s Required:* Churches active in just one area of hunger action are eligible to become a Hunger Action Congregation! Those active in all six areas (hunger alleviation, development assistance, hunger education, lifestyle integrity, corporate and public policy witness and worship) qualify as Certified Hunger Action Congregation.  
*How to Join:* visit [www.pcusa.org/hac](http://www.pcusa.org/hac) to download a copy of the covenant to complete for your records and then submit the online covenant application.  
*What to Expect:* complete the online covenant by September 15<sup>th</sup> to be included with those celebrated on World Food Day. Covenant every three years to remain in the network.  
*Why Become a Hunger Action Congregation:* to continue to help alleviate hunger in your community, to share stories and best practices, and to make connections with other congregations for mutual inspiration for broader, deeper hunger ministries.
- Become a **Certified Earth Care Congregation**. Take the Earth Care Pledge and complete worship, education, facilities and outreach activities and projects.  
[www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations](http://www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations)
- Participate in One Great Hour of Sharing – watch for denominational information to arrive soon.

- And last but not least, make it a habit to read **Hunger News and Notes** in *Peaks Postings*, the Presbytery of the Peaks' weekly online newsletter, accessible through [www.peakspresbytery.org](http://www.peakspresbytery.org) Two Cents-a-Meal grant award reports are shared through Peaks Postings and in presbytery meeting packets following each award cycle. PLEASE share these TWO CENTS reports.

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