

Hunger Bits

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Presbyterian Hunger Program administers a vast network of programs that focus on alleviating hunger and its root causes. The major changes within the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the last year have not changed this focus for the PHP. Undesignated financial support allows them to continue their work to make the world a more just and a better place for all. The PHP holds steadfast in their ministry to alleviate hunger and its causes both through grants they give and through their programs. In addition to direct food relief, the **Enough for Everyone** program continues to grow with the introduction of the *Eco-Palms Project*. They have also initiated **The Campaign for Fair Food** to look at the social justice issues affecting the food we eat.

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