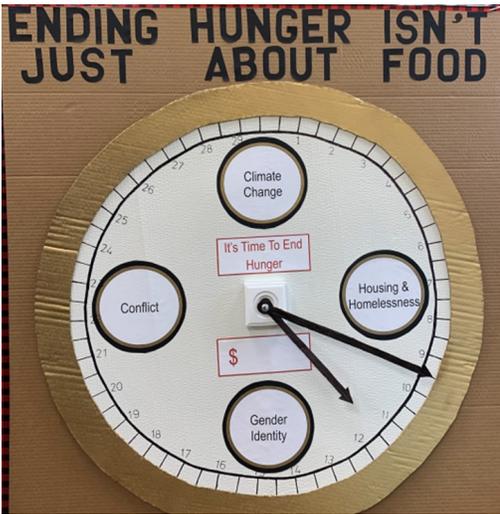


Week 1 - October 24, 2022

Climate Change

Ending Hunger Isn't Just About Food



That reality has been the inspiration for the theme of our 2022 Hunger Appeal 'Ending Hunger isn't Just about Food'. The intent of the Monday Messages for the 4 weeks of the Hunger Appeal is to provide a bit of education on four of the drivers of hunger - **Climate Change**, Homelessness, Gender Identity and Conflict - and what is happening locally to attempt to address those drivers.

The stresses of climate change are real. It affects practically every fiber of our existence, including health, food security, water, hunger, agriculture, migration and national security. Our goal must be to support policies that safeguard God's creation. We must address the effects climate change and other environmental factors have on all of creation, but especially on our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. We are challenged to fulfill our moral obligation to future generations. In Genesis 1, we are commanded to be stewards of all of creation. This is a daunting task, but also an honor entrusted to us by God. We must accept the responsibility and live up to the challenge.

ELCA Climate Change 101

Locally, **Cincinnati Green Umbrella** coordinates cross-sector collaboration in 4 impact areas:

People: We want residents of our region to thrive because they have access to nature, healthy environments, fresh food and transportation options.

Policy: We want local governments across our 10 county region to reduce their climate footprint and use natural systems and smart development to improve their livability and resiliency.

Built Environment: We want property managers to improve the sustainability of their campuses and the health of people who work and play in them.

Landscape: We want our vibrant landscape to provide quality habitat, ecosystem services (including carbon sequestration and stormwater management) and connect people to place and each other.

Check out their website to learn more about events and the impact of this organization to reduce the impact of climate change in our community.