

Week 2 - October 31, 2022

Homelessness

Ending Hunger Isn't Just About Food

Until recently, the world has made great progress against hunger and poverty, almost cutting in half the number of hungry people around the world, from almost a billion in 1990 to only 600 million in 2014. However, the past 3 years have been particularly hard, with hungry people growing by 150 million since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The UN estimates that there were 828 million hungry people in the world in 2021.

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.

As the author of Isaiah notes, we are also called by God to break the bonds of injustice, feed the hungry, house the homeless and meet the needs of any of our kin. So be bold, step outside your comfort zone and dare to love in the same way God first loved us—in abundance and without prejudice! God is already at work with those of us experiencing homelessness or lack of affordable housing. How will you heed God's call and walk alongside your neighbors?

ELA Homeless Statement Resource Guide - Opening Letter

The Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition (GCHC or just the Homeless Coalition) was formed in May of 1984 with the sole purpose of eradicating homelessness in Cincinnati. What started as a meeting of 15 volunteers meeting weekly in an unheated church basement has grown into a coalition of more than 60 agencies and hundreds of members and supporters. They work toward this goal by coordinating services, educating the public and engaging in grassroots organizing and advocacy.

They are sponsoring regular educational events and walking tours in November highlighting the current era of housing displacement for low income residents in the OTR area of Cincinnati. Use this link for specific dates/times and how to purchase tickets <https://m.bpt.me/profile/244215>