

HUNGER COMMITTEE
Ms. Cindy Moore, Chair
April 27, 2010

Hunger Committee—Nickel-A-Meal Report

Souper Bowl of Caring: The Hunger Committee supersized the offering of Presbytery churches that reported their totals to the Souper Bowl of Caring website by the February 28 deadline. Within our Presbytery, 44 Presbyterian churches participated collecting \$15,625.33 in dollars and cans for their local food agencies and the Hunger Committee supersized these offerings with \$7,883.21 from the 2009 Nickel-a-Meal offering funds for a total of \$23,508.54. According to Souper Bowl of Caring Statistics, among Presbyterians in North Carolina 180 groups participated raising \$92,467. Nationwide 1,939 Presbyterian groups participated raising \$997,933. Nationwide from all denominations, \$9,851,886 was contributed to local agencies. If your church would like to participate next year, go to www.souperbowl.org for more information. Participating churches included:

Belmont FPC	Grace Covenant	Olney
Black Mountain	Green Street	Reems Creek-Beech
Brevard-Davidson River	Hayesville	Rutherfordton
Brittain	Hickory FPC	Sherrill's Ford
Brittain's Cove	Ironton	Swannanoa FPC
Bryson City	Lenoir FPC	Sweetwater
Burnsville FPC	Marshall	Third Street
Canton	Mills River	Tryon
Cherryville FPC	Morganton FPC	United
Conley Memorial	Mt. Holly FPC	Waldensian
Dallas FPC	New Hope, Asheville	Walnut Grove
Etowah	New Hope, Gastonia	Warren Wilson
Fletcher	New Vision Conover	West Avenue
Forest City FPC	Northminster	Westminster
Franklin FPC	Old Fort	

International Hunger Grants: The Hunger Committee used the remaining 2009 Nickel-a-meal funds designated for International hunger relief to fund two grants.

- \$7,500 to Rotary District 7670's "Stop Hunger Now Event" (sponsored by FPC Asheville). This April 24 event is organized by eight Rotary Clubs in the Asheville area. It is an intergenerational event, and they hope to package 125,000 meals to send to Haiti. (Pending April 14 Council Approval.)
- \$10,235.61 Seeds for Haitian Farmers (Presbyterian Hunger Program). The Presbyterian Hunger Program's Joining Hands network, in cooperation with FONDAMA (a Haitian national coalition of peasant farmers and rural organizations) is prioritizing the urgent need for an increase in Haitian rural food production. Feeding the displaced people who have migrated from the earthquake devastated areas around and in Port-au-Prince to rural areas of Haiti threatens to overwhelm the

rural food systems. They issued an emergency call to raise money so that Haitian Farmers could buy seeds for the spring planting season. If your congregation would like to help with future growing seasons, you can contribute to the Presbyterian Hunger Program account for Haiti H000014 through the Presbytery Office. You can go to www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2010/10198.htm for an article about this, or www.pcusa.org/hunger for more information.