

# Central Texas Conference 2009 Thanksliving Offering

90% Hunger & Development Advance #982029

10% Central Texas Conference Hunger Ministries



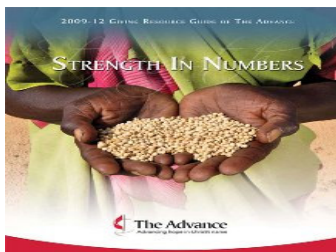
**Hunger & Development Advance #982029** works globally with people of faith and conscience to alleviate hunger and poverty by funding health and agricultural development projects. The mission is to enable funding for short and long-term development programs and activities that address the root causes of hunger with special emphasis on nutrition for children, women's programs, safe drinking, livelihood improvement, and agricultural projects. The goals and objectives are to reduce the number of people affected by hunger and poverty and provide means to improve livelihoods and gain access to affordable health care services. This will be accomplished by providing support to programs that address the root causes of hunger as well as those that provide job training, education, food, clothing, water and sanitation, shelter and basic health care.

**Central Texas Conference Hunger Ministries** will fund grants to local churches to initiate and/or build hunger ministries and continue ongoing ministries that fight hunger. In 2009, hunger grants were awarded to 14 Central Texas Conference churches. With the rising cost of food, increasing unemployment and under-employment, the cost of fuel and mortgage/rent the need is greater than ever before. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 36.2 million Americans live in food-insecure households and approximately one in every three are children. The goal of the conference hunger grants are to provide support to programs that address hunger. To obtain information and an application for Central Texas Conference local church hunger grants in 2010, please visit [www.ctcumc.org/hunger](http://www.ctcumc.org/hunger).

*"We have the ability, we have the means, and we have the capacity to eliminate hunger from the face of the earth. We need only the will."  
-- President John F. Kennedy*

People are hungry not because of lack of availability of food or overpopulation, but because they are too poor to afford food. Politics and economic conditions have led to poverty and dependence at home and around the world. As a church that follows the teachings of Wesley and Christ, we have a responsibility to share the blessings that God has bestowed upon us.

The Central Texas Conference Task Force on Hunger prays that your generous offering will empower our local church congregations and ministries around the world to stamp out hunger.



**The Central Texas Conference Council on Finance and Administration recommends the annual Thanksliving Offering be taken in November.**

Churches should submit all donations on a remittance form and mail to the Conference Office, 464 Bailey Avenue, Fort Worth 76107-2153. Please indicate that your donation is for Thanksliving 2009.

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