

## CENTS-ABILITY INVITES CHRISTIANS TO:

- *Contribute a few cents every meal.*
- *Remember the needs of others in prayer.*
- *Learn more about hunger in your community, nation and world.*
- *Experience the power of christians working together in response to Jesus' command, "Give them something to eat!"*

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## HUNGER IN THE BIBLE

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is full of references to God's desire that everyone should have sufficient food. The selected references below give some indication of the breadth of this biblical theme. For a more in-depth treatment of hunger and poverty in the Bible, order the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Bible Study Packet (PDS#253-93-303) from the Presbyterian Distribution Service at 1-800-524-2612.

*Proverbs 19:17 What you give to the poor is a loan to the Lord.*

*Psalms 41:1-3 God sustains and protects those who give to the poor.*

*Psalms 146:5-8 Happy are those who give food to the poor.*

*Isaiah 58:5-10 Pour yourselves out for the hungry.*

*Micah 6:6-8 Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God.*

*Matthew 25:31-46 "I was hungry and you fed me"*

*Mark 6:30-34 Jesus feeds the multitudes.*

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Cents-Ability originated as "Two-Cents-A-Meal," a project of Presbyterian women in response to the crisis of world hunger. Cents-ability resources are produced by the Presbyterian Hunger Program for use in the educational and fund raising programs of PC(USA) presbyteries and congregations. Fund raising through Cents-Ability should supplement, not replace, support of the One Great Hour of Sharing and other PC(USA) benevolences.

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## Facts About Hunger

- More than 800 million people in the world are chronically undernourished (1 in 7)
- In developing countries one child in 10 dies before his fifth birthday.
- Six million children die each year from malnutrition and hunger related causes. That's over 16,000 a day.
- In the U.S. 12 million children live in households where there is not enough to eat.
- One in ten households in the U.S. are living with hunger.
- The wealthiest fifth of the world's people consume an astonishing 86% of all goods and services, while the poorest fifth consumes 1 %.
- 32% of the population in the developing world lives on less than \$1 per day
- 21 million people turned to America's Second Harvest foodbanks in 1997; 40% were from working families.
- In nearly 25% of all rural counties, 1 in 5 people has been living below the poverty level for at least four decades.
- About 2.5% of the federal budget is spent on food assistance