

ONE Lutheran Campaign

What: The ONE Campaign is an effort to rally Americans, one by one, to the cause of ending poverty in our world and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) The MDGs are eight interrelated targets toward the elimination of extreme poverty by 2015. More than 180 countries, including the United States, have endorsed the goals, which include:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Create a global partnership for development

ONE Lutheran is the ELCA-specific effort to promote the ONE Campaign. ONE Lutherans acting together can bring real power to this social justice movement.

When: In 2008, the Ascension Council voted to become a ONE Lutheran Congregation. In 2009, Ascension will be holding a ONE Sunday.

Who: Pastor Nancy and the Mission Committee are planning the ONE Sunday.

How: Ascension will become a ONE Lutheran Congregation by organizing a ONE Sunday and achieving three of the following four goals:

- Feature the Millennium Development Goals in a sermon.
- Use ONE resources in Christian education classes for youth and adults.
- Collect an offering for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.
- Meet with federal legislators to advocate for the MDGs.

Website: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Advocacy/Get-Involved/Become-a-ONE-Lutheran-Congregation.aspx>