

What is Foods Resource Bank?

FRB is a Christian, non-governmental humanitarian organization committed to allowing people to know the dignity and pride of feeding themselves through programs of sustainable agriculture.

Food security means families producing enough food to share, barter, or sell to purchase basic medicines and staples, and send their children to school.

FRB helps to achieve this goal by forming coalitions of landowners, mission-minded farmers, agricultural businesses, caring individuals, churches, and communities to provide needed food security resources through growing projects.

FRB is made up of member organizations including Christian denominations, church agencies, and faith-based hunger organizations. UCC and Disciples are members of FRB.

FRB member organizations use FRB resources to provide food, but **their major focus is to supply the knowledge and materials people need to start feeding themselves.**



Feeding oneself gives dignity and pride.

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FOODS RESOURCE BANK

*Working with
Your Church
and
Your Community*



A partnership that responds to the problem of world hunger and helps hungry people know the dignity and pride of feeding themselves.

When severe famine strikes a country, it tends to make headlines around the world. But did you know that every day, thousands of people are dying from a type of hunger that doesn't make the news? Chronic undernutrition . . .

- 800 million people went to bed hungry last night. Most of them are women and children.
- Almost 200 million children under 5 years of age are underweight due to lack of food.
- One child dies every seven seconds from hunger-related causes.

Source: World Food Program

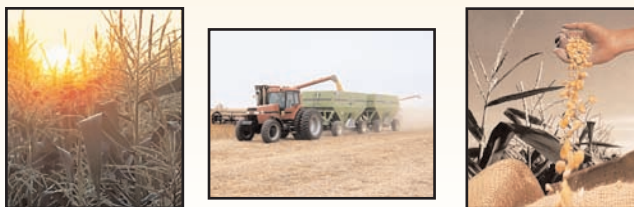
The world's need is real and urgent.



No individual or program can end world hunger, but when Christians learn about the issues and know how to respond effectively, they can work together to make a difference.

So, how can Christians respond effectively to the problem of hunger?

The UCC and Disciples have formed relationships with Foods Resource Bank (FRB). These partnerships work together to provide food and food-growing supplies to people in need. You can join this important ministry by supporting a local **growing project** sponsored by your church, land-owners, farmers, and agri-business people.



How it works:

A growing project is a process. First, land is donated or rented for a year. Local farmers then plant and harvest a crop, which will be contributed to FRB.

Agri-businesses support the project by extending favorable prices for, or donations of, agricultural inputs like seed and fertilizer. Individuals, churches, and communities also get involved by providing resources to cover costs in excess of donations.

After a crop is harvested and sold, the proceeds are contributed to FRB. Instead of paying high shipping costs to send food supplies to hungry people around the world, FRB uses the funds to purchase grain, seeds, tools, and other resources near the affected areas. This maximizes our ability to respond to the needs of the hungry.

How do the Disciples and UCC respond to hunger?

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ respond to hunger through Week of Compassion (Disciples) and One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC).

In situations of disaster, drought, famine and chronic hunger, WOC and OGHS provide immediate food aid and help affected communities move toward food security. Frequently, WOC and OGHS join together to support Global Ministries and Church World Service community efforts in agriculture and economic development. Week of Compassion coordinates the efforts of members to advocate government policies that will provide food for hungry people and empower their self-development.

Disciples support hunger ministry through their annual and special support of Week of Compassion, while UCC members give annually to One Great Hour of Sharing and special disaster appeals.

Through this partnership with Foods Resource Bank, Disciples and UCC members can raise new resources for the hungry while building Christian community. Right now, Christians across North America are working together on FRB growing projects. Urban congregations are providing cash to rural congregations who supply land, equipment, and time in "twinning" relationships. Both denominations provide matching grants. Won't you consider joining in this collaborative effort to end world hunger?