

Hunger Commission Report 2013 CUMC Church Conference

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Old programs were continued and new initiatives undertaken by the Hunger Commission this year. They included –

- Working with the pastors, the initiation of a monthly food collection program that coincides with communion on the first Sunday and designates a different suggested category for each of 12 Sundays.
- A repeat performance of our annual seed drive to benefit seniors living in Chicago Housing Authority units, providing 1,500 packets to this well-received initiative.
- Contribution of \$8,700.00 to various causes, including Hesed House, the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Loaves and Fishes, Bread for the World and the CUMC mission trip to Honduras in March.
- Participation in Heifer Project with the purchase of an ark, representing the collection of over \$5,000. by children of *all* ages!
- Collection of school supplies – still going on – for kits that are distributed by the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham.
- Distribution locally through the church office and our pastors of lunches for the homeless on as needed basis.

We were saddened by the death of long time Commission member Nancy Zimmermann earlier this year; her ready smile and helpful spirit will be missed.