

Total Respondents to Survey: 64

Central District	12	19%
Northeast District	18	28%
Northwest District	16	25%
Southeast District	10	16%
Southwest District	8	13%

	Yes		No	
1. Does your church have an individual or group of individuals focused on reducing hunger in your community or Arkansas?	55	86%	9	14%
2. Is your church involved in any of the following hunger activities, projects, or organizations?	55	86%	1	2%
Food Pantry located in your church	21	33%		
Food Pantry located in your community	32	50%		
Community Garden on church property	3	5%		
Community Garden location other than church property	4	6%		
After school feeding program in your church	3	5%		
After school feeding program in your community	5	8%		
Preparing & serving meals at your church for those in need	13	20%		
Preparing & serving meals offsite for those in need	11	17%		
Collecting food items for another local food pantry	26	41%		
Collecting food items for a statewide distribution	7	11%		
Gleaning Projects	1	2%		
Backpacks for Kids	22	34%		
Arkansas Rice Depot	23	36%		
Arkansas Food Bank	13	20%		
Arkansas Hunger Alliance	6	9%		
NoKidHungry	1	2%		
Cooking Matters	2	3%		
Advocacy or Social Justice Activities	4	6%		
Other hunger activities, projects or organizations	22	34%		
Total Hunger Activities Churches Are Currently Involved In:	219			
3. Does your church financially support hunger relief efforts in Arkansas?	41	64%	18	28%
Total Projects Supported	52			
4. Do you have local partners with which you collaborate to meet the hunger need in your community?	40	63%	17	27%
Number of Community Partners	57			
5. Does your hunger program/ outreach/ mission focus specifically on:				
Both children and adults	52	91%		
Children	3	5%		
Don't know	2	4%		
Adults	0	0%		

	Yes		No	
6. Does your hunger program/outreach/mission involve developing a deeper or lasting relationship with those you are serving?	23	36%	16	25%
Not Sure	18	28%		
Number of churches who commented on how they are developing a deeper or lasting relationship with those they are serving.	21	33%		
7. If your church is not currently engaged in reducing hunger in your community, would you be interested in being part of such a mission?	41	64%	2	3%
Food pantry in your church	16	39%		
Food pantry in your community	16	39%		
Community Garden on church property	12	29%		
Community Garden in your community	13	32%		
After school feeding program at church	12	29%		
After school feeding program in community	8	20%		
Backpacks for Kids	24	59%		
Advocacy or Social Justice	11	27%		
None of the above	6	15%		
Other (please specify)	0	0%		
Number of other hunger projects the church may be interested in.	0			
8. If available in your community, with which of the following would you be willing to partner:				
Other UMC's	38	59%		
Other churches regardless of denomination	43	67%		
Non-profits such as Arkansas Rice Depot, Arkansas Foodbank or Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance	44	69%		
None of these	0	0%		
Other agencies the church would partner with.	2			
9. Number of comments from churches on what else they would want us to know about efforts to reduce childhood hunger.	25	39%		

Supporting Data:

Question 2: Other hunger activities, projects, or organizations the church is involved in.
After school snack program, Marvell UMC
Back Pack Ministry, First UMC North Little Rock
Broadway Bridge, Little Rock
Community Rescue Mission, Fort Smith
Food Bank of North Central AR
Food Bank of Northeast AR
Food Co-op, First UMC Little Rock
Good Samaritan Fund, Colt UMC
Good Samaritan Fund, Lakewood UMC
Hope Distributors, Springdale
Local food distribution, Conway
Local food distribution, Fairfield Bay
Local food distribution, Mi Casa at Lakeside, Pine Bluff
Local food distribution, Russell AR
Mountain of Food, Bella Vista UMC
Next Step Day Room, Fort Smith
Our House, Little Rock
Potluck Food Rescue, Little Rock
Sack Lunch Program, Fort Smith
Salvation Army's Red Shield Diner, Fort Smith
Samaritan House, Rogers
SnackPacks for a local school, Springdale
Total "Other" Hunger Activities:
22

Notes:
First UMC, Little Rock: Also starting the process to open a Food Co-op at FUMC. It will be modeled after Urban Recipe (formerly Georgia Avenue Community Ministry). FUMC is in the process of becoming an agency of the AR Foodbank. Once that is completed then Nancy Yarnell, a retired Methodist minister now working for Food Security of America in Atlanta, will be coming to FUMC to educate/train our volunteers on how to run a Food Co-op.
Mi Casa at Lakeside, Pine Bluff: We keep plastic bags prepared for anyone who comes by asking for food.
Russell UMC: Many within the church deliver food personally to those in need.

Question 4: Local partners with whom the church collaborates.					
AR Food Bank, Fort Smith	1	2%	Norfolk Community Care Program		
AR Food Bank, Little Rock	1	2%	Food Pantry	1	2%
AR Hunger Relief Alliance, LR	1	2%	Oasis Food Pantry, Bella Vista	1	2%
AR Hunters Feeding the Hungry	1	2%	Old Fort Homeless Coalition, Ft Smith	1	2%
AR Metro, North Little Rock	1	2%	Osceola Ministerial Alliance	1	2%
AR Rice Depot, Little Rock	2	4%	Osceola Shalom Community	1	2%
Boy Scouts, Russellville	1	2%	Other Local Churches **	21	37%
Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Pine Bluff	1	2%	Other UMC Churches ***	19	33%
Cabot Community Thanksgiving	1	2%	Our House, Little Rock	2	4%
Carroll County AR Community Foundation, Eureka Springs	1	2%	Restoration Village, Little Flock	1	2%
Choctaw Food Bank, Choctaw	1	2%	Salvation Army, Pine Bluff	1	2%
Community Clearinghouse, Ft Smith	1	2%	Salvation Army Red Shield Diner, Ft Smith	1	2%
Community Rescue Mission, Ft Smith	2	4%	Samaritan House, Rogers	1	2%
Compassion Center, Little Rock	1	2%	Shift Family Outreach Center, Osceola	1	2%
Conagra Foods, Russellville	1	2%	Souls Harbor, Rogers	1	2%
DHS, Little Rock	1	2%	The CALL, Little Rock	1	2%
Family Promise, Little Rock	1	2%	The Fresh Market, Little Rock	1	2%
Farm Bureau employees, Clarendon	1	2%	The Sack Lunch Program, Fort Smith	1	2%
Food Bank of North Central AR, Norfolk	1	2%	Tyson Foods Inc., Morrilton	1	2%
Food Bank of Northeast AR, Jonesboro	1	2%	United Way of Northwest AR, Bentonville	1	2%
Food for Life, Clinton	1	2%	US Post Office, Russellville	1	2%
Good Shepherd Center Food Pantry, Wynne	1	2%	USDA employees, Clarendon	1	2%
Greater Crossett Area Food Pantry, Crossett	1	2%	Women & Children First, Little Rock	1	2%
Havenwood, Bentonville	1	2%			
Healing Waters Outreach Center, LR	1	2%	Total Local Partners:		
Help and Hope, Batesville	1	2%			57
Help Network, Russellville	1	2%	Food Banks	5	9%
Helping Hands, Bentonville	1	2%	Food Pantries	12	21%
Independent individuals	1	2%	Meal Providers	13	23%
Kroger, Little Rock	1	2%	Relief Organizations	2	4%
Local schools *	7	12%	Other	25	44%
Main Street Mission, Russellville	1	2%			
Mercy Hospital, Berryville	1	2%			
Neighbor to Neighbor, Pine Bluff	1	2%			
Next Step Day Room, Fort Smith	1	2%			

Question 4: Local partners with whom the church collaborates.
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*** Local Schools Include:**

Crossett School District, Crossett
Midland Elementary School, Pleasant Plains
Norfolk School District
North Little Rock School District
Tillery Elementary School, Rogers
Wakefield Elementary, Little Rock

**** Other Local Churches Include:**

1st Presbyterian Church, Little Rock
47th Street Baptist Church, North Little Rock
All Saints Episcopal Church, Russellville
Amboy Christian Church, North Little Rock
Amboy First Baptist Church, North Little Rock
Berean Baptist Church, North Little Rock
Community of Christ Church, Berryville
Cornerstone Church, Cushman
First Baptist Church, Walnut Ridge
First Christian Church, Berryville
First Presbyterian Church, Crossett
Havana First Assembly of God, Havana
Levy First Baptist Church, North Little Rock
Presbyterian Church, Clarksville
St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Osceola

***** Other UMC Churches Include:**

Asbury UMC, Little Rock
Bald Knob UMC
Bradford UMC
Cabot UMC
Central UMC, Rogers
First UMC, Little Rock
First UMC, Rogers
First UMC, Russellville
Gardner Memorial UMC, North Little Rock
Grace UMC, Rogers
Highland Valley UMC, Little Rock
Mt Tabor UMC, Cabot
New Hope UMC, Van Buren
Oakley Chapel UMC, Rogers
Pulaski Heights UMC, Little Rock
Quapaw Quarter UMC, Little Rock
St. James UMC, Little Rock
The Journey UMC, Cabot

Question 6: Comments on how the local church is developing a deeper or lasting relationship with those they are serving through their work.		
Amboy UMC	CE	Many of our clients are repeat customers. We get to know them as they return month to month. We make clear that they are invited to participate in any of the churches that sponsor the Amboy Community Food Pantry, which is supported by 11 community congregations.
Asbury UMC	SW	Bro. Michael has a devotional with the group. We try to get to know our clients as much as they will let us. We have a prayer box where they can ask for prayers. Through devotionals offered by pastor and personal interaction on distribution dates, invitations to worship and fellowship with the church.
Booneville UMC	NW	Getting to know them. Providing other resources to meet their needs physically and spiritually.
Central Avenue, Batesville	NE	For six years we have served a Free Community Breakfast each Sunday morning for those in our area in need. Approximately 20% of the 60-100 who attend are children. We have had several from the breakfast who have become members of our church and work in various ministries.
Colt UMC	SE	Giving without expecting anything in return. We are doing this for love of God, and the love of others, not to gain members or recondition. That should never be why we give. The people know we give, sometimes we get a thank you other times we do not. It does not matter, we give still.
Cushman UMC	NE	All of the people that come to our food pantry become friends to us. We worry about their well being, I talk to them about the Jesus Christ and tell them our church service time.
First UMC, Clarendon	SE	Personal invitations to attend worship and Sunday School, post cards about opportunities to participate in worship and Sunday School are inserted in each grocery bag, personal delivery service for those without transportation, personal delivery of holiday meals. In the process of visioning new opportunities to develop deeper and more lasting relationships with those we serve.
First UMC, Fort Smith	NW	Some attend worship and Sunday School at the church. Others are regular attendees at the meals. A few come to the church for other forms of financial assistance.
First UMC, Little Rock	CE	We are reviewing all of our Ministries, ongoing as well as those that are in development to evaluate them through the prism of <u>Toxic Charity</u> , written by Robert D. Lupton. We want sustainable programs that restore dignity and respect as well as a way to break off dependency. This does include building actual physical relationships and inviting our folks to be part of our church in every respect. We want to get beyond "hand outs". Through Cooking Matters and Cooking Matters at the Store, we are meeting and getting to know the people we are serving, especially through Cooking Matters. It is a 6 week course and each week we meet for 1 1/2 hours with and share a meal together at the end of each class. A few have returned to the church for worship. Over the course of 6 weeks, many stories are being shared together. It's a nice laid-back atmosphere so everyone feels comfortable and the meal time at the end of each class is especially nice as we pray and eat together. We hope the new Food Co-op will also form relationships with new friends. The mission behind it is "To provide food for those in need in a way that affirms dignity and builds community." Check out the website at urbanrecipe.org . Also with Empowerment programs.

Question 6: Comments on how the local church is developing a deeper or lasting relationship with those they are serving through their work. (continued)		
First UMC, Osceola	NE	New comers are given an written invitation to our services and Sunday School with times. We also give new comers a New Testament Bible. Prayer is offered at each visit.
First UMC, Russellville	NW	Four years ago we developed a meal and worship experience called More Than Manna to extend the reach of our connections with folks we met through the Manna House food minstry. Also we have a close relationship with Help Network. HN assists in a variety of needs and is supported acrosss the community. It is housed in the same building as our manna House.
First UMC, Springdale	NW	Through our food pantry we visit with our clients on a monthly basis. Several of our counselors have become friends with our clients, making a deeper than surface connection.
Greenwood UMC	NW	We invite those coming to the Food Bank to share in coffee and snacks and fellowship with members of our congregation prior to the distribution. They are invited to our worship and our programs.
Holiday Hills UMC	NE	We assist them in other needs & encourage church attendance.
Lakewood UMC	CE	Follow up, partnerships, relationships, work to solve the overall problem and not just put a band-aid on it
Mi Casa at Lakeside Pine Bluff	SE	Our food pantry is designed to meet the needs of the Hispanic community. When contact is made with the person or persons needing assistance they are told of our various worshipping opportunities and 'social services'. The food is distributed to whomever is needy regardless of race, but the food items are culturally particular.
Mt. Olivet UMC	SE	We continue to communicate with those we have served who still need help and help with clothing drives and furniture if needed. We provide food and gifts for 4 or 5 families at Christmas and follow up with them. We provide some with utility assistance, we also have a Family Assistance fund for Emergency needs.
Pullman Heights	SW	We invite them to our Sunday services.
Quapaw Quarter UMC	CE	It doesn't happen with everyone who attends one of our meals or comes to our food pantry, but there are people who we develop meaningful relationships with. We are intentional about being a hospitable presence, and we see one another regularly enough to have meaningful conversation. We don't have a formal program, but it happens informally.
Russell United Methodist Church	NE	We visit, witness, encourage, pray, provide transportation when needed; help as we can with other basic needs (clothing, household items, etc); invite them to share in worship and fellowship with our church family.
The Journey	CE	We recently created the Cabot Resource Center which is open Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. The goal of the center is to inform people where they can find the resources they need, as well as provide services such as budgeting, resume creation, etc to help lift them out of their situation. All people that come to the center will be followed up with on a long term basis.
		Total Comments: 21

Question 8: Other agencies the church would partner with if available.		
First UMC, Clarendon	SE	Other churches for community garden
Hunter UMC	CE	Romine Elementary School, Little Rock
		Total Other Partners:
		2

Question 9: Comments from churches on what else they would us to know about efforts to reduce childhood hunger.		
Amboy UMC	CE	Our pantry is moving toward having served 100,000 persons since it began 11 years ago. We also use USDA commodities when they are available.
Bella Vista UMC	NW	We do a Pak A Sak program monthly. Food goes to a variety of agencies - food pantries, shelters, etc. Our Mountain of Food Program specifically helps five agencies (Helping Hands, Souls Harbor, Arkansas Rice Depot, Salvation Army and Oasis Food Pantry) with a large contribution (Over \$6000 worth of food) each year. We also provide manpower to Meals on Wheels one month each year. We do a "harvest table" each year where our members bring excess produce from their gardens to "sell" to our congregation (for a donation) Besides providing healthy fresh produce to our members, the money raised goes back into our "feeding" missions.
Berryville UMC	NW	This Past school year in cooperation with Berryville School, Mercy Hospital and Loaves & Fishes Food bank we launched a food pack program where the partners provide and the school nurses distribute for each weekend. We currently supply between 90 and 110 packs of approximately 5 to 7 pounds kid-friendly, nutritious food to our school children.
Booneville UMC	NW	Where is the greatest need?
Carthage charge	SW	Is the UMC collaborating with public and private schools? How are home school children being identified by the UMC
Colt	SE	Having each church do something, but don't push a program on them, as each church is different, one fix does not fix all problems.
Cushman United Methodist	NE	As the Body of Christ, we should always look for ways to reduce hunger, especially the children. We always try to keep healthy food stocked in our food pantry, including milk, produce, and fruit. We also keep the freezer full of meat and the shelves stocked with canned goods, boxed dinners, and also healthy snacks.
First UMC, Clarendon	SE	Specifics on how the established programs work with churches, especially in small towns.
First UMC, Clinton	NE	We work together as a community to deal with this issue. Our church through our thrift shop provides monetary grants to both pantries in our community along with doing can drives etc.
First UMC, Little Rock	CE	Bishop-I head the Alliance and a fellow FUMCLR member, Patty Barker, heads up the No Kid Hungry campaign. Please include us in your group. We are both involved in the food ministry at First Church but don't head it up. Thanks for doing this. // FUMC LR wants to be an active participant in any Conference Ministries that are being developed. And also to be included in all correspondence that is available. // Each year we have a second mile giving campaign during Lent where all monies are directed to reducing hunger in our community. An average of \$18-29,000 is raised each year.
First UMC, Malvern	SW	We will continue to make this a priority in ministry.

Question 9: Comments from churches on what else they would us to know about efforts to reduce childhood hunger. (continued)		
First UMC, North Little Rock	CE	We are involved and will continue to support the programs we are involved with.
First UMC, Rogers	NW	Our church's bi-annual lecture series in 2014 will be focused on food insecurity in Northwest Arkansas.
First UMC, Russellville	NW	What other UM churches are involved with a comprehensive program like we are?
First UMC, Walnut Ridge	NE	We are in the planning stages of a community garden and working with the school for the backpack program. Our church just recently became aware of this situation.
Greenwood UMC	NW	We are going to be researching our community on issues related to hunger and homelessness. Plan on seeing how else we might better meet those needs.
Hunter UMC	CE	The need is greater than may be realized. I am sure that Hunter UMC Members care, and would likely want to do what we can to help. A speakers' bureau or the likes could be trained and charged to go out and educate churches concerning the depth of the problem
Lakewood UMC	CE	The UMC has focused a lot of efforts with Rice Depot and I don't think our people understand the work that goes on at the Food Bank.
Marvell UMC	SE	Other actions in concert with food distribution is required to end childhood hunger. I am told our local school is already partnered with the Rice Depot Backpack program for the kids. We do not get items for our food pantry from the Rice Depot because we do not have the means to pick it up. AR Food Bank delivers.
McElroy/Central/Ellis Chapel	SE	We collect money each month during Communion (money left on the rail) to give to local aid which a portion goes to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. We also have given funds to the Bridge of Hope Children's Home in Vanndale, AR.
Mi Casa at Lakeside Pine Bluff	SE	I prefer working in a program that involves responding to people of my church community. I like knowing whom I am helping and put a face to that need. If our mission field is to be focused on church community I believe this would be an effective way to curb childhood hunger.
Mt. Olivet UMC	SE	A lot of Churches help out at Holidays, but do not continue the connection.
Norfolk	NE	Members of our church were instrumental in founding the FoodBank of NCA over 30 years ago. Our church makes a monthly financial contribution, members serve on board and do volunteer work for the food bank as well as local food pantry. Our U M W group started a backpack program for the elementary school about six years ago and currently we feed 65 children every weekend.
Quapaw Quarter UMC	CE	Just this last week we provided a good amount of food to a teacher who finds some of her students to be perpetually hungry. We intend to keep her supplied with whatever she needs to help her students.
St. James United Methodist, Little Rock	CE	Several years ago I saw the waste of good food and contacted two stores to donate items instead of dumping them. Kroger and The Fresh Market were more than willing to help us with this Food Rescue project, which could grow if we have adequate volunteers and facilities to process.
		Total Other Comments: 25