

CANADA YOUTH 2018

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Rev. Dr. Cheryl Gaver

Canada Youth 2018 – Canadian Foodgrains Bank

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Overview

Ross Lockhart was the workshop facilitator for the workshop on the *Canadian Foodgrains Bank*. She is the Youth Engagement Coordinator and helps volunteers implement educational campaigns in their communities and congregations. Her role is equipping youth leaders.

Introduction

This session built on an earlier session that I missed.

Resources & Ways to Help

She asked, “How receptive are we to the issues surrounding world hunger? What can we do about world hunger?”

PRAY		GIVE (time, talents, money, food)
LEARN		ADVOCATE

Check the Canadian Foodgrains Bank website (<https://foodgrainsbank.ca/>) – they have a variety of resources (<https://foodgrainsbank.ca/resources/>) available online: worship resources, educational activities, etc.

“Room at the Table” – if your family eats at a dining room table, leave an empty chair, and have a story and prayer about someone living with hunger. There is a worship resources for this for Food Day.

You can also donate to Canadian Foodgrains Bank – specify *PSW&D* so that your donation goes to PCC projects.

Educational resources – include games for a wide range of people and ages, plus different scenarios.

Some Basic Facts Re Hunger

United Nations Statistics

According to the United Nations, some 795 million people in the world are undernourished:

- 12% live in Asia (512 million)
- 20% live in Africa (233 million)
- 5% live in Latin America and the Caribbean (34 million)
- 14% live in Oceania (1.4 million)
- 14 million live in developed countries.

OurWorld.ca Information

- Myth: People are hunger because there is not enough food in the world. There is and has been since the early 1970s. The problem is access to affordable food.
- Fact: Hunger is not a contest between the developed world and the underdeveloped world. Hunger exists everywhere.

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- Myth: We need to increase food production, and if the environment is harmed as a result, it cannot be helped. This is a myth because there is enough food for all – We can increase food production in ways which do not damage the environment.
- Myth: If developing countries could only sell more export crops they could afford to buy more food. Export crops do not feed people.
- Fact: Hunger is a question of who controls the food production process.

Another Resource

If interested in this type of topic, check out <http://ourworld.ca/> as well. This site has not been updated for quite a while, but it still has case studies, myth busters, fast facts, quizzes, and more. Some of the issues it deals with are: forests, water, Human Rights and the Girl-Child, Peace and Security, the Burka, etc.