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## World Food Day - October 16

Information from Ontario Provincial Service Chairperson Sue Lubowitz

Please share with your CWL Members

First celebrated in 1979, World Food Day takes place annually on October 16 and promotes awareness of hunger and action for the future of food, people, and the planet. This year's World Food Day theme is: "Right to foods for a better life and a better future."

The world produces enough food to feed all its inhabitants, and food is recognized as the third most basic human necessity (after air and water), as well as a basic human right under the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights and two legally-binding international covenants.

Yet hunger still persists for 10% of the global population. Moreover, having access to something isn't enough. With this year's World Food Day theme, the Food and Agriculture Organization is calling for the right to a diverse and nutrient-rich diet that is affordable, accessible, and safe — for everyone.

We all have a role to play. Governments, the private sector, farmers, academia, civil society and individuals need to work together to ensure a greater variety of nutritious, affordable, accessible, safe, and sustainable foods in order to achieve food security and healthy diets for all. Together, we can be the change.

As reported by National Service Chair, Joline Belliveau (<https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/07-20240915-Memo-Belliveau-Joline-to-Provincial-Chairpersons-of-Service.pdf>), the League's 1% partnership with Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (D&P) and the national fund is supporting two projects:

- 1) Food and Nutritional Security and Climate Change in the Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger)
- 2) Management and Prevention of Acute Malnutrition (Gedo, Somalia)

Information on these projects is in Joline's fall memo. Continue to donate generously to this national fund.

If you would like to plan an event to mark the day, resources can be found at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations <https://www.fao.org/world-food-day/en>

Excellent resources for faith communities are available at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank website. There are videos and prayer services and so much more <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/resources/world-food-day-until-all-are-fed/>

Councils may wish to revisit Resolution 2022.01

<https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Resolution-2022.01-Enact-Federal-Legislation-to-Reduce-Food-Loss-and-Waste-Final.website.pdf>

You can also register now to join the live webcast of the World Food Day global ceremony on 16 October at 10:00 CET.

To register: <https://www.fao.org/world-food-day/events/global-events/en>

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