

Resolution 26-1

Food Insecurity in the United States

WHEREAS: according to recent data, 14% of U.S. households reported food insecurity between January and October 2025, an increase from 12.5% in 2024, and

WHEREAS: nearly 42 million Americans, including low-income families and vulnerable households, rely on SNAP, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, to help pay for groceries or other household essentials per ABC News, and

WHEREAS: estimates from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) published in August 2025 suggest that as a result of the mega-bill signed into law in July, more than 3 million Americans could lose SNAP assistance within the next few years, and

WHEREAS: the current administration will end the USDA's annual hunger report, which hides the impact of reduced SNAP benefits, undermines transparency on food insecurity and weakens accountability in policymaking, and

WHEREAS: Second Harvest Heartland is a leading hunger-relief organization. In partnership with more than 1,000 food shelves and hunger-relief programs in Minnesota and western Wisconsin, providing more than 143 million meals to neighbors last year, and

WHEREAS: Second Harvest Heartland also helps families enroll in food assistance and provides prepared meals for people who need more than groceries. Second Harvest Heartland is a leader, convener and voice in hunger-related policy discussions, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that women of the Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization include food insecure families in prayer, and

RESOLVED: that individual women and congregational units of the Saint Paul Area Synodical Women support the efforts of their local food shelves and Second Harvest Heartland in the upcoming year (May 2026 to April 2027) by working together to raise at least \$2500 to be designated to Second Harvest Heartland: and be it further

RESOLVED: that such donations be sent to the Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization treasurer for disbursement to Second Harvest Heartland.

Submitted by: Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization Board