Souper Bowl Smackdown 2027

Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl Championship

The Souper Bowl of Caring takes the excitement and energy surrounding the NFL's Super Bowl and turns it into an opportunity for youth and churches to make a difference by fighting hunger in their own communities.

In that same spirit, the **Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl Championship** brings congregations from across the Presbytery together for some friendly competition with a meaningful purpose — rallying our churches to collect food, raise funds, and support neighbors experiencing hunger.

The Rules

Promotion begins: During the month of December
Collecting begins: Friday, January 1
Collecting ends: Sunday, February 14
Final totals due: Wednesday, February 17

Churches may collect **nonperishable food items and monetary donations** throughout the competition. All money raised should go directly toward hunger ministries, food pantries, or other local programs addressing food insecurity.

The **Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl Champion** will be determined by a **per capita total**. Monetary donations and physical food items will be combined into one overall total and divided by the **number of people in your congregation**. This gives congregations of every size a fair shot at taking home the Championship Belt.

The **Total Items Trophy** will go to the congregation with the **highest overall collection total**, combining monetary and physical donations regardless of congregation size.

All final totals must be reported to the **Commissioner of the Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl Championship** by **Wednesday, February 17**. We'll continue using the

honor system and trust that all reported totals reflect donations received by the collection deadline on Sunday, February 14.

Please remember that **church budget funds may not be used** to purchase food or make monetary donations toward your church's total. The goal is to inspire generosity and participation throughout our congregations — not to see which church can spend the most.

Churches are encouraged to start spreading the word in December and keep the excitement going throughout the competition. Get creative! Posters, announcements, youth challenges, friendly rivalries, skits, social media, and other ideas are all great ways to get your congregation involved.

The Awards

The congregation with the **highest per capita total** will be crowned the **2027 Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl of Caring Champion**, take home the **Championship Belt**, and earn **bragging rights for the year**.

The congregation with the **highest overall collection total** will take home the **Total Items Trophy** and earn **bragging rights as the Presbytery's top overall collector**.

While we may be competing against one another, we're all playing for the same team. Our ultimate goal is to come together as the body of Christ, care for our neighbors, and help address hunger in communities throughout Mission Presbytery.

So rally your congregation, get your game plan ready, and let's see who will be crowned the **2027 Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl Champion!**

Respectfully submitted,
Neil McKown
Commissioner of the Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl Championship