<u>Hunger Task Force of the DE-MD Synod</u> <u>Grant Opportunity</u>

\$500.00 - Seed and Matching Grants for Congregational and Hunger Ministries.

<u>Background:</u> The Hunger Task Force (HTF) of the DE-MD Synod has been funding churches and ministries that feed their communities and empower them in the battle with poverty. In addition, in recent months, with the Coronavirus and subsequent financial crisis, hunger needs are even greater.

The Task Force wants to partner with churches to expand resources for local food pantries and feeding ministries.

The \$500.00 Feeding Ministry Partnership: Will your congregation partner with the HTF to raise or donate \$500.00 or more to a local food pantry or church feeding ministry? IF SO, the Hunger Task Force (HTF) will match that \$500.00. The HTF will be able to match a total of 10 ministries at \$500.00 each.

If you are interested, please contact the Hunger Task Force with the following information:

Name of your Congregation:
Conference in the DE-MD Synod:
Contact Person in your Church:
Name Address of Church -

Address of Church -Email Address -Phone -

Name of the Feeding Ministry/Food Pantry this will support:

Brief description of this ministry:

The money raised from your congregation can be secured in any manner - an appeal to members, from church savings, special gifts, etc. PLEASE though, this must be "new" money, not funds already approved in a church budget or ministry plan for this feeding ministry. We are hoping to increase the amount that goes to fighting hunger. Also, the money does not have to have been raised immediately to participate. IF the Pastor or Church Council agree to raise these funds, your application can be approved, and funds set aside for HTF authorization.

Timeline- The funds must be raised and distributed with the HTF match no later than September 1, 2020.

Application Timeline: While churches have until Sept. 1, 2020 to raise their match, participation is limited to just 10 churches. Apply as soon as possible, since the HTF can approve participation with only ten congregations.

Send your reply with the above requested information and agreement to raise these funds to Claudia Harrington who coordinating this project for the HTF: claudia280@comcast.net