

## Interfaith Hunger Initiative

### The Indianapolis Covenant

WHEREAS, more than 16,000 children die every day from hunger-related causes, 854 million people across the globe are hungry, and in our own city 18,000 children frequently go without food, and

WHEREAS, our religious traditions, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and Sikhism all clearly teach that God expects us to care for the hungry; therefore

**As individuals and as religious congregations we commit ourselves and our resources to eliminating child and family hunger both locally and globally.**

We covenant with one another to accomplish this mission through:

- A new level of awareness about the causes and extent of hunger,
- A resolve to stand with our neighbors who are hungry, and
- An increase in our financial support and actions to end hunger.

We will act

- Locally by supporting an array of community organizations and groups through Gleaners Food Bank as they supply food pantries, feeding programs and nutrition education in each sector of the community.
- Internationally by ending childhood hunger in Maseno Division, Nyanza province, Kenya where hunger is a serious human and social problem.
- As advocates to solicit public support for programs and policies that eliminate local and global hunger.
- As a model of action for other faith communities to come together to alleviate hunger in their own communities and in partnership with others around the world.

We hereby pledge ourselves and our congregations to this covenant for 2009 – 2013.

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Individual Name

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Date

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Congregation

Please sign this form and return to:  
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