

World Hunger Education Service Celebrates 40 YEARS!

WHES' MISSION

For the past 40 years, the mission of World Hunger Education Service is to undertake programs, including Hunger Notes, that

- ✚ educate the general public and target groups about the extent and causes of hunger and malnutrition in the United States and the world
- ✚ advance comprehension which integrates ethical, religious, social, economic, political, and scientific perspectives on the world food problem
- ✚ facilitate communication and networking among those who are working for solutions
- ✚ promote individual and collective commitments to sustainable hunger solutions.



World Hunger Education Service 40 years of Accomplishments

1975. May. Hunger Notes begins. The Episcopal Office of Christian Education requests a monthly newsletter to keep the Episcopal Hunger Network updated on relevant resources and events. WHES's founder, Pat Kutzner, composes the first issue of "Hunger Workshop Notes" in June 1975.



1976. World Hunger Education Service begins. Kutzner recognized the potential value of an information clearinghouse and networking center especially for local, regional, and national leaders but also for any citizen or organization seeking to eliminate hunger and poverty through policy advocacy, education, communication, or direct action.

1976 Hunger Notes distribution expands – many libraries subscribe, including the library of the U.S Agency for International Development and many universities such as the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan.

1976. Publication of the first edition of Who's Involved With Hunger: An Organization Guide for Education and Advocacy – a key resource for libraries, organizations and individuals involved with hunger. Further editions are published in 1979, 1982, 1985, 1992, and 1995, tracking the growing involvement with hunger issues.

1977-1980. The Politics of Hunger Seminar/Praxis – a two-week program for people leading hunger action in their own communities or institutions
1996. Pat Kutzner retires from WHES.



1998. Hunger Notes begins its website, www.worldhunger.org. Hunger Notes continues publication in print, but also publishes the print version online, which begins a substantial expansion of its readership.

1999. WHES distributes Hunger Notes to all Representatives' and Senators' offices.

2000. Hunger Notes publishes a special issue on Conflict and Hunger including memorable conflict photography by Martin Lueders (example here) and Conflict and Hunger by Ellen Messer and others (2000, updated in 2003), an explanation of how conflict causes hunger; the last print edition of Hunger Notes.

2002. Hunger Notes first publishes World Hunger Facts, which, updated each year, becomes its most popular page.

2002-2007. Father Robert Drinan, a former member of Congress, served on the WHES Board until his death in 2007, and testified before Congress on hunger issues for WHES, including the then famine in North Korea, and the inadequate response of the United States to world hunger.



2008. Hunger Notes begins Hunger Quizzes to attract more people to learn about hunger. 50,000 to 100,000 people take hunger quizzes each year; contributions go to hunger organizations across the world.

2011. Hunger Notes surpasses 1,000,000 annual readers for the first time.

2013. Worldhunger.org has established itself as a principal educational website on hunger and poverty with over 1.1 million visitors a year, and is the #1 site for searches such as world hunger and hunger in the United States.

2015. Hunger Notes establishes a collaboration with the Cornell University's Division of Nutritional Sciences.



It begins the process of redesigning its website for the first time since 2000. It continues to be a stable volunteer organization.

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