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# *Reflections*

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## 'FIND CREATIVITY IN MISSION TOGETHER'

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All over the United Church of Christ individuals, congregations, and national staff are gearing up for Mission: 1, a shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice.

The initiative, which runs from November 1-11, 2011, is an opportunity for congregations of the UCC to live out the UCC motto and Jesus' prayer, "that they may all be one," by participating in a focused, concerted mission emphasis to educate themselves and one another about food-related policy issues through sermons, seminars, and conversations; to advocate on behalf of hungry people at home and around the world; to raise money for hunger-action purposed; and to share bread – and tuna and peanut butter and vegetables and cereal – with our neighbors in need.

Imagine 5,300 UCC churches converted into storehouses of meat and bread, fruits and vegetables, soap and diapers for neighbors in our local communities. Conjure an image of overflowing baskets of peanut butter, cereal, tuna and beans waiting for delivery to shelters and pantries. Envision hundreds of UCC members purchasing pounds of food online for the most vulnerable across our nation and world. This is MISSION: 1

During the 11 days, an online tote board will tally the collective count of foodstuffs, donations, and letters so that everyone can celebrate together the mission and ministry that will be happening in many different settings.

Congregations are encouraged to find creative ways to participate in Mission 1. Resources are available on the UCC website ([www.ucc.org/mission1](http://www.ucc.org/mission1)) to help with creative ideas and areas of focus.

May we all be one in efforts to combat hunger and injustice.

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