July 16, 2017 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost (A): For Such a Time as This - Foreign Assistance & Humanitarian Aid

Get ready to pray, fast, and act #ForSuchATime on July 21st for foreign assistance and humanitarian aid.

This July, we highlight programs that work around the world that aim to alleviate hunger, create economic opportunities, promote health, and respond to disasters.

The U.S. has a longstanding bipartisan tradition of working to alleviate poverty and responding to humanitarian crises all around the world. At less than one percent of the federal budget, foreign assistance has saved millions of lives and continues to do so today.

In fact, we have made remarkable progress in reducing global poverty rates—during the past 30 years, rates of extreme poverty have been cut in half, and we expect more progress in the years to come. To do so, we need to commit to sustained support for foreign and development assistance.

Join us in preparing for prayer, fasting and advocacy in support of our country’s critical foreign assistance and humanitarian aid programs.

Pray for an end to extreme poverty and for an end to humanitarian crises, including ongoing famines, around the world.
Dear God, You understand the needs of our broken world. Please guide us to share our time, talent, and wealth to help end extreme poverty, that we may deeply engage in our church’s mission of global reconciliation. Amen.

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**Fast** to raise awareness of the need to respond to human suffering and hunger no matter where it takes place.

Share on social media using #PrayFastAct and @TheEPPN. On the 21st, post a picture of a dinner place setting with the reason you are fasting this month.

Educate yourself by reading **Appropriations for Foreign Assistance** from the Office of Government Relations.

**Act** to maintain funding support for these vital international assistance programs.

Get ready to contact your members of Congress on the 21st to urge them to support these critical, life-saving programs.