May 10, 2017

Dear Church Members:

Did you know that thousands of Canadians face hunger every year and food banks across the country are unable to keep up with the demand, especially in the summer months? However, this year, we’re facing hunger head on. Food banks across Canada will come together to participate in the **“Every Plate Full Food Drive”** with an inspiring goal: to fill the plates of every hungry Canadian this summer. Through the efforts of local food banks with the support of our national campaign, we are bringing Canada together to make a difference. This Campaign runs from May 23 to June 4, 2017. It’s easy to become a plate filler!

Together, we can make sure none of our neighbors go hungry this summer. We are asking the church community to bring a team together to do something great for your community. Collect non-perishable food items and cash to donate to this food drive.

In 2015, Food Banks Canada supported 105 local food banks across Canada raising more than 700,000 meals. $1.00 = 3 meals \*national average 918,724 Canadians will access a food bank this summer with 37% of those Canadians being children. We need 26,548,725 meals this summer.

The facts are **real**. The **solution** is in our hands. Thank you for choosing to be a part of the “Every Plate Full Campaign”. Thank you for choosing to give food to help ensure no one goes hungry this summer. Join us in May 2017! Together we’re filling plates and changing the stats.

We want to live in a Canada where no one goes hungry.

Food Banks Canada is the national charitable organization representing and supporting the food bank community across all of Canada. Our network of 550 food banks support 85% of people turning to food banks help. Together, we strive to meet the short-term need for food while creating for long-term solutions to hunger. Thanks for helping us make a difference in Canada.

Valley Food Bank appreciates all food and monetary donations collected during this campaign and on behalf of our clients we express our sincere thanks for your generosity. Please call us at 328-4417 to arrange drop-off or pick-up of items.

Warmest Regards,

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