

## SNAP/Food Stamp Challenge Talking Points

- The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will engage in the SNAP/Food Stamp Challenge November 17-23, 2013.
- The Challenge simply means choosing for one week to live on the average amount of food stamp support.
  - That means spending only a designated dollar amount per day, per person, on *everything* that you eat, including breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, seasonings and drinks.
  - Learn what the allowance in your state is by clicking [here](#).
- The SNAP/Food Stamp Challenge is an opportunity to stress the importance of our biblical mandate as Christians to ensure that hungry people of the world, including those in our own nation, are foremost in our thoughts, our ministry, and our advocacy.
  - Through the efforts of our denominational leaders and others, we are signaling to our nation that hunger is a significant issue that cannot be ignored.
- There are a variety of ways that you can engage in the SNAP/Food Stamp Challenge!
  - [Take the Challenge](#) – choose to live on the average amount of food stamp support in your state for one week
  - Pray and use the [SNAP/Food Stamp Challenge Devotional](#)
  - Screen “[A Place at the Table](#)”
  - Give to the [SNAP/Food Stamp Challenge Fund](#)
  - Contact Congressional representatives
    - Call, write or visit the local office of your Congresspersons to share your concern about reducing this safety net in your community.
- We acknowledge that many people, whether dependent on SNAP benefits or not, live within these allowances.
  - Financial pressures on so called "middle class" individuals and families is also a great concern; our economy must be just and fair for all.
  - By joining in the SNAP/Food Stamp Challenge, and consciously living within these allowances together, we pray that awareness is raised, consciences are aroused and actions are taken so that all people have access to their basic needs.
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