A “shift” at the top

After co-founding and leading this successful hunger ministry for almost 30 years, Ken Horne has decided it’s time to shift his focus. As of May 1st, his status will change from Executive Director to Director Emeritus. Mike Waldmann, who has been Director of Operations since 1995, will assume the post of Executive Director.

Ken isn’t going away, though; at least, not very far. His vision, insight, expertise and knowledge, not to mention his vast network of friends and colleagues, are still very much a part of the Society of St. Andrew and its mission. The biggest change will be that Ken simply won’t be in the office every day.

In making the announcement, Rev. Jim Tongue, Chair of SoSA’s Board of Directors, said, “For nearly three decades Ken has given excellent leadership to this extraordinary ministry. With great passion and persistence he has consistently lifted the need of our nation’s hungry people. And his foresight and faithfulness have insured that the Society of St. Andrew is built to last.

“Over the past several years,” Tongue continued, “Ken has worked with the Board of Directors on a leadership transition plan. We are delighted that Ken will continue to be a significant part of the Society of St. Andrew as Director Emeritus.”

In his new role, Ken will continue to lend his considerable influence to advancing SoSA’s ministry. “He

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SoSA Advent Devotions used in Liberia, Africa

Sam NeSmith [far right], a former member of SoSA’s Board of Directors, took SoSA Advent devotional booklets with him on a recent mission trip to Africa. Shown here are members of the Grand Bassa District Conference of the United Methodist Church in Liberia who used the devotionals during Advent. SoSA’s Advent Devotional program was used by 194 churches in the U.S. and so far has resulted in $7,728 to provide 515,237 servings of food (with more to come).
was also fortunate enough to receive volunteer help from students and staff at Sudduth Elementary school in Starkville. They bagged 13 thousand pounds of delicious, healthy sweet potatoes, and each student walked away with not only a sack of potatoes but also a lesson in healthy eating. George ‘Tater’ Jensen, SoSA’s West Ohio Hunger Relief Advocate, has recently been appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hunger Network in Ohio (HNO). HNO is a 29-year-old, faith-based, advocacy organization whose mission is to end hunger in Ohio. Congratulations to “Tater” for his faith and passion for mission who will serve him well as he serves in this added role. • In the last quarter of the year SoSA’s Alabama office gleaned over 10,000 pounds of pumpkins. This was a joint effort of six new produce providers. • The Virginia Gleaning Network made a donation of apples to the D.C. Central Kitchen, which they used to make applesauce that was then distributed to area shelters. The D.C. Central Kitchen provides 4,500 pounds of squash from one farmer. More volunteers are needed to expand salvage of leftover produce from farmers’ markets throughout the state. • While some areas had an excess of rain, North Carolina saw an extreme drought. Despite the conditions, 30 varieties of produce were gleaned in the 4th quarter of last year, which represents diversity in diets and better health for our brothers and sisters experiencing hunger. • SoSA’s Mississippi office hosted their first Yam Jam, which was a huge success. Nearly 40 volunteers came over the state to gather and distribute 19,000 pounds of sweet potatoes. The event was such a success that they are looking forward to making this an annual event. • The Florida office has recently begun a new partnership with University of Central Florida pre-med students who are feeding the hungry in downtown Orlando. They are looking forward to a continued partnership throughout the year. • The Alabama office recently made a new relationship with a food manufacturer in California who has some excess inventory from a warehouse. The Alabama Wisconsin Gleaning Network apple gleaning season ended early this year. Despite that, 191,124 pounds of fruit were gleaned and distributed. The apples were somewhat smaller and fewer than usual, but they sure were sweet!

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**Gleaning America’s Fields ~ Feeding America’s Hungry**

SoSA Statistics at a Glance

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**Senior High Weeks**

- March 1-3
- March 7-9
- July 6-12
- July 13-19

**Junior High Weekends**

- Eastern Shore, VA
  - July 4-6
- July 10-12
- July 24-26
- July 29-31

**College & Young Adult Weekend**

- Sept. 11-13
- Oct. 2-4
- Nov. 28-30

**Intergenerational Weekends**

- October 10-12
- October 25-27
- November 22-24
- December 6-8

**Phase II Week**

- Phase II Week
  - Washington, DC
  - June 22-28

**Summer HOH Internship Opportunity - Apply by March 31**

Resume submissions for SoSA’s 2008 Harvest of Hope Summer Intern position will be accepted through March 31. Applicants should be college-aged or young adults, hardworking, and dedicated to fighting hunger. Harvest of Hope experience is preferred but not required. The internship is 10 weeks during the summer and involves traveling to HOH events as well as some in-office work. The intern will receive a stipend and will also be housed by a host family near Big Island, VA for the duration of the job. For more information, email HOH Director Lauren Holcomb at sosahoh@endhunger.org.
In November and December more food than usual is requested from feeding agencies across the country because of holiday season food giveaway programs. But seldom does supply go hand-in-hand with demand for fresh produce from the Society of St. Andrew.

During the fourth quarter of 2007 fewer potatoes were delivered by the Potato Project compared to the rest of the year. October is when most of the harvesting is done throughout the nation, so we get fewer donated loads. Produce donations pick up in November and December, but that tenuous balance between supply and demand remains elusive.

The 1,317,548 lbs. of potatoes that were distributed October through December went all over the country. Food banks in Washington, DC, New York City, Fargo, ND, Kansas City, MO, Detroit, MI, Williamsburg, KY, and Kanawha City, WV received loads of white potatoes. Church groups and agencies in Nashville, TN, Baltimore, MD, Branson and St. Louis, MO, Philadelphia, PA, Washington, DC, Lamberton, MI, Davisville, NH, Charleston, WV, Rosebud, SD, and Belcourt, ND also received produce loads. We are grateful for all of the hard work these feeding agencies and church groups put into feeding the hungry in partnership with the Society of St. Andrew’s Potato Project.

In 2007 our food donations were down due to drought and market changes, while costs continued to go up as a direct result of exorbitant increases in the price of gas and diesel fuel. As we start another year uncertainty remains regarding the quantity of produce and other food products available to be donated to SoSA. However, we are diligently striving to find new sources of food and we continue to need and depend upon the faithful support of our financial donors.

It is our earnest desire to help alter the lives of those that face hunger everyday in our country. If you haven’t already, please partner with us as we save food from going to waste and feed our hungry neighbors. If you already support our ministry please continue to remember us in your prayers and giving.
I Wonder...
A Lenten devotions program. It's not too late to start.

It's not too late to join thousands of people across the nation who are using SoSA's Lenten devotions booklet, "I Wonder...".

Daily contemplation and reflection during the 47 days of Lent can bring a deeper understanding of just what Jesus' sacrifice on the cross meant to Jesus as well as to ourselves.

"I Wonder..." is a collection of personal "wonderings" and insights of ordinary people as they read, think, and pray about the symbols, people, and places that shaped Jesus' last days on Earth.

The devotional also challenges you to take seriously scriptural injunctions to care for the poor and provides an opportunity to feed the hungry through your daily "Lent sacrifice" donations to SoSA.

A Good Friday Fast, written by SoSA executive director Ken Horne, is a separate booklet that complements the devotions or can be used as a stand alone activity.

All materials are free. Order today: online at www.endhunger.org/lent, by email at church@endhunger.org, or by phone at 800-333-4597.

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This year's VBS mission project is entitled endhunger.org – GAF/FAH. OK, we'll spell it out for you: www.endhunger.org is SoSA's website address; GAF/FAH stands for Gleaning America's Fields-Feeding America's Hungry, which is what SoSA does.

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For the first time, they include optional online activities kids can do at home with their parents at SoSA's website.

Besides the fun and educational aspects of this mission project, the goal for each VBS is to raise enough through student offerings for 1,000 pounds of fresh produce that will end up on the plates of hungry Americans. At a nickel a pound, that's a goal of $50.

This fresh food will be donated to feed the hungry by SoSA and it will be delivered to feeding agencies across the land at a cost to SoSA of just over 5¢ a pound! It's a simple, effective way to obey Jesus' command to feed the hungry while being good stewards of our nation's abundance.

Last year 182 churches used SoSA's VBS program. VBS kids enthusiastically answered Jesus' call to feed the hungry by donating $40,822 — enough to provide more than 2.7 million servings of food to hungry men, women and children! On average, each participating VBS raised four and half times the goal of $50. This year get your VBS involved in this worthwhile mission project!

All materials are free and available now. Order a sample kit today. There is no obligation.

Call Jennifer Vestal Moore at SoSA, 800-333-4597; email church@endhunger.org; fax your request to 434-299-5949; or order online at www.endhunger.org/order_material.htm. If your materials do not arrive within two weeks of ordering please call our office.

* Interpretation of Text Messaging Abbreviations: ?4U – I have a question for you; LOL – laugh out loud; <3 – [sideways heart] love, friendship; 4EAE – forever and ever; 9 – parent is watching; AYTM – and you’re telling me this because; AFE – away from computer; CYE – check your e-mail; MTF – more to follow; B4N – bye for now; PZ – peace; SSIF – so stupid it's funny; : ) – smile.
Every contribution accomplishes something important and lasting! There’s no reason why anyone should ever be hungry!

Caring people make the difference!

I do care! Here’s my donation to feed the hungry.

☐ $500  ☐ $365  ☐ $250  ☐ $100  ☐ Other $______

(Make check payable to Society of St. Andrew)

☐ This is my pledge for payment later in 2008.

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