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Lent is a time for spiritual reflection and prayer

Devotional program now available free to churches and individuals

Lent is the season for Christians to engage in disciplines that sustain and refresh them and give full expression to their faith. Lent and Easter call them to remember the mystery of redemption in Christ and to more fully participate in his life-giving spirit.

The Society of St. Andrew offers a free devotional program that takes the user through Lent in a spirit of reflection and prayer. This year's theme is taken from Amos 5:24, "*Let justice roll down like waters...*" The guide provides daily scripture readings, short devotionals and prayers to keep one focused on the redemptive work of Christ.

Each participant or family is provided with the devotional booklet and an optional *Good Friday Fast*. The fast can be used to supplement the daily devotions or as a stand-alone program of spiritual renewal and giving.

Participants are also asked to express their faith by sharing in the Society of St. Andrew's national hunger-relief ministries with a personal Lenten donation that will be used to feed hungry Americans. The Society's Lenten Devotional program continues to grow in popularity each year. Last year donations from participants provided 3.25 million servings of fresh, nutritious food to families who don't get enough to eat. Because the Society of St. Andrew maintains an extremely low administrative and fundraising overhead, more than 93 cents of every donated dollar goes directly to saving fresh produce from going to waste and providing that food to the hungry.

Sample Lent Devotions starter kits are available at no cost or obligation for review before placing a congregational order. Orders can be placed online at www.endhunger.org, by email at church@endhunger.org, or by phone at 800-333-4597. After reviewing the program, orders should be placed by February 1, 2007 to ensure delivery before Ash Wednesday, which is February 21. **Every attempt will be made to expedite late orders.** The Society of St. Andrew asks that churches help them remain good stewards of their resources by ordering only as many kits as they will use.

The Society of St. Andrew's national non-profit hunger-relief ministry feeds the hungry through its *Potato Project*, *Gleaning Network*, *Harvest of Hope*, and *Hunger Relief Advocate* programs. More information is available at www.endhunger.org.

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Be sure to ask about the Society of St. Andrew's Vacation Bible School Mission Project

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