

# Hunger Meal

## Combining the Tables

Several years ago I worked with my youth group in Manlius (IL) and we did something similar. Rather than each table being a different country or continent, we "mixed stuff up" at the table. Each person sat wherever they chose and each plate had a different colored dot on it. There was no rhyme nor reason for the distribution of dots, only that they were mixed at each table. Persons were then served a meal that coordinated color dots to country or continent.

I thought that the interesting thing was the mix. One person got a "typical" (note the quotes) North American meal of a lot of food. Others got a gruel. Still others got a thin soup and some rice. People wanted to share of their "excess," especially if the "lesser recipient" was their spouse. For several months, there was an awareness of food excesses and "the dinner" was a source of conversation and introspection for quite awhile.