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NMCC instructor and students to take part in ‘30 Hour Famine’ to fight world hunger

Aroostook County – Students from Northern Maine Community College’s ethics classes, as well as some members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, are once again participating in a service learning project designed to engage students in an effort to lesson world hunger in their communities, in their country and throughout the world.

While some students are taking part in other service learning projects to benefit their local community, others are opting to join NMCC instructor Eric Pelkey by taking part in a ‘30 Hour Famine’ for Hunger sponsored by World Vision. For over twenty years World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine for Hunger has raised awareness and money to fight hunger both overseas and in the United States. Participants will go without food for 30 hours to experience what the poorest children and families face every day.

Right now, over 925 million people across the globe are without enough to eat every day, leaving thousands of children under age five to die daily from disease and malnutrition as a result of hunger. But world hunger is preventable and efforts like this can help make a difference.

“The 30-Hour Famine is an excellent real-world application of the principles and issues discussed in the ethics courses. In both PHI 111 and PHI 201, students learn about the virtues of moderation and charity, as well as the important role that empathy plays in making moral decisions,” said Pelkey. “This project is important not just for raising money and awareness of this ongoing problem, but also because the fast provides participants the chance to experience what hunger really feels like.”

Pelkey and the other participants will be fasting on April 26-27. At the conclusion, participants will gather for a modest lunch and a discussion about their experience.

Community members who want to support the fight against world hunger can mail a check, made payable to World Vision, to Eric Pelkey, Northern Maine Community College, 33 Edgemont Drive, Presque Isle, ME 04769.

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