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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan annual Hunger Banquet will be held on Thursday Nov. 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Davidson Room of Memorial Center (104 E. University St., Bloomington).

Tickets are available to Illinois Wesleyan students, faculty and staff for \$5 each, but are limited to the first 50 people. Tickets can be purchased by visiting Center for Liberal Arts (CLA) room 150 (205 Beecher St., Bloomington). Proceeds will be donated to Doctors Without Borders, an organization that benefits flood victims in Pakistan.

“People view the Hunger Banquet as a powerful, eye-opening experience to the food inequalities of the world,” said Laurine Brown, chair of the Illinois Wesleyan Development Studies Team for the International Studies Program, which sponsors the event.

The Hunger Banquet was first held at Illinois Wesleyan in 2003 and is patterned after the original banquet conceived by the world charity organization Oxfam International.

Participants are given a nametag with the identity of a person in a low-, middle- or high-income bracket who lives somewhere in the world. Seating is then assigned by socio-economic status, with the menu reflecting what is available to the individual in his or her income bracket. The number of people in each status represents the percentage of people throughout the world that live in poverty or wealth.

Throughout the evening, Illinois Wesleyan students will share stories about the difficult circumstances that people around the world face daily.

For additional information on the international Hunger Banquet movement, visit www.hungerbanquet.org.

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