Statement of the Unity Synod 2016 of the Worldwide Moravian Unity

The Unity Synod strongly encourages a ban on food speculation.

We make this appeal for the sake of justice, because ...
- Food speculation is immoral as long as it has not been proven beyond doubt that food speculation does not influence food prices in such a way that human beings are no longer able to meet their basic needs.
- Trading food and raw materials in the form of future contracts develops its own momentum and thus moves away from real economy and human needs.
- Food speculation can result in food being held back and thus lead to hunger, distress and finally death.

We make this appeal for the sake of peace, because ...
- Food speculation leads to aggression and violence up to the point of war (e.g. the hunger revolution in Haiti, the Arabellion etc.)
- It results in people fleeing from their home countries

We make this appeal for the sake of the protection of creation, because ...
- Speculating with food favours industrialized agricultural practice which is primarily profit-oriented, which in turn favours pollution of the environment and exploitation of nature. This leads to the destruction of our common basis of existence on this earth.