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### **An Invitation from Bread for the World and Blackhawk Matthew 25: Join us in putting an end to hunger**

Every year, Bread for the World organizes churches, community organizations, and people of faith from across the country to write letters and emails to their members of Congress who have the power to impact the policies and programs that can end hunger. One in ten people around the world goes hungry at night. One in four children under age five is severely malnourished.

This year's "ask" is centered on reauthorization of the Farm Bill. The impact of the Farm Bill is significant. It does, as its name suggests, affect the agriculture sector. But most of the funds -- 70 percent -- authorized by the Farm Bill are for SNAP, once called "food stamps." Other Farm Bill accounts support programs that directly impact the poor and international food aid. The Farm Bill plays a huge role in ending food insecurity and hunger in the U.S. and abroad.

Asking our representatives in Congress to reauthorize the Farm Bill is an effective step toward making hunger a problem of the past. Personalized letters and emails stand out. They tell senators and representatives that we, as constituents, really care about an issue.

Make this an event of fellowship for your congregation. Provide the names and addresses of your Senators and Representatives. Have on hand stationery and pens. Coffee and baked goods almost always guarantee a good turnout. Bread for the World has written a sample letter that you can copy or tweak to make it your own. (<https://www.bread.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/OL-Sample-Letter-Bread.pdf>) Letters can be mailed or hand delivered to the local offices. Keep track of the letters your congregation has written and report to [bread.org](http://bread.org).

You can find more information at: <https://www.bread.org>.

Jesus challenges us to be an advocate for the hungry. Just imagine how we can leverage our collective power and resources to feed God's people!

Thank you for your consideration,  
The Matthew 25 Task Force in Blackhawk Presbytery

