

Bread for the World at _____ Presbyterian Church



Take action

God calls us to advocate for an end to hunger and poverty.

As Christians, we are called to seek justice, care for those experiencing hunger and poverty, and embrace our Creator's vision of hope, love, and peace.

We are called to embody it in public as we commit to live in solidarity with those who are made vulnerable by the inequities that drive hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world.

3 Reasons Why the Mission Committee is Organizing an Offering of Letters

1. We believe that advocacy is part of our Christian witness and discipleship.
2. With our support, Bread for the World is committed to speaking truth to power. We have to be both pastoral and prophetic to end hunger.
3. Bread for the World is practical and effective. Years of persistent advocacy and voice has helped triple poverty focused development assistance to education, training, and sustainability measures that end hunger.

Advocate for Global Nutrition Policy

Advocate for Domestic Nutrition Policy

You are INVITED!

Join our letter-writing campaign to add your voice to affect real legislative change.

SUNDAY, _____ after worship

All materials (including snacks!) will be provided. If you would like to dig deeper into this year's campaign, please visit: **ol.bread.org**

Advocate for Global Nutrition Policy

Dear Senator _____, Dear Representative _____,

Malnutrition is preventable. I urge you to co-sponsor the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act of 2021 (H.R. 4693/S. 2956). As you determine funding priorities for the fiscal year 2023 Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, I also ask that you increase global nutrition funding to \$300 million.

The bipartisan Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act of 2021 will authorize USAID to advance targeted programs to prevent and treat malnutrition around the world; ensure an elevated focus on nutrition programs across global health, food systems, and other sectors; and require robust monitoring of these interventions to ensure the effective use of taxpayer dollars.

An additional 13.9 million children are expected to be severely malnourished by next year. Approximately 811 million people are facing hunger across the globe, erasing years of progress. Investing in nutrition saves lives, creates stability, and is economically smart; for every \$1 invested there is an estimated \$35 in economic return.

Targeted interventions protect the nutrition of women and children during the critical 1000-day period between a woman's pregnancy and her child's second birthday and are essential for ensuring the development of children's physical and mental health.

As a Christian, I am called to love and care for my neighbors wherever they are. Every human being is made in God's image and carries a sacred dignity and immeasurable worth (Genesis 1:27). I urge you to co-sponsor H.R. 4693/S. 2956 and increase global nutrition funding to \$300 million.

Sincerely, XXX

Sample Letters for 2022

See more information on each of these “legislative asks” at ol.bread.org

Advocate for Domestic Nutrition Policy

Dear Senator _____, Dear Representative _____,

More than 12 million children in the U.S. are not getting enough to eat. You can reduce child hunger by making permanent the refundable tax credit expansion and by reauthorizing child nutrition programs.

Access to adequate and safe nutrition is vital to growth and learning, especially in the first 1,000 days of a child's life.

Specifically, I urge you to:

Expand free school meals to additional children through the Community Eligibility Provision Program and extend Summer EBT nationwide.

Make the one-year expansion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC) permanent, fully refundable, and available to families regardless of their children's immigration status. Otherwise, an estimated 9.9 million children are at risk of poverty.

Children are the heritage of the Lord (Psalm 127), and as Christian, I believe we all carry responsibility for their well-being and future. I urge you to strengthen the nutrition programs that give our nation's children the opportunity to flourish.

Sincerely, XXX

FYI: The Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (Summer EBT) program offers an exciting opportunity to reduce summer hunger by providing additional resources to purchase food during the summer months for families whose children are certified to receive free or reduced-price school meals during the school year.