



David Beckmann, President Bread for the World

David Beckmann is one of the foremost U.S. advocates for hungry people. He has been president of Bread for the World since 1991, leading large-scale and successful campaigning to strengthen U.S. political commitment to overcoming hunger and poverty. Before that, he served at the World Bank for 15 years, overseeing large projects and driving innovations to make the Bank more effective in reducing poverty.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Bread for the World members write personal letters and emails and hold meetings with their members of Congress. Working through churches, campuses, and other organizations, Bread members engage more people in advocacy. It is one of the largest organizations in the world dedicated to building the political will to end hunger.

Bread for the World has an impressive record of achievement under Beckmann's leadership. The U.S. government has doubled funding for effective programs that help developing countries in Africa and other poor parts of the world, and this would not have happened without the persistent advocacy of Bread for the World members. Bread has also helped to strengthen U.S. nutrition programs, assisting millions of the families in this country who struggle to feed their children. Recently, Bread for the World initiated a campaign to press Congress to reform U.S. foreign assistance to make it more effective in reducing hunger and poverty.

Beckmann is also president of Bread for the World Institute, which provides policy analysis on hunger and strategies to end it. He founded and serves as president of the Alliance to End Hunger, which engages diverse U.S. institutions – Muslim, Jewish and secular groups, corporations and universities – in building political will to end hunger. Beckmann has recently appeared on *Bill Moyer's Journal*, *Religion & Ethics Newsweekly*, NPR's *Morning Edition*, and *The Diane Rehm Show*.

Beckmann earned degrees from Yale, Christ Seminary, and the London School of Economics, and five universities have awarded him honorary doctorates. He is a clergyman as well as an economist. He has written many books and articles, including *Transforming the Politics of Hunger* and *Grace at the Table: Ending Hunger in God's World*. Beckmann speaks Spanish. He has lived in Bangladesh and Ghana, overseen projects in Bolivia and Ecuador, and visited more than 70 countries.

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