

Legacy of Hope

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School's out for summer, but hunger's still around

In just a few weeks, teachers will begin preparing for students to return to the classroom. For many children, this has been a difficult summer. Five out of six of those children who receive free or reduced-cost school lunches are at risk of hunger when school is on break.

To meet this urgent need, Bread for the World members have been calling and writing their members of Congress. They are urging them to support two bills: the Summer Meals Act of 2015 (S. 613 and H.R. 1728) and the Stop Child Summer Hunger Act of 2015 (S. 1539 and H.R. 2715).

The Summer Meals Act would expand access to summer meal programs. The Stop Child Summer Hunger Act would give families extra resources for buying groceries during the summer months. Both of these bills set the stage for the larger task of extending and strengthening our nation's child nutrition programs. Congress must reauthorize these programs — including school meals — before the end of September.

WIC, the nutrition program for

pregnant mothers, new mothers, and young children, is also part of the child nutrition programs that Congress must reauthorize this fall. As in developing countries, the nutrition that American children receive in the first 1,000 days is critical if they are to get a healthy start in life.

Strengthening our nation's child nutrition programs is the focus of Bread for the World's 2015 Offering of Letters. Thousands of churches have already conducted letter-writing events this year, and many others will do so this fall.

In August, Bread for the World members will meet with their senators and representatives when they return to their home states and districts. These in-district meetings are an especially effective way for constituents to influence their members of Congress.

When members of Congress return to Washington, D.C., in September, Bread for the World staff will redouble their efforts to protect child nutrition programs from funding cuts and harmful policy changes.



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Visit www.bread.org/ol2015 to find out how you can involve your church or community in Bread for the World's 2015 Offering of Letters. You'll also learn about ways you can communicate with your members of Congress — to urge them to sustain and strengthen our nation's child nutrition programs.

You can help our nation's children get the food they need to grow and learn by contacting your member of Congress. Urge them to sustain and strengthen the child nutrition programs. Visit www.bread.org/ol2015 for the latest news and sample letters.

Thank you! Your membership in Bread for the World strengthens our collective Christian voice. Your financial support and active involvement inspire others to join in our work to change the policies and conditions that allow hunger to persist. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.



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‘There is Still So Much to be Done’

When I met Robert, I thought, ‘Here is someone who shares my beliefs and goals.’ It was as simple as that,” says longtime Bread for the World member Alice Fitzgerald. At the time of their marriage, Robert was just beginning his career in Catholic parish education. “Our faith tradition included working to alleviate poverty and advance social justice,” Alice continues. “And that was something I wanted to share with my husband.”

Robert remembers his mother’s repeated observation that not all children could count upon food to eat. “I would listen to Bishop Sheen’s national radio program, *The Catholic Hour*,” he remembers. “Bishop Sheen always ended with how many people were going to bed hungry that night.”

The key year in the Fitzgeralds’ four-plus decades of activism was 1972. “John Gardner visited Topeka, where we were living then,” explains Robert. Gardner had just founded *Common Cause*, a new citizens’ advocacy group pressing to advance concerns of average citizens interested in the greater good.

Also in 1972, Bishop Thomas Gumbleton came from Detroit to speak at a hunger banquet Robert had organized at the local Catholic Church. Gumbleton went on to become a founding board member of Bread for the World.

“Soon we were lobbying our representatives,” says Robert, “alongside a woman named Kathleen Sebelius, who eventually became the governor of Kansas.” Later, Sebelius served as Health and Human Services Secretary under President Obama. Alice and Robert went on to spend much of their free time pressing their members of Congress for

hunger relief as members of a brand new advocacy group: Bread for the World.

“We have always cared about hungry and poor people, because of our faith tradition and because of our personal feelings,” Alice says. “It was natural for us to get involved with Bread.”

Robert continued his work as a lay theologian and educator. Alice attended law school, passed the bar, and began her career as an attorney. All this time, they were raising their five children. Alice calls family life in the midst of working for change “a great experience for all.”

Alice served at Southern Life Insurance Company for 32 years, specializing in discrimination and sexual harassment cases. For 26 of those years, she also volunteered with *Lawyers for the Poor*, assisting individuals and families with discrimination issues. She retired in 2012. Robert continues to work at a long-term health care facility.

The Fitzgeralds are members of St. Anthony Parish in Cincinnati, where both have served on the parish council. “People at St. Anthony’s are very conscientious about those who live in the midst of poverty,” Alice says.

Alice and Robert have included a percentage of their will to support Bread for the World. “In my family, giving is a part of my being, says Alice. “You know, I still think about Bishop Sheen’s radio program and how many go to bed hungry,” Robert adds. “There is still so much to be done. That’s why we will always participate and contribute to Bread for the World.”

You may be thinking about establishing a charitable bequest that will support long-term efforts to end hunger. Many individuals find there are two good alternatives that best suit their circumstances and needs:

1. A residual bequest provides whatever is left over in an estate after all other fixed commitments are fulfilled.
2. A percentage of the estate—rather than a fixed amount—means the size of the charitable bequest will be in reasonable proportion to the size of the estate at the time of death.

For additional information on planned and future gifts, go to www.bread.org/plannedgiving.

Residual Bequest

“I give and bequeath to Bread for the World, Inc. (or Bread for the World Institute, Inc.) of 425 3rd Street SW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC, 20024, the residue of my estate, to be used as its board of directors determines.”

Percentage Bequest

“I give and bequeath to Bread for the World, Inc. (or Bread for the World Institute, Inc.) of 425 3rd Street SW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC, 20024, _____% (name a specific percentage) of the total value of my estate to be used as its board of directors determines.”

Episcopal Convention Commends Bread for the World

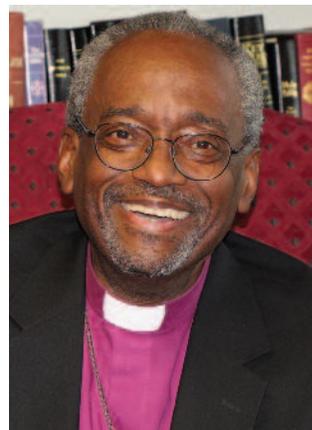
In its 78th General Convention in Salt Lake City in June, the Episcopal Church adopted a resolution to “congratulate Bread for the World for forty years of effective, non-partisan public policy advocacy.”

The convention also resolved “that dioceses, parishes, and faithful Episcopalians are called to advocate for changes in public policy to help poor and hungry people.”

Helen Spence, a lay deputy at the convention and a Bread for the World member, and James Lund, Bread for the

World’s vice president for development and membership, provided testimony to the committee considering the resolution. Russel Randle, another Bread for the World member, had initiated the resolution.

In other action, the convention overwhelmingly elected the Right Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, to be the next presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. As chair of the board of directors of Episcopal Relief and Development, Curry has been a strong advocate for the Millennium Development Goals.



Bishop Michael Curry

Involve Your Church in Bread for the World Sunday

Thousands of churches from many faith traditions will celebrate Bread for the World Sunday on October 18 or another weekend in the fall. These celebrations are an opportunity for churches and individuals to renew their commitment to pray, act, and give to end hunger. A new Bread for the World Sunday guide provides suggestions and resources for individual and corporate prayer.

Dr. Brian Bantum, a professor at Seattle Pacific University and author of *Redeeming Mulatto: A Theology of Race*

and *Christian Hybridity*, has written an inspiring reflection on Mark 10:35-45, the Gospel appointed for October 18. Judy Coode, director of communications for the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, has prepared a new litany or responsive prayer.

You can view, download, and order these resources, along with free worship bulletin inserts, at www.bread.org/sunday, or call 800-822-7323, ext. 1072. Spanish language materials are also available at www.bread.org/domingo.



Dr. Brian Bantum



Judy Coode

Gifts of Stock

Bread for the World Institute welcomes gifts of stock. Securities that have increased in value and that have been held for at least a year and a day can be deducted as a charitable contribution at full market value. For tax purposes, the date of transfer applies.

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Join Our Prayers to End Hunger

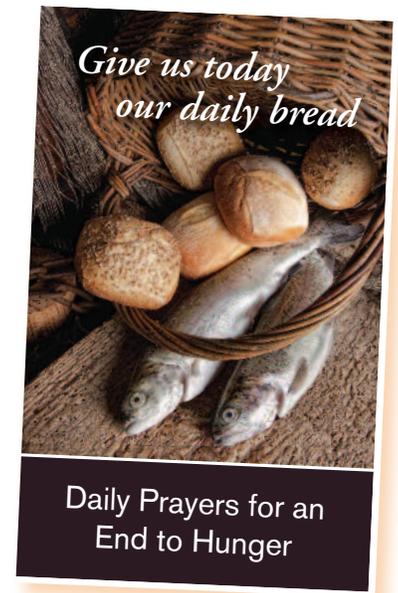
If we're to persuade our nation's leaders to make ending hunger a priority, we will need to be persistent and determined. In our work together, we are sustained by God's grace and love in Christ Jesus. As we seek to move the hearts and minds of others, our prayers to our merciful God will make a difference.

Bread for the World is seeking to engage 100,000 people in ongoing prayer for an end to hunger. These prayers will remember those who struggle with hunger. We will also pray for our elected officials and others who have the power to

change the policies and conditions that allow hunger to persist.

Thousands have already made a commitment to take part in this "wave of prayer." You can make your own commitment by visiting www.bread.org/pray. You may also request 10 prayer commitment cards to share with your family and friends. Twice a month, you will receive an email with suggested prayers.

Inspired by the petition "Give us today our daily bread," this pocket-sized resource includes a prayer for each day of the week. Single or multiple copies of the booklet are available free of charge at www.bread.org/store or by calling 800-822-7323, ext. 1072.



June 8-9, 2015, in Washington, DC



Bread for the World founder Art Simon and his wife, Shirley, greet Dr. Fred Groos, a Bread for the World board member from Stevens Point, Wisconsin, before a special dinner on Monday, June 8.



Rev. Larry Hollar (left), Bread for the World staff member, talks with Rev. Steven Lozada, pastor of Temple El Refugio in Bethlehem, PA. Lozada was one of 19 young adults who met to plan leadership training for the fall.



During Bread for the World's annual Lobby Day on June 9, Hillary Beard (third from left), a staff member of Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL) poses for a photo with Bread for the World members from Birmingham, Alabama: Dr. Suzanne Martin (left), Becky Stayner, Kristin Farmer, and Vic Adamo.



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is a collective Christian voice
urging our nation's decision makers
to end hunger at home and abroad.