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Message from the President

Despite the challenges of working with a new administration and a new Congress, Bread for the World and Bread for the World Institute were able to achieve several significant legislative victories and accomplishments in 2017, thanks to your financial support and active involvement.

Our nation and the world can continue to make progress in ending hunger at home and abroad, but your action and faith are needed now more than ever. The tax cuts passed by Congress in December 2017 and signed by the president may set the stage for deep cuts to crucial domestic and international anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs. But your continuing advocacy will show that Bread for the World members are well equipped to face the challenges ahead.

Thank you for helping to make Bread for the World effective in its mission to end hunger in our time. Thank you for putting your faith into action—again and again. And thanks be to God, who guides us in our efforts.

Rev. David Beckmann
President, Bread for the World and Bread for the World Institute

Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors

As I conclude my five years of service as chair of Bread for the World’s board of directors, I’m pleased that I have one more opportunity to express my appreciation and admiration for you and other Bread for the World members.

Thanks to your generosity and involvement, our work together in 2017 made a big difference in the lives of those who struggle with hunger. Bread for the World played a leadership role in getting Congress to add more than $1 billion in assistance for those facing near-famine conditions in Africa and the Middle East. Despite intense pressure to make drastic budget cuts, Congress sustained—and, in some cases, strengthened—programs that enable people to move out of poverty and feed their families.

In all these efforts, we have benefitted from the remarkable leadership of David Beckmann, Bread for the World’s president. Staff in Washington, D.C., and throughout the country provided expertise and support. They enable all of us to be the strongest possible voice for an end to hunger in God’s world.

Thank you for your continued prayers, your advocacy, and your financial support.

Sandra Joireman
Chair of the Board of Directors
Bread for the World and Bread for the World Institute
There is good news to report: some positive results on the legislative issues on which Bread for the World has been focused and, because of a growing economy, continued progress against poverty in the United States and in the world as a whole.

Bread for the World decided early last year to focus on getting members of Congress—especially moderate Republicans—to protect international and domestic programs that help reduce hunger and poverty. Throughout 2017, we pursued this strategy through a series of legislative battles in Congress.

**FY 2017 Appropriations Bill**

Bread for the World played a leadership role in protecting hungry people through the passage of the fiscal year 2017 federal budget. On May 3, in a bipartisan vote, Congress passed a $1.1 trillion bipartisan omnibus spending bill that funded the government through September 30, 2017, the end of the government’s 2017 fiscal year. Thanks in part to the advocacy of Bread members, the bill provided more than $1 billion for additional famine relief in Africa and the Middle East. Total famine relief came to about $5.4 billion, a 20 percent increase over 2016.

**2017 Offering of Letters**

Bread for the World’s 2017 Offering of Letters, *Doing Our Part to End Hunger*, urged Congress to make funding decisions that keep our country and our world on track to end hunger by 2030, a goal our country set in 2015.

Letters and other forms of advocacy led to a big win for Bread and our members with the passage of a short-term budget through early 2018. The budget included strong funding for both domestic and international programs, including funding for famine relief overseas and for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Funding for Head Start and for senior citizen nutrition programs was also increased.

In 2017, Bread for the World members sent more than 176,000 letters and 164,000 emails to Congress. They also made 32,000 phone calls to Congress. An additional 767,000 people took action through our digital advocacy program.

**Lobby Day 2017 and Other Advocacy Activities**

In June 2017, 400 Bread for the World members—the largest group ever—came to Washington, D.C., to participate in our annual Lobby Day. They urged Congress to oppose budget cuts that would increase hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world.

Bread for the World also hosted pre-Lobby Day trainings for African American and Latino leaders to deepen their understanding of the federal budget and its impact on communities of color. Seventy African American leaders met together on Capitol Hill while 22 Latino leaders gathered at Bread’s office. The pre-Lobby Day trainings helped prepare these leaders for face-to-face meetings with their members of Congress.

In July, Bread for the World organized a faith leader fly-in to Washington, D.C., to support the international affairs budget. Thirty-three Christian, Muslim, and Jewish leaders met with 50 members of Congress from various committees. With the support of the Eleanor Crook Foundation, Bread worked with other Christian groups on a fly-in for conservative Christian leaders in October. The executive director of the World Food Program, David Beasley, briefed these leaders and coordinated his meetings in Washington with our event.

During the August congressional recess, financial support and advocacy from Bread for the World members enabled us to organize in-district meetings with 10 Democratic and 25 Republican members of Congress. In addition, 23 letters to the editor and op-eds were published in local newspapers in target states and districts.

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The Health Care Debate

For the first eight months of 2017, Congress focused on replacing the Affordable Care Act (ACA). All proposed bills included roughly $800 billion in cuts to Medicaid for people in or near poverty. Bread for the World entered the debate because people who lack affordable health coverage must often choose between putting food on the table for their families and paying for the health care they need.

Bread for the World staff attended dozens of Capitol Hill meetings. Nearly 100,000 petitions opposing Medicaid cuts were generated by our digital advocacy network. Bread for the World members made 6,000 Medicaid-related calls to their members of Congress. This outpouring of advocacy helped defeat all efforts to dismantle the Affordable Care Act and to cut Medicaid.

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017

Following the October passage of the budget blue-print by the House, the Senate began work on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

Bread for the World urged the inclusion of provisions to strengthen tax credits for low-income workers and for tax credits that encourage businesses to invest in low-income communities or hire hard-to-employ workers. We released a paper, Tax Policy is a Hunger Issue, outlining four tax policy priorities that could help families struggling with hunger and poverty.

The final tax bill, passed at the end of 2017, retained some poverty-related tax credits, including improvements in the Child Tax Credit for working families. But, the bill will ultimately do more harm than good, especially among low-income Americans.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the Dreamers

The administration’s June decision to revoke DACA protection for the Dreamers—the 800,000 undocumented migrants who arrived in the United States as children—made immigration a prominent political issue in 2017. People without documentation who live and work in the United States are more likely to live in poverty and struggle to put food on the table.

Bread for the World and other church partners organized call-in days in support of the Dream Act, which provides a path to citizenship for the Dreamers. Action alerts went to Bread for the World members in target districts and to our Latino Advisory Committee and Faith Voices for Immigration Reform, an association of Catholic, protestant, and evangelical Latino church leaders.

As of the end of the year, the Trump administration and Congress had not finalized plans on how to deal with the Dreamers. Bread for the World continues to support bipartisan solutions, such as the Dream Act or the USA Act, that provide Dreamers with a pathway to citizenship and protect immigrant families.

For Such a Time as This: A Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Advocacy

To oppose likely cuts in the fiscal year 2018 budget, Bread for the World President David Beckmann and other religious leaders launched a three-day fast on May 21. Board members Bishop Lawrence Reddick and Bishop Richard Pates; Michael Curry, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church; and Elizabeth Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, also participated in the fast campaign. They and other religious leaders have pledged to fast on the 21st of each month through December 2018, the last month of the 115th Congress.

The 21st day of the month is the day that SNAP benefits typically run out for families in the United States. Religious leaders and others are also engaged in prayer and advocacy for 20 million people facing famine in Africa and the Middle East.
On June 12, Bread for the World hosted a pre-Lobby Day meeting of nearly 70 African-American church leaders at the Rayburn Building on Capitol Hill. Pictured left to right are Tina Hite, Patricia Bradley, Tina Hines, and Evelyn Hyatt from the African Methodist Episcopal Women’s Missionary Society.

In Times Like These: A Pan-African Christian Devotional for Public Policy Engagement

Bread for the World released *In Times Like These: A Pan-African Christian Devotional for Public Policy Engagement* at a December event attended by 60 Pan-African leaders at the new Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. The devotional includes reflections from 46 writers and has been endorsed by 23 organizations.

The resource celebrates the resiliency and faithful witness of Pan-African Christians while encouraging engagement in advocacy to end hunger and poverty, which disproportionately impact people of African descent.

Pantry Tour Shows Need for SNAP in Oregon

Tucked in the corner of the parking lot at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Beaverton, Oregon, a tiny food pantry serves some very big needs in the community. The Food Closet is open three days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Church volunteers serve an average of eight families every 30 minutes—more than 25,000 Oregonians in the course of the year.

In addition, Holy Trinity and four other churches run a backpack program that provides nutritious food to qualified students in 12 schools.

In August 2017, Bread for the World leaders in the Catholic Archdiocese of Portland invited staff persons from the offices of Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-Ore.) to tour the pantry. They wanted to show the impact proposed federal budget cuts to programs such as SNAP would have on local churches and families facing hunger. Three congressional staff members accepted the invitation and saw firsthand how churches are on the front lines of the fight against hunger.

“I’m no policy expert,” said Al Schmitt, who manages the pantry. “I just know the need, and you’ve got people barely hanging on.”

About half of the clients need both SNAP and the food pantry to get by until they get back on their feet. Many have jobs, but they don’t make enough to cover the cost of living. Seniors living on a fixed income but unable to afford high rents and food costs are coming to the pantry in greater numbers.

The impact of this pantry tour at Holy Trinity was amplified by more than 1,000 letters Roman Catholics from Oregon sent to their members of Congress. The letters urged senators and representatives to give priority to the most vulnerable people as they made funding choices.

Congressional staff persons get a tour of the Food Closet at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Beaverton, Oregon. Bread for the World members arranged the tour to show the impact proposed federal budget cuts to programs such as SNAP would have on local churches and families facing hunger.
Building a Movement in Iowa

In October, Rev. Russell Melby and Stephen Panther used the World Food Prize event—which takes place each year in Des Moines, Iowa—and a visit from Bread for the World President David Beckmann as an opportunity to build the Iowa Bread team. To do so, they coordinated a house meeting.

A house meeting is a gathering of people for the purpose of building relationships, identifying common concerns, and stimulating interest in further involvement. Sixty-five people came to the meeting held at St. James Lutheran Church in Johnston, Iowa.

“The house meeting created an environment to meet new people who were interested in ending hunger. Once we understood more of what they wanted, we gave them a place to plug in and affect change,” said Melby.

Unlike a presentation, where speakers talk at an audience, house meetings are interactive and use shared stories as a way to identify interest and further engagement.

Matt Gross, director of organizing at Bread for the World, said that house meetings are an effective way to grow Bread for the World. “The key elements of a house meeting are providing next steps—action people can take, like organizing an in-district meeting—and then following up,” Gross said.

Melby and Panther had individual conversations with each participant. They hosted a conference call at the end of the year and laid the groundwork for taking action in 2018 to influence their members of Congress around hunger issues.

During the week of the World Food Prize event in Des Moines, Iowa, in October 2017, Bread for the World President David Beckmann takes part in a meeting to lay the groundwork for taking action in 2018 to influence their members of Congress around hunger issues.

Two dozen Latino church leaders from around the country — and from many faith traditions — met the day before Lobby Day in Washington, D.C. The meeting helped prepare these leaders for their face-to-face meetings the next day with their members of Congress.
In September 2015, the global community adopted a new framework for worldwide development for the next 15 years: the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The second goal, reaching zero hunger and ending all forms of malnutrition, is essential to achieving all 17 goals.

Throughout 2017, Bread for the World Institute continued to promote the SDGs through meetings with groups that are promoting their use in the United States and worldwide, sharing information about SDG-related activities at the state and local level, and strategizing about next steps at the national level.

To educate policymakers on maternal and child nutrition, the Institute also published fact sheets on nutrition during famines; U.S. leadership and funding to drive global progress on stunting; and the case for bridging humanitarian and development programs through nutrition investments. They were distributed to Congress and the administration.

In September, the Institute worked with members of Congress who serve on our board, Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-Neb.), to organize Capitol Hill briefings on nutrition. In November, we partnered with the Senate Hunger Caucus, 1,000 Days, Save the Children, and Action Against Hunger to host the Washington launch of the Global Nutrition Report, an annual report that documents global and country progress on nutrition commitments. The event highlighted commitments made at the Global Nutrition Summit by the United States Agency for International Development and the Eleanor Crook Foundation.

The Institute developed an educational tool, the Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation. The simulation outlines 13 federal policies that have had lasting impacts on racial inequity. The quantitative impact of each policy is demonstrated as simulation participants lose or gain money, land, and/or opportunity in varying amounts depending on assigned race. The simulation ends with small- and large-group discussions about the role of race and the impact of federal policy.

Each year, Bread for the World Institute produces a major report on an aspect of hunger. The 2017 Hunger Report, *Fragile Environments, Resilient Communities*, explains how state fragility stands in the way of ending hunger and extreme poverty. Fragile states are countries where high rates of hunger and poverty are compounded by civil conflict, poor governance, and vulnerability to climate change. Forty percent of the people in the world who live in extreme poverty are in fragile states.

The report was especially timely, coinciding with the emergence of near-famine conditions in 2017 in South Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, and Northern Nigeria, as a result of these issues. To reach new audiences, the Institute also developed a series of videos to accompany the report.

The 2018 Hunger Report, *The Jobs Challenge: Working to End Hunger by 2030*, highlights the role that a fair-wage job plays in alleviating hunger and poverty. The report, developed over the course of 2017, coincides with congressional debate about promoting employment among low-income people through tougher job requirements for programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps) and Medicaid. It discusses various policies that would promote better job opportunities for low-income workers, ranging from an increase in the minimum wage and improved working conditions for low-wage workers to criminal justice reform. The 2018 Hunger Report was released in April 2018.
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at home and abroad. By changing the policies and
conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist,
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communities where we live.

Bread for the World Institute provides policy analysis
on hunger and strategies to end it. The Institute
educates opinion leaders, policy makers, and the
public about hunger in the United States and abroad.

The Financial Overview on the facing page is
based on the 2017 audited financial statements.
You are welcome to request complete copies
of the audited statement. You may also visit
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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American Baptist Churches U.S.A., Valley Forge, PA
Community of Christ, Independence, MO
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Decatur, GA
Evangelical Covenant Church – Covenant World Relief, Chicago, IL
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Chicago, IL
Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Leavenworth, KS
Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston, TX
St. Peter Community Church, Northfield, IL

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A.M.E. Women’s Missionary Society, Washington, DC
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Bethel Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN
Bethesda United Methodist Church, Bethesda, MD
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community, Alexandria, VA
Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX
Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, Greenville, SC
Catholic Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Houston, TX
Central States Synod, ELCA, Kansas City, MO
Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Durango, CO
Christian Church Foundation (Disciples of Christ), Indianapolis, IN
Christian Methodists Episcopal Church, Dallas, TX
Christian Women Connection, Church of God (Anderson), Anderson, IN
Church of St. Joseph of Yorkville, New York, NY
Church of the Holy Angels, Chagrin Falls, OH
CME Seventh Episcopal District, Washington, DC
Cornerstone United Methodist Church, Bear, DE
Daughters of Charity of the Province of St. Louise, Watertown, MA
Fairview Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN
Faith Christian Reformed Church, New Brighton, MN
Faith United Church of Christ, Richmond Heights, OH
Fellowship Lutheran Church, Tulsa, OK
First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC
First Lutheran Church, Blair, NE
First Lutheran Church, Manhattan, KS
First Presbyterian Church, Allentown, PA
First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, Cranbury, NJ
First United Methodist Church, Salem, OR
Foods Resource Bank, Western Springs, IL
Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Garrison, NY
Franciscan Sisters of Mary, Bridgeton, MO
Grace Lutheran Church, Palo Alto, CA
Grace Lutheran Church, Westminster, MD
Home Moravian Church, Winston Salem, NC
Little Company of Mary Sisters, Evergreen Pk, IL
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Olympia, WA
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National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Nashville, TN
National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC
Naval Support Activity Bahrain Chapel, Bahrain
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Rocky Hill Congregational United Church of Christ, Rocky Hill, CT
Rutgers Presbyterian Church, New York, NY
Saint Louis Catholic Church, Pinecrest, FL
Second Presbyterian Church, Saint Louis, MO
Setauket Presbyterian Church, Setauket, NY
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Nazareth, KY
Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, Orange, CA
Society of African Missions, Tenafly, NJ
St. Andrew Catholic Community, Rochester, MI
St. Brendan Roman Catholic Church, San Francisco, CA
St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church, Madison, WI
St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, McFarland, CA
St. Giles Catholic Church, Oak Park, IL
St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Shelby Township, MI
St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Downers Grove, IL
St. Mark Catholic Church, Emporium, PA
St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD
St. Mark’s Lutheran Church by the Narrows, Tacoma, WA
St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Waverly, IA
St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Acton, MA
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, East Northport, NY
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish (Xavier University), Cincinnati, OH
St. Thomas More Student Parish, Kalamazoo, MI
St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, Bryn Mawr, PA
Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, Sunnyside, CA
Trinity Episcopal Church, Princeton, NJ
Trinity Lutheran Church, South Milwaukee, WI
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA
Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, Austin, TX
United Church of Christ Wider Church Ministries, Cleveland, OH
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Kelvin Beachum, Jr., offensive tackle for the New York Jets and an ambassador for Bread for the World, visits his members of Congress urging them to support programs that will help end hunger by 2030.

U.S. Rep. Lloyd Smucker (third from the left) agreed to a meeting in his Lancaster, Pennsylvania, office, when contacted by Bread for the World members Pati Going Frey (second from left) and Phil Frey (far right). Rev. Daniel Erdman (left) and Sheena Rolle, a Bread for the World regional organizer, participated in the meeting with Rep. Smucker (R-Pa.-16).