Our Goal

Bread for the World is working with faith and community leaders nationwide to build the growing political will to end hunger in the United States and around the world by 2030. Churches and communities of faith are coming together to push political leaders to focus on ending hunger.

To accomplish this goal, Congress must make hunger and poverty a higher national priority in 2018. Bread for the World, churches, and the secular Vote to End Hunger coalition are working together to elect members of Congress who will take action to put us on the path to end hunger. We are doing this in a nonpartisan way, pushing the issue, not a particular party or candidate. We believe God is moving in our time to advance justice and an exodus from hunger.

Here’s how you can join us:

ASK YOUR CANDIDATE:
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in the U.S. and worldwide?

We want all candidates to:

- make ending hunger and poverty by 2030 a legislative priority.
- make their positions on these issues public.
- commit to meeting with Bread leaders within 30 days of being elected.
How Your Church Can Participate

1. **Sign the “I vote to end hunger” pledge.** Get members to commit to joining our voices and urging our political leaders to make hunger, poverty, and opportunity a higher political priority in the 2018 midterm elections. People can sign the pledge at bread.org/vote.

2. **Pastors: Preach about the elections and the issue of hunger.** Pastors can preach about the importance of ending hunger and how to engage in the elections as Christians. Encourage everyone to ask the hunger question of candidates, and what they would do to end hunger and poverty if elected. Surely, this is one concern that is in the heart of God.

   Resources from Bread available at bread.org/library/elections-resources (unless otherwise specified):
   • Download “The Bible and Elections.”

3. **Observe Bread for the World Sunday this October.** Every year, we encourage congregations to dedicate at least one Sunday to better understanding the issues of hunger and poverty. This year, Bread for the World Sunday materials highlight the importance of the elections to people who are hungry in our country and around the world.

   Resources from Bread:
   • Download “Bread for the World Sunday Guide” at bread.org/sunday.

4. **Amplify your voice: Use Facebook, Twitter, texting, letters to the editor of your local newspaper, and blog.** Candidates are watching local media for what is important to local residents. Your flock wants to know what is important as well. By using all of your social media tools and writing a letter to the editor of your local newspaper, you can publicly raise the issues and ask the hunger question. You can also write a letter to the editor and post photos after meeting with a candidate. The letter could come from the pastor, the leadership of the church, or a group of local pastors.

   Resources from Bread:
   • Use the “Social Media Kit for #IVote2EndHunger.”
   • Follow us at facebook.com/breadfortheworld and twitter.com/bread4theworld.
   • Read Bread Blog at bread.org/blog.
   • Download “How to Write a Letter to the Editor” at bread.org/vote.

5. **Write letters to the candidates.** Just like an Offering of Letters to members of Congress, letters can be written to candidates asking the hunger question: If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in the U.S. and abroad? Will you meet with us?

   Resources from Bread:
   • “Bread’s Election Platform” provides a snapshot of the domestic and international policies that Bread for the World believes will put the world on track to end hunger by 2030.
6. Take a church group to town hall meetings or to visit candidates’ campaign offices. At meetings, you can ask the candidate questions about what he or she will do to end hunger and poverty. You can confirm that you and many voters plan to vote to end hunger. Ask them to publicize their position on hunger and poverty and for a follow-up meeting after the elections. Leave behind “Bread’s Election Platform.” Bread can help you prepare for these meetings. Call 800/822-7323 or email organizing@bread.org.

Resources from Bread:
- Print out “Bread’s Election Platform.”
- Download fact sheets about hunger in your state under “Hunger and Poverty State Fact Sheets.”

7. Hold a candidate forum at your church. Invite candidates to a public forum hosted at your church. Be sure to invite all major candidates, ask the hunger question, and get commitments from candidates.


Resources from Bread:
- Share on social media using the hashtag #IVote2EndHunger, and tag your candidates.
- Share what you did with Bread’s Elections
- Share what you did by contacting organizing@bread.org.

To comply with IRS regulations on churches and other 501(c)3 organizations

DOs
- Remain nonpartisan
- Encourage voting, hold voter-registration drives, and engage in get-out-the-vote activities
- Invite candidates to address churches and/or denominations

DON'Ts
- Endorse or oppose a specific candidate
- Give support to specific candidates
- Tie voter education with voter registration

Remember:
- Bread for the World does not endorse any candidate or political party.
- Bread reaches out to all candidates with substantial voter support (those with 15 percent or more support).
- You can contact Bread for information: 800/822-7323 or organizing@bread.org

Find Bread’s election resources at www.bread.org/library/elections-resources (unless otherwise noted above).