

Welcome

Bread Indiana 2020 Joint Offering of Letters



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Our Panel

Dave Miner - IN-Bread Lead Team Chair

Charlie Gardner - IN-Bread Lead Team

Matt Gross - Bread Organizing Director

Patti Case – Bread State Organizer - IN

Psalm 91

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in God's shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge
My Rock in Whom I trust."

You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Under God's wings your refuge
God's faithfulness your shield

For to God's angels is given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone

For God will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of God's Hand

On Eagles' Wings, Michael Joncas

2019



- Delivered more than 4,000 of your Letters to Congress!
- Successfully lobbied Reps Brooks, Carson, Pence & Walorski to co-sponsor HR189
- Hosted Child Hunger Event with Sen. Todd Young with 326 Bread advocates from all over Indiana

2019



- Partnered to bring Travel Writer Rick Steves to Indianapolis before an audience of more than 1,000 to raise awareness about Bread's work
- Hosted a 'Grasstops' Fundraising Event at Lechleiter residence in Indianapolis
- Raised the funds needed to add a fulltime state organizer in Indiana

Impact of COVID-19

**COVID-19
is a hunger issue.**

**Vulnerable populations
(low-income families & poor
countries)
will be hit hardest.**



COVID-19 Policy Update

“Bread for the World supports the efforts of Congress and the administration to set political differences aside, recognize the impact COVID-19 could have on the most vulnerable among us, and take action to ensure families receive the support they need.”



“We are called not only to wash our hands,
but to wash feet...”

- Rev. Eugene Cho, President Elect of Bread

Bread's Response to COVID-19



- **All hands-on deck:** Act swiftly re: current legislation
- **Steady as she goes:** Stay the course on nutrition OL

All Hands On Deck...

- **Call (800-826-3688) to urge your members of Congress to:**
 - **Support policies that will help vulnerable populations at home and abroad**
 - **Fully support & fund the Pandemic Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (PSNAP)**
 - **Suspend implementation for SNAP rule changes**



Steady as she goes...

Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow



- Last year, Bread focused its Offering of Letters on global nutrition so mothers and children could get the foods they need to lead healthy and fulfilling lives.
- This year, in addition to continuing our advocacy around global nutrition, we also turn our attention to children experiencing hunger in the U.S.

Malnutrition remains a leading cause of child deaths globally

- Global hunger and poverty rates have been cut nearly in half during the past 30 years.
- Still, more than 1 in 5 children under age five are not growing as they should.
- And millions are dangerously thin.



1 in 7 U.S. children live in food-insecure homes

- Children who suffer food insecurity have more headaches, colds and other illnesses than children who never went hungry....more susceptible to disease and infection!
- Summer is the hungriest time of the year. Fewer than 1 in 5 U.S. children who receive school meals benefit from summer nutrition programs, leaving millions without adequate nutrition
- IN ranks close to last (41st) in the number of eligible kids who access summer meal programs (FRAC report)



Our Goals:

Increase funding and flexibility for nutrition programs in the U.S., including: Summer EBT/ S1918

Support legislation that strengthens U.S. leadership and increases funding for global nutrition.



S1918

Hunger Free Summer for Kids Act

- Bipartisan bill seeks to **expand and strengthen** effective Summer EBT pilot projects (Boozman and Leahy)
- Traditional summer meal programs **only reach about 16%** of kids nationally
- Summer EBT is
 - flexible and helps fill the gaps
 - needs to be scaled up

Advocating in Quarantine



When life gives you lemons...

... make a
**Do-it-at-home
Offering of Letters**



What's Different This Time?

- Most **letters** will be written **at home**
- **Emails or phone calls** offered as alternative
- OL Coordinators need to **recruit** members of their congregations/organizations to participate
- Working on a **later time frame**
- We will deliver summary (not letters) in local congressional **office visits**



What's the timeline?

March/April: Equip ourselves for at-home OL

May/June: Individuals send letters, emails, calls from home (no collection of letters)

June: OL Organizer reports counts to Charlie

July: In-person visits to legislators (if possible)

OL Organizers will...

Recruit others in your church to do the OL

personal contacts • church directory • church media

Ask what action(s) they took & with whom

letter • email • phone call • social media

Report results to Charlie Gardner

gardner1947@gmail.com

What about the Fall?

Maybe write letters together again in September or October?

Maybe deliver Fall letters to local Congressional offices in November if numbers warrant?

It's Time for Bread to Rise

- Let Congress **hear from us now** and throughout 2020
- Let's **expand** our number of participating Indiana **congregations to 80**
- **Let's recruit multiple congregations** in each Congressional District

Stay tuned

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More specifics to come

- **Call scripts**
- **Letter Samples**
- **Talking points**
- **Reporting template**
- **And More...**



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Q & A

To ask a question:

Scroll to the bottom of your video screen to click the Q&A button. Type your question in the window.

Next Steps

1. We will send a recording of this presentation & slide deck to you
2. Visit www.bread.org/coronavirus for information on immediate action
3. Visit www.bread.org/ol for materials for the annual letter writing campaign

Thank You!

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