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An Important Discussion via Zoom



**BREAD
FOR THE
WORLD**

Take Action Against Hunger

How to address hunger, public health, earth care, racial inequity, and food crisis overseas all at once? By reforming the Farm Bill.

Featuring: **David Gist, Senior Organizer, Bread for the World** (bread.org)

When: **Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

For the **ZOOM Link**, email: betterworldbenicia@gmail.com

About Bread for the World: Bread for the World (www.bread.org) is a Christian movement seeking to end hunger through education and advocacy. Each year Bread moves elected leaders in Washington and Sacramento to support policies, bills, and programs that address hunger. Bread educates people about hunger and injustice, including how unjust laws have caused a racial wealth gap in U.S. Each June Bread advocates gather in Washington, DC (virtually or in person) to meet key legislators to advance its campaign.

Why the Farm Bill?: Currently, the Farm Bill perpetuates factory farming and other practices of "Big Ag," which 1) poison the land and air with methane and chemicals, 2) reduce nutrients in our food (worsening public health), and 3) worsen climate change. Farm Bill commodities subsidize food for cattle and crops that are heavily used in junk food, rather than prioritizing healthy fruits & vegetables. The Farm Bill insures mono-crop farming, which damages land, rather than multi-crop farming. The Farm Bill oversees food aid but currently mandates that the government spend 50% of food aid paying off shippers to send culturally-inappropriate food to the developing world, rather than buying better food more cheaply and quickly near crisis areas. Meanwhile, agricultural policies have pushed people of color out of farming in the U.S., increasing racial inequity. The Farm Bill is essential, but currently has the wrong priorities. On February 15, David Gist will discuss how we can get Congress to reform our farming system to really address hunger, race, earth, sky, and public health damage. Together, Bread argues, we can create a healthy and just food system.

Act now to end hunger.

Leaders in Congress really do listen to their constituents. Every letter you write to your representatives on Capitol Hill is read and cataloged – and tells your representative which issues to prioritize.

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About David Gist: As Senior Organizer for Bread for the World, David Gist organizes, trains, and mobilizes faith leaders and communities to advocate for better policy and programs to help people vulnerable to hunger. A native Californian, he earned a BA from UCLA and an MA from the Claremont Graduate University. He worked six years in Nicaragua for an NGO before joining Bread.

What you can do: Once people understand the Farm Bill issues, Bread suggests writing letters to you elected representatives clearly stating how you'd like them to vote on the Farm Bill legislation. David Gist will supply sample letters to aid in letter writing.

For church folks, Bread suggests having an "Offering of Letters" during a worship service where people write letters, put them in the offering plate, and the pastor blesses them. Then the letters are mailed. David keeps folks up to date with how the legislation is doing. This activity has worked effectively process leading to many positive laws being passed to benefit hungry people.



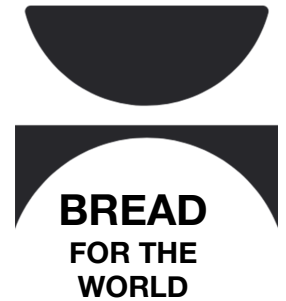
Advocacy works.

Members of Congress really do listen to constituents who speak up. Nearly 1 in 10 people around the world goes to bed hungry at night – but world hunger is solvable. Advocacy works.

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A Table for Everyone

Our bowl and table logo represents what we do. We gather people, at many tables, to provide Bread for the World. We sit, together, at tables of power and influence with lawmakers to enact policies that help ensure everyone has access to nutritious food.



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