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Offering of Letters – Bread for the World

Our outreach effort for June is an **Offering of Letters** to our elected representatives in Washington DC on behalf of the hungry. This is an at-home activity.

We take our guidance for these letters from an ecumenical Christian organization called Bread for the World. (www.Bread.org). Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities in which we live.

This year’s Offering of Letters focuses on the Farm Bill. The goal is to help craft a Farm Bill that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems. The impact of the farm bill is significant. It not only affects the agriculture and food sectors - it can play a huge role in ending food insecurity and hunger in the U.S. and save the lives of millions abroad.

This year, Congress is working to renew farm bill programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and international food aid programs. Among the measures that should be included are strengthening nutrition security in domestic and international programs; creating a more equitable SNAP program; and increasing food systems sustainability.

Tell your senators and representatives to support the reauthorization of the farm bill in order to build healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems.

Resource packets are available in the Lobby including a sample letter, envelopes, and more information about Bread for the World, as well as details regarding this year’s specific asks. There are links to the same information on the church website under “St. Johns Documents and Videos”.

We will even stamp and mail your letters, if you bring them back to church, and place them in the collection box in the Lobby.

You can direct email your elected representatives using a QR code. Use your smart phone camera to take you to draft email letters which will automatically route to your elected representatives based on your address.

