“Economic Justice Is a Hunger Issue in a Season of COVID-19”

June 8, 2020 / 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (ET)

This virtual program offers intergenerational African American/Pan African leaders from churches, denominations, schools, organizations and partner networks the opportunity to connect and advocate to end hunger and poverty in the United States and abroad.

The session will focus on economic justice as a hunger issue in this season of COVID-19 and its implications for engaging in the 2020 elections, 2020 U.S. Census, and tackling the historic root and contemporary causes of inequitable access to good nutrition.

7:30 p.m.  
Welcome and Overview, Brief Introduction of First Set of Speakers  
Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Bread for the World

7:33 p.m.  
Opening Prayer and Biblical Reflection  
Rev. William H. Lamar IV, Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, DC

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

—Isaiah 58:9-12 (NRSV)
7:40 p.m. Policy Overview of the Theme  
Mrs. Marlysa D. Gamblin, Bread for the World Institute

7:45 p.m. Brief Introduction of Second Set of Speakers  
Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Moderator, Bread for the World

Participant Engagement

7:55 p.m. Power Talk I on the Theme and 2020 Elections  
Rev. Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner,  
National African American Clergy Network and Circle of Protection

8:00 p.m. Power Talk II on the Theme and the 2020 U.S. Census  
Dr. Menna Demessie, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

8:05 p.m. Power Talk III on the Theme and Global and Domestic Nutrition  
Mr. Wubshet Loha, Bread for the World

8:10 p.m. Participant Engagement  
Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Moderator, Bread for the World

8:23 p.m. Advocacy/Organizing and Future Engagement  
Min. David Street, Bread for the World

8:28 p.m. Announcement of Future Webinars

Closing and Prayer  
Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Bread for the World

“For I know the plans I have for you... to give you a future with hope.” —Jeremiah 29:11