



# ***the Seminarian***

Hello Again!

After a semesters absence (a sabbatical of sorts), the Seminarian has returned and will be published on a regular schedule. For those new students and staff who have never seen the Seminarian (and for those continuing students and staff who have forgotten it in their old age), the editorial "crew" presents the following comments concerning this publication.

The Seminarian is a newsletter by and for the seminary community, and is an outlet for the expression of ideas, needs, creative literary works, and inspirational materials. Its contents may include articles, reviews, biographies of students and staff members, artwork, poetry, and- frankly- virtually anything else you can imagine. It is hoped that in this way we may be able to provide items both interesting and valuable to our community.

In order for us to fulfill these lofty goals, we need your help! Humbly, we request the student body and all interested parties to submit their own essays, poems, drawings,

announcements, letters to the editor, suggestions, comments and - of course - humorous items to the Seminarian (via the mailbox in the commons area). The deadline for the next issue is January 24, 1989. ( All submitted articles must be signed, although name will be withheld upon request; articles submitted cannot be returned ). We hope that you will support your community newsletter.

The Seminarian Staff  
Charles Dorsey, editor.

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The New Seminarian Staff  
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## From the editor:

As the new editor of the Seminarian I wish to thank those who have worked with me to produce this newsletter. I also hope that the new "look" is reflective of a new attitude, a new thinking and a new view that we, as seminarians from different and varied backgrounds, bring together as a community.

It is my hope that all students and faculty will take advantage of the Seminarian to express themselves creatively thereby enriching the lives and minds of us all.

I wish to extend to all a Merry Christmas and the best for the coming New Year. Normative for the new year is the making of resolutions. Be ever mindful that a new resolution brings alive new attitudes and thinking. Let us take the time to be more responsible for one another than just for our own sakes.

Christ be with you,

Charles L. Dorsey.

Greetings!

Welcome one and all to the approaching end of the term. I hope the term has progressed well for everyone - that our returning students are back into the routine, that our new students are finding a routine that's workable.

The LTS community is enriched, enhanced

and enlivened by both our commonalities and our diversities. It is through a mutual sharing of ourselves that we achieve a solid community.

Our campus, as we are thrust into the Advent season, is alive with activity; Wellness Meetings, a multifaceted recycling project, Complinet/Hymn sings, sock collection, mug and shirt sales, and so much more.

I invite all students to attend our SCC meetings (the first Thursday of every month, 9:30 AM, Hafer Center), and urge all students and council members to be in dialogue so that we know your needs and can address your concerns.

As we approach Christmas and the holiday season, let us keep one another in our prayers as we travel hither and yon, that our journeys be safe and our visits happy. May we each return here renewed, refreshed, and re-energized. Let us remember that as we are bound together in this community, what affects one, affects all.

May the peace that is Christ fill your hearts.  
May joy fill your days. May love fill your lives.

Shalom!

Kathy Cordaro, SCC Pres.

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### Welcome

Beginning with the fall semester of 1988, two persons were added to the staff of LTS, Frank Stalfa and Richard Berg.

Frank comes to us from Hillsborough, N.C., where, for the last 14 years, he has been a director of a family counseling center and a pastoral counselor in private practice. He is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University with a degree in English Literature and education. He attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., later transferring to Duke University Divinity School where, in 1972, he received the M.Div. degree. In 1979 Frank began his D.Min. studies at LTS graduating in 1983.

Frank is married and has one son, Nathan, age 12. His wife, Carol, is a social worker and art dealer. Frank says that his son is an aspiring drummer and rock guitarist which Frank contends caused some deafness in his left ear.

Frank is a member of the Southern Conference of the UCC and anticipates ordination early next year. His major responsibilities at LTS include the pastoral theology curriculum, faculty advisor in collegium and COMP. He is hopeful that, in the near future, he will participate in the Spectrum program.

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The LTS community also welcomes Richard R. Berg, the new Director of Library Services. Richard comes to us from United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, where he served as Ass't Librarian.

Richard received his B.A. degree

in Religion and History from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio. He received his M.S. degree in Library Science from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio and his M.Div. degree from Andover Newton Theological School, Boston, Mass.

Richard is married and has two children, Rebecca 14, and Brian 10. His wife, Judith, teaches biology and American cultures to learning-disabled tenth-graders at McCaskey High School.

Richard's primary duty is the administration of the Philip Schaff library which provides reference services for patrons of the library facility. He hopes to implement improvements by putting in an on line computer service which will update and improve reference service.

Richard says that he enjoys being at LTS and working with the library staff, Connie and Shirley, and that he is receiving much pleasure from getting to know and work with the staff and students of LTS.

Welcome aboard Frank and Richard.

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### Thanks Lisa

On December 2, 1988 The students of LTS held their annual Christmas party. I am proud to report that the party was a glorious success. It really hit the spot. All who attended had an enjoyable time and are expecting the same in the years to come. Again, we all are thankful to Lisa for the wonderful and exciting time that we enjoyed.

### CONGRATULATIONS

On November 3, 1988 the Rev. Dr. Beth Nordbeck was inaugurated as Professor of Church History and installed in the Dr. U. Henry and Emma Meily Heilman and Dr. Steffen E. and Blanche C. Stofflett Chair of Church History. Her inaugural address was entitled "A Parable From the Puritans."

Beth became interested in church history as an undergraduate, and went on to focus on seventeenth century New England history during her studies at Harvard Divinity School. She has always been interested in teaching, and receiving tenure is recognition of her satisfactorily performing her job during her 11 years at LTS. Some of her duties included being Dean of the Faculty and Dean of Students for seven years. She has been a collegium preceptor, and teaches courses in women's studies as well as church history and UCC polity. She travels world-wide for meetings, conferences and lectures. Additionally, Beth is well published in journals associated with church history.

Much to the surprise of many at LTS, Beth was married this summer. She and her husband, Paul Potter, are now in a "commuter marriage," with their respective jobs being 500 hundred miles apart. When asked how married life was, Beth quickly responded that she has been forced to be more organized and to be more disciplined so that she need not spend weekend time on academic work.

Currently Beth is working on a book entitled Thunder on the Right: Conservative Churches in Contem-

porary America for the "Kaleidescope" series and an article for the *Spring Congregational Library Bulletin*. Next summer Beth will teach in New Hampshire and travel to Budapest, Hungary with the Faith and Order Commission. During her sabbatical in the spring of 1990 she plans on working on a second book on New Religious Movements. Our heartfelt congratulations to you Beth.

**Congratulations** are also in order for others of our LTS community. Some, like Beth, have decided to share their lives in unison with the love of their life, some have decided to add another joy to their lives while others have taken on the responsibilities of their calling.

Congrats on their recent marriage:  
Beth Nordbeck & Paul Potter-July 23  
Steve & Nina Geitgey-May 14  
Karl & Cheryl Herman-June 19  
Keith & Barbara Enty-June 25

On their new additions:  
Mark & Robin Charlton, a son,  
Stephen Mark, born Oct 14

On their ordinations:  
Susan Minasian-July 15  
Paul Jones-Oct. 30  
Suzanne Getz-Oct. 30  
John Freudenburger-Nov. 13  
Nancy Kuhns-Nov. 19,

Elizabeth Huwiler has successfully defended her doctoral dissertation and will receive her degree in December.

Merry Christmas "Beth"

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## Farewell

While we congratulate some on their achievements and some on their new beginnings we must say good-bye to those who have "paid their dues." At the end of the Fall, 1988 semester, Dr. Robert Duke and Florence Bricker will be leaving to take a good look at greener pastures.

Bob Duke received his B.A. from Brothers College, Drew University, his B.D. from Drew Theological Seminary. He has studied at Tuebingen University, Tuebingen, Ger.; Oxford University, Oxford, England and; Graduate Theological Union, Berkley, Ca.

He has been a part of the LTS faculty since 1961. Since he has been at LTS he has acted in many capacities, Prof. of preaching, acting dean, director of Masters Studies Program, Dean of the Chapel, to name a few. He has received many awards and honors for community and professional service. His warmth, humor and genuine sense of caring will be sorely missed by all, faculty and students.

Good luck "Doc."

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Florence is retiring after 18 years of service. She began her service in 1970 as assistant archivist to her husband, George.

After the death of her husband in 1981, Florence assumed the position of Archivist. She received her degree in history from Dickerson College. Florence, in her retirement, plans to keep busy doing church, committee and volunteer work, taking trips of interest and exploring the "archives" of her home. We wish you well in all your future endeavors. May God bless you.

## THE LESSON

Then Jesus took his disciples up the mountain and gathering them around him, he taught them saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,  
Blessed are the meek,  
Blessed are they that mourn,  
Blessed are the merciful,  
Blessed are they that thirst for justice,  
Blessed are you when persecuted,  
Blessed are you when you suffer,  
Be glad and rejoice for your reward is great in heaven.

Then Simon Peter said,

Are we supposed to know this?

And Andrew said,

Do we have to write this down?

And James said,

Will we have a test on this?

And Phillip said,

I don't have any paper.

And Bartholomew said,

Do we have to turn this in?

And John said,

The other disciples didn't have to learn this.

And Matthew said,

May I go to the boy's room?

And Judas said,

What does this have to do with real life?

Then one of the Pharisees who was present asked to see Jesus' lesson plan and inquired of Jesus,

Where is your anticipatory set and your objectives in the cognitive domain?

And Jesus wept.

Submitted by Kathy Cordaro

**Book Review:**

**The Book of Family Prayer:** by Robert Webber. Nelson, 1986.

Throughout the history of Christianity worship has never been confined simply to cathedral or church; individuals and groups in every age have felt the need to provide services of prayer in the "home" environment as well. This practice, now undergoing somewhat of a revival in protestant circles, has long been recognized for its significant spiritual benefits; but seldom has sufficient attention been paid to its educational and catechismal value within the family, particularly for children. This book of worship resources seeks to remedy that situation.

The author, Robert Webber (not our own LTS Bob Webber, but professor of theology at Wheaton College), is an Episcopalian layperson with an interest in the educational aspects of liturgy. His book, Celebrating Our Faith, deals with this subject at the level of "public" worship; the present volume concerns its functions within the family. In his introduction, Webber states that the book grew out of sabbath celebrations with the family of Rabbi Yechial Eckstein of Chicago. Impressed by these events, Webber set out to develop similar family celebrations within a Christian framework.

For this reason, the worship services in The Book of Family Prayer will have a familiar feel for those who have previous experience with, for example, the passover Haggadah. The services usually contain a description of the theme for the day, several scripture readings (usually from the lectionary for that week), a

brief "inquiry an instruction" section in a question-and-answer format, hymnody and prayer. The book includes services for every week of the year arranged according to the church calendar (including ordinary time), and makes use of appropriate seasonal symbols, such as the advent wreath. There are also 18 "Family Prayers for Special Occasions" in the back of the book (which includes scripture readings as well as actual prayers), as well as a church-year calendar for the remainder of this century.

The Book of Family Prayer has many strengths, including an educational emphasis, the use of the church year and its symbols, and the involvement of all family members. It is a worthwhile attempt to develop worship services of theological depth for use within the Christian home, and will, hopefully, encourage the publication of other such resources for group/family prayer.

-Steve Geitgey

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### **New Group On Campus**

Beginning with the fall semester of 1988, there is a new support on campus. Now there is a support group for those who bring minority uniqueness to the campus of LTS. This group is called MSG, (Minority student Group).

The purpose of the group is to address those needs and concerns that are unique to the minority students on campus. Your MSG Rep. on campus is Henrietta Andrews. For any concerns that you might have please feel free to contact her.

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### SLC ARTICLE

Christmas time is a giving time, a sharing time -- a time for agape, when we see to the needs of the other, whether those needs are material necessities, or companionship, or even means for a spiritual uplift. Throughout Advent, which celebrates the anticipation of the Life to bring transformation to our lonely world, we also celebrate the expectation of that same Life to renew us now and to usher in the age of the full Righteousness of God.

Through the Thursday evening Compline services, the Spiritual Life Committee is calling the seminary community to a personal awareness of the Advent season. The lighting of each candle of the Advent wreath tells us that we are one week closer to the Eve of Nativity, and that seven days have gone by in which we could open our hearts wider to the Spirit of God and know all the better God's intentions for change in our lives through the giving of God's Son, Jesus, whom we call Christ.

The December 15 Compline will be special in that it will offer all a chance to proclaim, in song, the coming of the Messiah. Following the service inside Santee Chapel, we will go caroling in the surrounding neighborhood, after which we are invited to a drop-in at Suzanne Smith's apartment, N-105, organized with the cooperation of the Social Life Committee. Also, a Compline is planned for Dec. 22, for all those who will still be nearby, to continue worship in the Spirit of Advent.

Advent is also a time of anticipation of the coming year, in which lies so many opportunities to express discipleship on campus and in our extended community. For example, we have under way a major

project that provides seminarians opportunities for ministry to the tenants of Harb-Adult in downtown Lancaster. Harb-Adult is a facility housed in the former King Douglas Hotel building at 105 E. King St., now used to provide low-income housing while people work toward a new chance at a new life which has been interrupted by some hardship. The Seminarian Community Council has entered into a non-obligatory covenant with Harb-Adult, Inc., who looks forward to working with us in ministry to the tenants, which could include basic fellowship, informal counseling, Bible study, and/or worship. Foremost at this time is the opportunity for seminarians to participate in the counseling process by which Harb-Adult works with tenants toward overall improvement in their lives. Anyone interested in participating can obtain more information from the Seminarian Community Council.

The Spiritual Life Committee offers its most heartfelt thanks to the seminary community for the support given to the Thanksgiving meditation and fast. We found it exciting to watch and feel the growing awareness of the deeper meanings of the Thanksgiving holiday. Our themes for meditations, conducted in Santee Chapel over the lunch hour on Wednesdays and Fridays, focused on overcoming the tendencies of excess in all aspects of our lives while learning to better meet the needs of others, all in a desire to improve our relationships with God, with our community, and even with our environment. It was also exciting to hear that so many people were taking the opportunity to fast and

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meditate at their own places and times each week throughout November as a personal means of spiritual growth.

While fasting, folks contributed to a collection the funds they normally would have used toward their own meals. By doing so, we were able to contribute these monies to the Lyndon Mennonite Church to assist with their thanksgiving dinner for the needy. The dinner was the church's first, but they plan another for next year and were most appreciative of our donation.

In looking ahead, we see a busy time coming in January and the spring semester. We look forward to continuing the hymn sing. Participation in the hymn sing has led to some discussion of forming a choir for the enjoyment of singing praises to God in chapel worship. Our goal is to encourage more participation in Compline services and the hymn sing. We would also like to incorporate healing services during regular worship time in Santee Chapel.

These are a few of the goals of the Spiritual Life Committee. We invite anyone who is interested in becoming a part of this program to meet with us in the refectory on Tuesday's at 10 o'clock A.M. immediately after Chapel services.

God's peace to all.

Jeff Franz

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### Get To Know Your Reps.

Of times we have concerns and do not know to whom we can turn. We also at times feel frustrated because those concerns never get addressed. It is important for all

of us to know that we have representatives on the SCC so that those concerns can be addressed.

Following is a list of representatives. Your concerns should be taken directly to your SCC Rep.

SCC President... Kathy Cordaro  
SCC Vice Pres... Mark Johnson  
Secretary... Suanne Williams-Whorl  
Treasurer..... Lori Eck  
M. Div. Rep..... Deborah Kohler  
M. Div. Rep... John Snyder-Samuelson  
M.A.R. Rep.... Jim Richwine  
Commuter Rep... Walton Burke  
Jr. Class Rep... Curt Weber

### Other Community Representatives

The Seminarian Editor... C. Dorsey  
Spiritual Life Committee... J. Franz  
Social Life.... Lisa Gaul  
Campus Life.... Steve Geitgey  
Community Life... J. Baxter  
Seminary Life... Phil Garner  
Women In Ministry... K. Krombein  
M.S.G.... Henrietta Andrews  
L.T.S. Care... Dave Gallick  
Comp..... Suzanne Carr  
Beth Doty  
Gary Lewis

Planning Committee... B. Arnold  
Phil Garner

Revisionary Committee... H. Knox  
Jim Richwine  
Linda Schmidt

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### **Journey Into Wellness**

The "Wellness" group has been meeting weekly for the entire semester. We have covered a variety of issues related to wellness. One of our general conclusions is the connection between the concept of wellness and wholeness. Wellness therefore, becomes a positive growth issue instead of a negative "corrective."

Wholeness is itself wholistic. By that we mean that the issues go far beyond individuals. We do consider personal wellness activities such as improved diet, stress reduction exercise, and simplified lifestyles. But we also consider community and world issues. At one meeting we received a report of Dr. Sweet's lecture from the State Pastor's Conference. He emphasized the inter-reconnectedness of all things and what this means for Christians as we approach the twenty-first century.

Next semester the wellness group will expand its activities. We are planning three community hour programs to provide more information and experiences to the seminary at large. There will be a planning meeting on Dec. 19 at 2:30 PM in the LTS President's office. If you have any ideas or a general interest please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend pass your ideas on to those who have been involved thus far: Murial Bronakoski, Deborah Kohler, Allen Kroehler, Kyra Krombein, Peter Schmeichen, Mary Lin Seiver, or Bob Webber.

Hopefully, we, as Christians, can prepare ourselves to move toward wholeness/wellness which will put us in the position to lead others on the journey.

Deborah Kohler

### **American Poetry Association**

Over \$11,000 in prizes will be awarded to the best 152 poets in a major contest sponsored by the American Poetry Association to discover new talent. The Grand Prize is a trip to Hawaii for two, and the first prize is \$1,000. Other prizes include cash awards and publication. The contest is open to the public and entry is free. The deadline for entries is December 31, 1988.

"Every student who writes poetry is urged to enter this contest," said Robert Neilson, Publisher for the Association. "The December deadline makes it easy for students to enter during their winter break, we hope. We appreciate reading students' work. In fact, six of the winners in our last contest were students."

Poets may enter the contest by sending as many as five poems, each no more than 20 lines, name and address on each page, to American Poetry Association, Dept. Ct-5, 250 Potrero Street, P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95061-1803. Entries should be mailed by December 31, 1988.

Each poem is also considered for publication in the American Poetry Anthology, a leading collection of contemporary verse.

During six years of sponsorship, the American Poetry Association has run 27 contests and awarded \$100,000 in prizes to 2,700 winning poets.

If more information is needed contact Jennifer Manes  
(408) 429-1122.

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## Harb-Adult

As a follow-up on their community concerns the SLC offers the following article:

Harb-Adult, Inc. is looking to Lancaster seminarians to work with the housing facility in meeting the needs of its tenants, which would include participation in the interview process by which tenants obtain a home there and are periodically evaluated.

The Spiritual Life Committee of the Seminarian Community Council has offered Harb-Adult its hand in recruiting seminarians to work with the facility. As part of that help, the committee has scheduled a Feb. 9 community hour at LTS, during which time Harb-Adult manager Jay Kiralfy will meet with us to discuss the Harb-Adult program and how seminarians can be of assistance.

Much has been in the press explaining the foundation and aims of Harb-Adult. Harb-Adult describes its own purpose as "to provide short term housing for low-income homeless individuals, couples, single parents, and families. These persons must be capable of independent living and should be actively in search of more permanent housing." The facility at 105-107 E. King St. in downtown Lancaster, opened in June 1987 after local business people acted on a need to provide such a "harbor for adults." Over 50 rooms on four floors -- single, double, and family size -- have been renovated for the project. Civic and church groups have taken part in helping the program move along and in helping it find direction.

Harb-Adult provides low-cost housing in a hotel setting with 24-hour registration services. Because the facility is a licensed hotel owned by Harb-Adult, Inc., (a non-profit corporation), Harb-Adult cannot hire a resident counselor. What the Harb-Adult staff does, however, is refer its tenants to much-needed services, such as local agencies or churches.

Harb-Adult does see the need and value of ministry to its tenants. Kiralfy and the facility's volunteer board of directors is permitting Lancaster Seminarians to visit Harb-Adult tenants for fellowship and to provide informal counseling as needed. There are opportunities for such activities as Bible studies and leading worship services. Seminarians may wish to discuss the possibility of earning field education and independent study credits.

Anyone wanting more details on Harb-Adult and what seminarians can do there can talk to Jeff Frantz, John Snyder Samuelson, or contact any other member of the Spiritual Life Committee.

Jeff Franz-SLC Chairperson

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## Recent Publications

Two of our own at LTS, Paul Irion and Dick Vieth, are to be congratulated for the publication of their works. The book by Paul Irion is entitled Hospice and Ministry. Holy Power, Human Pain is the title of the book that Dick Vieth has authored.

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They descend like locusts at the same time every year. You'll find them in the nearly every classroom, in the dorms, in the apartments, even in chapel. What compels them to roam these hallowed halls, this sacred campus? What manner of beings are they whose journey has caused them to surge, like salmon upstream, to this particular destination? I am, of course, referring to that phenomena known as---THE INVASION OF NEW STUDENTS!

In an attempt to understand the why's, wherefore's, and who's of this situation, this reporter was asked to do some investigation on this year's influx of new students. Of the roughly 37 new students who have joined us this fall, I will focus on two students who have graciously consented to be interviewed.

You'll usually find John Gudikumst among a group of other students who are laughing uproariously over something John has just said. John is a delightful blend of quick wit and outrageous humor, indispensable qualities for those embarking on a seminary education. John comes to us from Reading, Pa., along with his wife, April, and his two daughters, Amber and Lauren. In his former life John was a stockbroker for a firm in Reading. However, he changed his three piece business suit and briefcase for another three piece business suit and briefcase when he decided to heed the call to become a Methodist minister. After checking out several seminaries, John settled on LTS. What does he think of it so far? In his words, LTS is "the best" and he has found his seminary experience to be even better than he expected.

Another welcome addition to the LTS family is Suzanne Smith. Suzanne lives on campus and comes to us directly from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. where she majored in Gerontology. Suzanne is one of three children (she has a brother and sister), and hails from Easton, Pa. where her parents reside. After talking with Suzanne, one is struck by her serenity, gentle humor, and quiet intensity when relating to others.

Among Suzanne's hobbies are playing the organ, ballet, reading, and walking. She finds the Lancaster area to be beautiful and is pleased with the accessibility of the LTS faculty to the students.

We welcome John and Suzanne to LTS and hope that their seminary experience continues to be positive and rewarding. We also extend a warm welcome to ALL new students and will seek to introduce our readers to more of these newcomers in future issues.

Leigh Pick (New Student)

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The social life committee is for you! It is designed to promote social life within the seminary community. This fall there have been picnics, movies and parties. In order to best serve the seminary community during the spring semester we asking for your suggestions for activities that would most interest you. We will kick off the spring semester with a Winter Picnic on Friday January 27, 1989 from 4:30 pm 'til 8 pm, at the Lancaster Ice Rink. Look for details in future issues of the Communicator. Hope to see you there.

Liss Gaul-Chair. Soc. Life Com.

## **Bread For the World**

Bread for the World is a nationwide movement of Christians who seek justice for hungry people by lobbying the nations' decision-makers. Bread for the World is rooted in Christian faith though open to all concerned citizens; promotes long-term development policies that help people work their way out of hunger and poverty; seeks policies that address the basic causes of hunger; and provides concerned and compassionate citizens specific ways to get involved and make a significant difference for hungry people.

The following is an article from Bread for the World in their appeal for support in getting our elected officials to implement actions that aid in reducing hunger in the United States and the World. They are urging that concerned citizens write letters to the President-elect so that consideration to this concern may given priority.

### **No Child Should Go to Bed Hungry**

One of every five children in the United States lives in poverty. Almost six million children live with families struggling to survive with incomes below half of the poverty level. Many of these children go to bed hungry.

A recent report from the Washington State Governor's Task Force on Hunger indicated the extent of child hunger among low-income families in urban and rural areas of that state. Between 21 and 42 percent of the children in the families surveyed suffered from a serious hunger problem.

Several government programs can effectively prevent malnutrition and other child health and development problems. Yet these programs do not reach all the vulnerable children because they are not adequately funded.

In 1989 Bread for the World will call on church members to join a major campaign to urge government leaders to support full funding for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). WIC is one of the most effective and successful programs the federal government operates. WIC reduces infant mortality and anemia and improves children's cognitive development. However, WIC is not an entitlement program that responds to all who are qualified for its benefits. Funding limitations prevent over half of the eligible women, infants and children from participating.

Letters to the president-elect should urge that, during his administration, the WIC program be made available to all women, infants and children who qualify. A relatively small investment in WIC can save money in the long term. A Harvard University School of Public Health study showed that WIC saves \$3 in immediate medical costs for every \$1 it spends on prenatal nutrition and screening.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information can write to:

Bread for the World  
802 Rhode Island Ave. N.E.,  
Washington, DC 20018,  
or contact  
Kraig Klaudt  
Media Director  
(202) 269-0200.

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Several people have asked that the following be printed. It was contained in a packet of material for "Who Speaks For Children?"

We pray for children  
who put chocolate fingers  
everywhere,  
who like to be tickled  
who stomp in puddles and ruin  
their new pants,  
who sneak popsicles before  
supper,  
who erase holes in math workbooks  
who can never find their shoes.  
And we pray for those  
who stare at photographers from  
behind barbed wire,  
who can't bound the street in a  
new pair of sneakers,  
who never "counted potatoes",  
who are born in places we  
wouldn't be caught dead  
who never go the circus,  
who live in an x-rated world.  
We pray for children  
who bring us sticky kisses and  
fistfuls of dandelions,  
who sleep with the dog and bury  
goldfish,  
who hug us in a hurry and forget  
their lunch money,  
who cover themselves with band-  
aids and sing off key,  
who squeeze toothpaste all over  
the sink,  
who slurp their soup.  
And we pray for those  
who never get dessert,  
who have no safe blanket to drag  
behind them,  
who watch their parents watch  
them die,  
who can't find any bread to  
steal,  
who don't have any rooms to clear  
up,  
whose pictures aren't on  
anybody's dresser,  
whose monsters are real.  
We pray for children  
who spend all their allowance

before Tuesday,  
who throw tantrums in the grocery  
store and pick at their food,  
who like ghost stories,  
who shove dirty clothes under the  
bed, and never rinse out the tub,  
who get visits from the tooth  
fairy,  
who don't like to be kissed in  
front of the carpool,  
who squirm in church and temple  
and scream in the phone,  
whose tears we sometimes laugh at  
and whose smiles can make us cry.  
And we pray for those  
whose nightmares come in the  
daytime,  
who will eat anything,  
who have never seen a dentist,  
who aren't spoiled by anybody,  
who go to bed hungry and cry  
themselves to sleep,  
who live and move, but have no  
being.  
We pray for children who want to be  
carried and for those who must,  
for those we never give up on and  
for those who don't get a second  
chance,  
for those we smother...and for  
those who will grab the hand of  
anybody kind enough to offer it.

Ina J. Hughes, Charleston, SC

(Submitted by Charlotte Whiting)

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