

Partner Profiles—Personal and Structural Biases

As noted in previous Phases, JustFaith Ministries works in close collaboration with the following organizations. These brief profiles provide additional information on each of them.

Bread for the World

[Hunger](#) and malnutrition are still a major factor in preventable deaths in our world today. When the scourge of malnutrition takes too many precious lives or saps potential, it is clear that we have more work to do - faithful work that includes [stewarding our influence](#) to see an end to hunger in our time.

[Bread for the World](#), a collective Christian policy advocacy organization seeking to end hunger, works with churches across the country to keep our nation's decision makers accountable to keeping on track to end hunger and poverty at home and abroad. Each year Bread for the World focuses on a key, practical hunger and poverty issue where we believe progress can be made toward ending hunger.

Bread for the World highlights the importance of increasing funding for the vital nutrition and health of mothers, newborns, and young children. Pope Francis, the Gates Foundation, and the World Bank have each presented convincing evidence that ending hunger and extreme poverty by 2030 is within reach. But, we can only end hunger if our national government does its part. Our powerful government is a vital force for ending hunger here at home and worldwide. We must begin now building the structures and policies that will make ending hunger and extreme poverty possible. Doing our part as Christians includes advocacy with our members of Congress to ensure they make funding decisions that put us on track to ending hunger by 2030.

We know this work is worthwhile and our ambitious 2030 goal is reachable because we have already made substantial progress against hunger and poverty in recent decades. Since 1990, structural changes and new programs have enabled the number of people who live in extreme poverty to decrease by more than 50% and global hunger to decrease by almost 50%. Here at home, SNAP (formerly food stamps) moved 4.6 million adults and 2.0 million children out of poverty in 2015 (the most recently year statistics are available for-which does not seem to account for under-reporting) and the earned income tax credit and the refundable portion of the child tax credit moved 8.9 million people out of poverty in 2016, including 4.7 million children.

When we ask our government to be a leader in global nutrition, we are helping to bring about God's vision of a world without hunger.

Bread for the World's annual Offering of Letters campaign engages churches, campuses, and other faith communities in writing letters to Congress. Supported with [prayer](#), these letters are a bold witness to God's justice and mercy.

Maryknoll

Looking in the mirror can be hard. It means looking at who we are, at all the factors that have formed us and sustain us. If we are honest, we will recognize that we benefit from structures of

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power and privilege that only function as long as there are others, both at home and abroad, who are powerless and excluded.

If our Christian worldview tells us that we are part of a greater family, called to see others as brothers and sisters, then we will question why many of our brothers and sisters do not enjoy anything like the health care, security, and education which we consider human rights.

Living on the margins in solidarity with some of the world's poorest people, both in the United States and throughout the world, Maryknoll Missioners and Affiliates have seen how often injustice and racism are built into national and international structures which then take on a life of their own. This has led Maryknoll Missioners and Affiliates to bring our concerns to decision-making tables, to urge those in power to address unethical structures that benefit a few at the expense of great suffering for many others.

Maryknoll Missioners and Affiliates stand by the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church and reject the global structures that create, maintain, and promote policies that perpetuate hunger, violence, poverty, and inequality. Flowing from our ministries of presence and accompaniment, as well as from the concrete programs and projects in which we participate, we engage in the hard work of identifying root causes of social and economic injustice. By challenging these structures, we hope to change the lives of millions of poor and vulnerable sisters and brothers in Christ with whom we live and minister.

"Mission is living our faith in the context of our relations with other people," said Daniel Moriarty, a Maryknoll lay missionary who served in Bolivia and now has a home and a family there in the city of Cochabamba, where he is director of the Maryknoll Bolivia Mission Immersion Program. "Mission is solidarity and accompaniment," Dan explained. "It's not coming to help others as much as it is getting to know others in order to help each other to create a better, more just and peaceful relationship among brothers and sisters."

If you believe in the power of people to unite to bring about change, we invite you to get involved with Maryknoll, locally and globally, to look for solutions that will bring greater well-being to our brothers and sisters and our Earth.

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JustFaith Ministries Profile

JustFaith Ministries exists to form, inform and transform people of faith by offering programs and resources that sustain them in their compassionate commitment to build a more just and peaceful world.

Over 50,000 people nationwide have participated in various JustFaith Ministries programs in over 1,500 churches across the country, experiencing and responding to Christ's call to care for the poor and vulnerable.

We are a non-profit organization, relying on the generosity of our program participants to sustain our work. With this support, JustFaith Ministries offers programs that provide opportunities for individuals to study and be formed by the justice tradition articulated by the Scriptures, the church's historical witness, theological inquiry and church social teaching. JustFaith Ministries programs help individuals integrate their personal spirituality with social commitment, leading to active involvement in their communities.

JustFaith Ministries programs are tools that have proven time and again to be effective strategies for training and forming individuals as agents of social transformation. Our current programs include:

- **JustFaith:** a small-group program that develops leaders for church- and community-based social ministry
- **Engaging Spirituality:** a small-group spiritual journey that explores the connection between prayerful presence and social action
- **JustMatters:** a series of topical modules that allow small groups to give sustained attention to a specific area of social concern or social ministry, culminating in a call to engaged action
 - Hunger for Change: A Faithful Response to Food Insecurity
 - Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey
 - Cultivating Nonviolence, Harvesting Peace
 - The Sultan and the Saint: Bringing Christians and Muslims together for dialogue

JustFaith participant involvement in social ministry activities is vast. Participants report working on issues of homelessness and poverty; advocating for hunger relief at the local, national and international levels; doing mission work in Haiti, Central America, rural America, Asia and Africa; standing in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters; becoming ambassadors for fair trade and micro-businesses; developing prison ministry and advocating for the end of the death penalty; advocating for sensible gun laws; and many other activities.

We are so pleased that you have chosen to participate in this JustFaith Ministries program. Welcome to the JFM community, bringing compassion and justice to our world in need. We hope you will be informed and transformed by this journey and willing to share your story with us!

Stay Connected—Join the JustFaith Network

Join the JustFaith Network, a community of people compelled by the Gospel to build a more just and peaceful world. Together we can prepare each other to take action for social change, challenge each other to live differently, and sustain each other as we work for social justice.

JustFaith Network members will:

- Receive a monthly resource via email;
- Have access to online individual and small group resources and networking opportunities to connect with each other regionally and through areas of interest (ex: fair trade, hunger, immigration, prison ministry);
- Any individual or household who makes a donation is a member for a year and will be given the opportunity to renew annually;
- Current program facilitators are automatically members for the year that they facilitate a JustFaith Ministries program.