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Rev. David Beckmann has been president of Bread for the World and [Bread for the World Institute](#) since 1991, leading large-scale and successful campaigns to strengthen U.S. political commitment to overcome hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. Beckmann also founded and serves as president of the [Alliance to End Hunger](#). A World Food Prize laureate, he appears regularly in the media and most recently authored *Exodus from Hunger: We are Called to Change the Politics of Hunger*. Beckmann is a Lutheran minister and has a degree from the London School of Economics.

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World Food Prize laureate David Beckmann is one of the foremost U.S. advocates for hungry and poor people. He has been president of Bread for the World since 1991, leading large-scale and successful campaigns to strengthen U.S. political commitment to overcome hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. Bread for the World is a U.S. Christian advocacy movement to end hunger.

Beckmann is also president of [Bread for the World Institute](#), which provides policy analysis on hunger and strategies to end it. He founded and serves as president of the [Alliance to End Hunger](#), which engages diverse U.S. institutions—Muslim and Jewish groups, corporations, unions, and universities—in building the political will to end hunger.

Beckmann is a Lutheran pastor as well as an economist. He earned degrees from Yale University, Christ Seminary, and the London School of Economics. Six universities have awarded him honorary doctorates. In 2010, he was named a World Food Prize laureate.

Beckmann has appeared on "Bill Moyer's Journal," PBS's "Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly," CNN Español, C-Span, NPR's "Morning Edition," and "The Diane Rehm Show." His latest book is *Exodus from Hunger: We Are Called to Change the Politics of Hunger*.

Currently Beckmann serves on USAID's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, the U.S. Trade Representative's Advisory Committee on Africa, and the Executive Committee of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network. He has served as a board member of InterAction, the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, the ONE Campaign, and the National Anti-Hunger Organizations. Beckmann is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Prior to joining Bread, Beckmann worked at the World Bank for 15 years, overseeing large development projects and driving innovations to make the bank more effective in reducing poverty.