



## ***B.R.E.A.D. Organization***

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Tuesday March 17, 2020

On Monday March 16, 2020, the BREAD Board of Directors voted unanimously to cancel and suspend all in person gatherings including:

- the Team Assembly planned for March 23,
- the Rally planned for April 27, and
- the Nehemiah Action planned for May 12.

Our important work for Justice will continue despite this necessary decision. Over the coming days and weeks, BREAD staff and leaders will explore alternative strategies to move forward on our campaigns including use of on-line conferencing and phone calls. We will be working to ensure that members of the Justice Ministry and Rodef Tzedek networks in each congregation remain connected to our on-going work for Justice.

In this period of crisis, where anxiety and isolation are routine, we should remember that the engine that fuels our work for justice is the relationships we have formed with one another. We would encourage the leadership of each Justice Ministry and Rodef Tzedek network to consider the value of those relationships and the role they may play in the coming weeks to ease the anxiety and isolation in our community. We will do the same.

Moving forward, it is difficult to predict what the summer will look like. We hope and plan to transition into the investment drive, as scheduled, beginning with a Team Assembly set for June 1, 2020 at 7pm and a Celebration on June 22nd. **As we have done in the past, we would encourage BREAD leaders who are able to consider making all, or a part of their investment as early as possible.** Looking toward the fall, while no official decision has been made by the board, we discussed the possibility of utilizing our listening process to organize our networks toward an October Rally and November Nehemiah Action. We will work to solidify plans once life has returned to some semblance of normalcy and health.

The Board wishes to extend our prayers for all families to remain healthy and find periods of brightness and love in the days and weeks to come. We can and should remain close to one another even if it is from a distance.

God Bless,

The BREAD Board of Directors