



## **BREAD *or* STONES**

### **Report for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly March 2020 in Baton Rouge, LA**

by Rob Gorman, Chair

The Bread or Stones Campaign for child well-being has re-organized since the Fall board meeting. Following the end of a major grant that paid the salary of a coordinator, the Public Policy Task Force has developed a new organizing strategy for the Bread or Stones Campaign. Our first step has been to restart the monthly emailed newsletter that is currently sent to 485 recipients. We are asking that churches send us additional names of church members (with their email address) to receive the newsletter.

We have added two new Bread or Stones Covenant Congregations in the last few months, bringing our total to 95 churches throughout Louisiana.

In late February the Public Policy Task Force sponsored a legislative briefing at the LIC office in Baton Rouge. Representatives from Southern University, Department of Children and Family Services and the LA Policy Institute for Children presented their legislative priorities. We will be reviewing these priorities to develop Bread or Stones legislative alerts so that our member churches (who so choose) can urge their members to contact their legislators about these children's issues.

We are currently recruiting church members to join **Children's Day at the Legislature** sponsored by the LA Partnership for Children and Families at the State Capitol on Tuesday, March 10. Our belief is that it is time for the churches of Louisiana to work together to let our legislators know that our children are their **first priority**.

We are also holding the first **Bread or Stones Coordinator Training** on Friday, April 3 in the evening, ending around mid-day on Saturday, April 4 at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA (south of Alexandria). Attendance (including room and board) is free, but limited. Bread or Stones Coordinators are volunteer church members who have a **moral commitment** to improve the lives of the children of Louisiana and a passion for bringing about change. Coordinators are networked and supported through the Louisiana Interchurch Conference (LIC). If you are interested in learning more about this campaign or the workshop please contact Fr. Dan Krutz, LIC executive director, [licexecdir@aol.com](mailto:licexecdir@aol.com) or (225) 344-0134. Thank you for faithfully responding to Jesus' call to care for our children (Mt. 7:9).