



**The Welcome Church Invites You to Join Them in Building Beloved Community
by Supporting Food Security Efforts in Philadelphia**

Who we Are: At **The Welcome Church**, our congregation is defined not by a building, but by our people. We are a community deeply woven with the lives of those who are eligible for, and rely upon, SNAP (the Food Stamp Program). When our neighbors hurt, we hurt; when our community is threatened, we stand up.

The Challenge We Face: Right now, we are facing a frightening reality. With billions of dollars slated to be cut from SNAP, many in our family face the very real threat of losing access to their daily bread. To make matters worse, confusing cut-off letters at times circulate among our members. We see these letters being passed hand-to-hand—neighbors asking neighbors, "*Why is this happening?*" and "*What do I do next?*"

Our Response: We believe that confusion should be met with clarity, and hunger met with advocacy. That is why The Welcome Church proudly endorses the campaign of the **Philadelphia Unemployment Project (PUP)** to help our neighbors keep their SNAP benefits.

We are leading from the front on this issue:

- **Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel**, our co-pastor, serves on the board of PUP.
- **Jacqueline Chapman**, one of our Welcome Church leaders, also serves on the board. Jackie brings the power of lived experience with homelessness and is a seasoned advocate at all levels of government for programs that alleviate hunger.

An Invitation to Join Us as we work to to build connections across economic gaps as we seek to be the **Beloved Community**. We cannot do this alone!