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WHAT GOD HURTS INNOCENT PEOPLE?

The "Veritas Youth Ministries" of North Seattle's **Bethany Community Church** at **8023 Green Lake Drive North** (across from Bagley Elementary) has been luring students off campus during lunch at three North end high schools for several months.

Although "Pastor Nick" has been reluctant to truthfully share the factual scope of this effort, the latest information is that they are serving @ 750 students a week Domino's (high fat, empty calorie) pizza from boxes out of the trunk of a car near Ingraham, Hale and Roosevelt schools.

These efforts inevitably lead to the working families whose jobs depend on preparing and serving Seattle's students inside public schools being negatively impacted. That means a number of families will potentially lose health benefits and (ultimately) the basic income that supports them.

We have humbly asked both Bethany Community Church and "Pastor Nick" to stop doing this and offered to work with them so as to bring about a mechanism whereby they could purchase the pizzas from school kitchens (the kids love the nutritious pizza made under our HACCAP conditions) so as to protect our livelihoods and make for a "win/win" situation, but Bethany has rejected this offer but has agreed to distribute this junk food after school in the future.

There is a family homeless shelter only two blocks away from Ingraham High (Mary's Place at 1155 N. 130th St) and the homeless families there would surely dearly love 50 hot pizzas any time of day. Our working members often donate there.

Until Bethany Community Church and "Pastor Nick" honors his commitment to stop carelessly harming us in this way, we are asking participants to think about the effects of consciously and deliberately harming our families and community through their actions. We humbly seek to defend our livelihoods.

"Once they go down to the corner, I never get them back"

Dr. Ruth Medsker, Principal at West Seattle High School

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