

Fifth Question for 2021

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MAZON's Fifth Question

LEADER: Each year at the Seder, we ask the traditional Four Questions. And each year, MAZON asks a Fifth Question to raise awareness about hunger and spark important conversations around the seder table.

ALL: How will we retell this story?

How will we retell the story of this past year, and all it has wrought? Though we are still in the throes of the pandemic, we know this will be a defining moment, just as is the story of Passover. The pandemic revealed and exacerbated structural inequities and the breadth of simple human need. In the plainest terms, hunger has doubled in this country due to the economic impacts of the pandemic; for households with children, tripled.

How will we retell the story of this past year, and all we have learned? It is our responsibility to channel the stark clarity that has been so catastrophically thrust upon us into a demonstration of our values. We will fight against the barriers faced by millions to accessing food and other necessities. We will fight the stigma that discourages people from getting the help they need. We will fight any policy, school of thought, or kernel of doubt that challenges the notion that people deserve to feed themselves with dignity, no matter their circumstances.