Invocation
Let the People Know the Truth
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Creator of all that we are, all that we have and all that we shall become on this journey:

We break bread this afternoon as a community of concerned citizens who acknowledge and honor a moral value which both CPPP and our guest speaker share in great abundance.

In the book of Ephesus your messenger admonishes each of us to put away falsehoods, and to “speak the truth with our neighbors, for we are members of one another”. Or in the blunt but sage words of Abraham Lincoln, “let the people know the truth, and the country is safe.”

Both Jim Lehr and CPPP shine the light of facts, verification and reason on critical issues affecting our state and nation---issues of poverty, hunger, financial stewardship, health care, education, employment, governance, and a multitude of other concerns where rumor and misinformation often thrive.

Our honorees consistently work to provide citizens with the accurate and objective facts we must all have to function in a free society, to form our consciences and our opinions, and to make prudent judgments for the benefit of the common good.

We pray that You will continue to sustain their dedication to truth and accuracy, their loyalty to our citizenry, and their independence of spirit and mind---and in the process to push us beyond our all too common complacency.

We thank you, Lord, for this opportunity to gather for a common purpose and to share this meal. Bless those who tended the crops and those who prepared and served it.

And let us resolve when we depart here to share our good fortune with those who are missing from this table---the hungry, the homeless, the vulnerable. We pray in your name, Amen.