



Presbyterian Hunger Program

Faith Action Network is co-sponsoring with Presbyterian (PCUSA) Hunger Program:



Food Week of Action & World Food Day October 14-21, 2018

We envision a world where everyone has enough affordable, healthy and culturally appropriate food where no one is hungry, and where all who work in the food chain are fairly compensated, respected and celebrated!

Join us in building more equitable and ecological food & farm systems!

The Food Week of Action seeks to amplify the solutions being developed by front-line communities, grassroots organizations, and local and national groups and coalitions to resist the harm in the dominant food and farm system, and to build more equitable and ecologically-sane systems in their place. Beyond examining our food choices, we must recognize the lingering racism embedded in our food system. This system was founded on slavery and plantation agriculture, and still exploits food chain workers and despoils the environment. We call for changes that bring us closer to food sovereignty, where producers have control over seeds, land and livelihood, and where all have the right to food.

2018 National Action Areas - *The three Action Areas are broad to encourage widespread participation. Groups can choose which actions to promote or design your own based on local context:*

- **Claiming Rights:** Claim the right to food, freedom from want, and end racialized systems of oppression.
- **Fair Compensation:** Demand fair prices for farmers, fishers and other producers, and fair wages for everyone in the food system.
- **Food Sovereignty:** Resist harmful practices and policies and build just and sustainable local & regional food economies.

In addition to the national actions, FAN wants to highlight the many good works and coalitions already active across our state to advance anti-hunger and nutrition programs, anti-poverty initiatives, food justice, and food sovereignty. We invite you to engage in education and action on one or more of these days as they fit your faith community or organization. The suggested themes for each day offer resources and invite participation—pick one or many, convene a group to watch a film, give a sermon or talk, share them on social media. Let us know if there's something you are doing that we can celebrate!

- October 14: The national US Food Sovereignty Alliance** will be meeting in Bellingham 10/12-14 and will conclude with a celebration of the 2018 Annual Food Sovereignty Prize. Gather a group to attend or watch it live: www.facebook.com/events/469766120200521. Learn more about food sovereignty at their blog: usfoodsovereigntyalliance.org/food-sovereignty-and-energy-democracy-in-just-transitions. Learn how local hosts **Community to Community Development** are bringing these issues to action in our state.
Today FAN will be convening faith communities and advocates in Bellevue bit.ly/FANclusters.
- October 15: International Day for Rural Women**—Did you know in Washington, there are more than 22,000 women farming and working nearly 5 million acres of land, according to the most recent USDA census? Celebrate the harvest season across our state with the **Washington State Farmers Market Association**, a leader in the movement to increase access to local foods through farmers markets. See how policy affects local farmers: wafarmersmarkets.org/advocacy-policyissues. Internationally, help further the United Nations goal of ending violence against women and girls: www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action.
Tonight FAN will be convening South Seattle faith communities and advocates bit.ly/FANclusters and raising Food Week issues at Candidate Forums in the 26th and 45th Legislative Districts.
- October 16: World Food Day**— Give thanks for the food we eat—for the many hands and good earth it comes from—and return the blessing by donating to an organization committed to ending hunger, building community prosperity, and working for just and sustainable food and farm systems. While the federal **Farm Bill** still hangs in the balance, action will likely be taken after the November elections. The House version threatens the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and would deepen hunger and poverty for 2 million people. **Two million people!** Talk to your Congressperson about this. Ask them to support the Senate version of the Farm Bill (S. 3042).
*Learn more at our **Farm Bill toolkit**: fanwa.org/advocacy/legislative-agenda-fact-sheets.*
- October 17: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**— Make the links year-round between hunger and poverty, food insecurity and immigration, by signing up for regular updates from FAN at fanwa.org, and the **Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition**: www.wsahnc.org. Learn more with Advocacy Toolkits from **Northwest Harvest**: www.northwestharvest.org/advocacy-toolkits.
Tonight FAN will be raising these issues at our Kirkland/Bothell cluster gathering bit.ly/FANclusters and at a Candidate Forum on Mercer Island for the 41st legislative district: h-nt.org/candidate-forum.
- October 18, Claiming Rights: End the criminalization and mass incarceration of people of color.**
 One bill before Congress that we have been following and urge your action on is the Senate's Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act (SRCA - S. 1917). This legislation is a first step to address the problem of mass incarceration in the federal system – there are far too many people in our criminal justice system, and marginalized communities are disproportionately affected. Nearly two-thirds of families with an incarcerated member were unable to meet their family's basic needs, such as food and housing for children. To learn more about what this legislation would do, read the letter that FAN signed onto with 60 faith organizations, and urge your congress members to support SRCA.
www.fcni.org/documents/649
Tonight FAN will raise these issues at our South King County cluster meeting bit.ly/FANclusters.

- **October 19, Claiming Rights: Resist ICE detentions, deportations, and cooperation between police and ICE.** In the 2019 state legislative session, FAN will again be part of the coalition for a **Keep WA Working** bill that works to support WA industries while preventing unconstitutional detention and profiling: bit.ly/keepWAworking. At the federal level, your action is needed TODAY through December 10 to oppose a **Public Charge rule change** that will impact immigrant families accessing benefits: fanwa.org/2018/08/oppose-public-charge-changes.

- **October 20, Food Sovereignty: Call on the EPA to better regulate factory farms.** FAN has joined with others across our state to support dairy workers—including women who have experienced sexual harassment and men who have been injured or denied wages. In WA, 90% of all dairies supply milk to Darigold. Join the **United Farmworkers** in calling for pressure on Darigold and their retailers to uphold workers' rights at dairy farms:

darigold.ufw.org.

FAN is supportive of the efforts of **Friends of Toppenish Creek** as they document and try to mitigate the impact of industrial agriculture on water and people in the Yakima Valley:

www.friendsoftoppenishcreek.org.

Learn how **Yakama Christian Mission** farms, lives in relationship with the Yakama Nation, and works to undo racism and white privilege. See their community events: justlivingfarm.org/events FAN also works with the **WA Fair Trade Coalition** in creating a fair, balanced, and sustainable global trading system: www.washingtonfairtrade.org Today FAN supports our partners in a Candidate Forum at Kent Commons for the 47th state legislative district and 8th Congressional district: www.facebook.com/events/1527295707370679



- **October 21, Food Sovereignty: Oppose genetically engineered salmon** in solidarity with Native Americans at bit.ly/salmonalert. The Community Alliance for Global Justice has developed with Pacific NW Indigenous Peoples a number of resources helpful to understanding the issues. Gather a group and watch this four-minute film called, **Salmon People – The Risks of Genetically Engineered Fish for the Pacific Northwest**. See also their Study Guide and other resources to take action: cagj.org/2018/04/salmon-people-a-background-to-northwest-tribal-opposition-to-ge-salmon Also, here's a link for Oct. 21 Bread for the World Sunday: bit.ly/BreadSunday **Tonight** FAN Hunger Advocacy Fellow Sarah Vatne will talk about the intersections of hunger and poverty, locally and globally with Lutheran Peace Fellowship – Eastside Chapter in Kirkland. FAN Organizer Amber Dickson will join Immanuel Presbyterian and Pierce County faith communities to gather around food and fellowship at a potluck dinner, to deepen relationships and support for advocacy. bit.ly/PierceCoPotluck

Year-round: Connect with any of the groups mentioned each day in Food Week of Action, or use the following resources in your worship and social justice committee planning throughout the year!

Try this at home...

Bring food sovereignty to your church, community and town. Download the *Food Sovereignty for All: Overhauling Our Food System with Faith-Based Initiatives* Guide at bit.ly/phpfoodfaith and make a plan to do the *Just Eating? Practicing Our Faith at the Table* curriculum. pcusa.org/justeating

Educational Materials

- [Leaders of Color Discuss Structural Racism and White Privilege in the Food System](#) at [Civil Eats.com](#)
- [Mass Incarceration: A Major Cause to Hunger](#) — from Bread for the World, as part of their Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation resources (new at [Bread.org/simulation](#))
- [Agroecology: Putting Food Sovereignty into Action](#) | [Poner la Soberanía Alimentaria en Práctica](#)
- [International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science, and Technology for Development: IAASTD Fact Sheet](#): The IAASTD, a major international scientific report, concludes that in order to feed 9 billion people in 2050, we urgently need to adopt the most effective and sustainable farming systems, and recommends a shift towards agroecology as a means of sustainably boosting food production and improving the situation of the poorest people and communities. www.e-alliance.ch/en/s/food/sustainable-production

Worship and Theological Resources from the Presbyterian Hunger Program

www.presbyterianmission.org/food-faith:

- [Ten Commandments of Food](#)
- [Food Week bulletin Insert](#)
- [Food Week Liturgy](#)
- [World Food Day Prayer](#)
- [Seven Prayers for Food Week of Action](#)

Additional resources for faith communities:

[ELCA Hunger Program](#) partners with FAN year-round in our work as the State Public Policy Office for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Find analysis, resources and actions: www.elca.org/hunger.

[Mazon, A Jewish Response to Hunger](#) also provides important analysis and alerts on federal policy issues like the Farm Bill: mazon.org

[FRAC \(the Food Research and Action Center\)](#) is an essential source to follow on all federal policy issues: www.frac.org

[Bread for the World](#) offers Christian communities excellent background, toolkits and action alerts throughout the year on policy issues.

*** Please share photos and your experiences with us! And don't forget to celebrate with food! ***

Follow the WA celebration of World Food Week at: www.facebook.com/faithactionnetwork

Join the [Food Week Facebook event](#) *** Visit the Food Week website: pcusa.org/foodweek

