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This is our PLEA...

In partnership with the Presbyterian (PCUSA) Hunger Program, climate justice & food sovereignty are the focus for this week of prayer and action. We invite you to share in this **PLEA**, through **Praying, Learning, Eating, and Advocating**. If possible, please choose 3 or more ways to engage with the systemic issues related to food justice for communities you care about. This is not a one-week event--we invite you to use this week for committing to put some of these ideas into practice throughout the year. Share your activities or actions on Facebook or Twitter with the hashtag **#FANfoodweekPLEA and #2019FoodWeek**

Pray together: People of faith around the world pray together to interrupt apathy and inertia about our global need for healthy, sustainable, and democratic food sources. Prayer changes us and the world.

- Encourage your faith leader to share a sermon about food justice. An interfaith resource developed here in the Northwest can be found at: <http://bit.ly/EMOfoodsovereignty>
- Join Bread for the World's Prayer to end hunger <https://www.bread.org/pray-end-hunger>
- The Presbyterian Hunger program has many resources including this Christian prayer: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/prayer-for-world-food-day.pdf>
- Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger suggests the following: <http://bit.ly/MAZONtexts>
- The Faith Action Climate Team (FACT) will hold a Climate Service on Sunday, October 13 at Woodland Park Presbyterian Church in Seattle at 10:30am.

Learn together: Choose one of the suggested (or another) learning tools for your community. Learn about and share creative projects that are being undertaken as impetus for your own possibilities. Education changes us and the world.

- What is Food Sovereignty? Learn from Bellingham and around the country with these short videos: <http://usfoodsovereigntyalliance.org/food-sovereignty-stories-video/>
- Tune in to the Food Sovereignty prize ceremony 10/10, livestreamed from Ferguson, MO, and be inspired by the honorees' creative work: <http://bit.ly/2019foodsovereigntyprize>
- On International Day for Rural Women 10/15, learn about the National Farm Worker Ministry Harvest of Justice 2019: <http://nfwm.org/news/harvest-of-justice-2019>
- Take the CNN climate change solutions quiz. You may be surprised! <http://bit.ly/testyourclimateknowledge>
- Initiate a film series in your community including *Sustainable* and *Farmland* (see below).

- Also during Food Week, Rev. Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow begin a WA tour *Pro-Future Faith: The Prodigal Species Returns Home* <http://www.thegreatstory.org/itinerary.html>

Eat together: We eat for survival, and if we have access to good food, we eat for health, healing and to thrive. The simple act of eating together strengthens individuals, families, and communities. Eating together changes us and the world.

- The Jewish feast of Sukkot is during Food Week, celebrating the harvest and the flight from slavery in Egypt, with meals shared in outdoor sukkahs across our state. One collaboration in Seattle is Temple Beth Am and Congregation Beth Shalom working together to provide hot meals at the Lamb of God



- Lutheran Church in Lake City; to volunteer contact Jo at pararabbi@gmail.com.
- Another is Temple B'nai Torah's Sukkot Harvest Day on Sunday, 10/13, 12-3 PM at the Bellevue Urban Garden (just south of SE 16th St on 156th Ave SE). This edible forest grows food for those in need; and after a short service, harvest crops for Hopelink.
- Our friends at Interfaith Community Sanctuary have been partnering with Project Feast and immigrant and refugee communities. Learn more <http://projectfeast.org/index.html>
- Explore the good work of Feast World Kitchen in Spokane: <http://bit.ly/FEASTSpokane>
- Learn more about Muslim-led initiatives in food and environmental justice with Global Social Business Partners, including iftars in the Bellevue garden: <https://www.gsbp.life>
- Support your local farmer's market and create a locally-sourced meal with a community you care about; perhaps your workplace, spiritual community, neighborhood, school, or neighbors experiencing homelessness. Collect donations for a food bank.

Advocate together: Through our actions with government, corporations, and NGO's, we create systemic shifts to more just policies and their implementation in our world. Advocacy changes us and the world.

- Join FAN's cluster gatherings in your area and meet people making a difference together. You will leave with concrete actions. fanwa.org/our-network/cluster-meetings
- On October 15, the **federal Public Charge rule change** is set to take effect. Be informed, help quell the fear in immigrant communities while the rule change is challenged in court: <https://childrensalliance.org/protecting-immigrant-families-get-involved>
- Several bills in the 2020 Washington State Legislature will address food, poverty and climate change, including SB 5947/HR2095 Sustainable Farms and Fields: bit.ly/CarbonWAbill. Follow FAN's legislative agenda by signing up for action alerts: www.fanwa.org

- Ask your Congresspersons to support these efforts in the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act: sustainableagriculture.net/take-action
 - **The Farm to School Act of 2019** (S.2026, H.R.3562) Learn more: bit.ly/Farm2Schoolfactsheet and bit.ly/Farm2Schoolnews
 - **Kids Eat Local Act** (S.1817, H.R.3220) Learn more: bit.ly/KidsEatLocalfactsheet and bit.ly/KidsEatLocalnews
- Close the circle. Work on systemic change by engaging hunger as a world issue: <http://bit.ly/BreadfortheWorld>
- PCUSA Hunger Program suggests: Tell BlackRock: Stop Financing the Amazon and Climate Destruction! <http://bit.ly/BlackRockaction>



Governor Inslee signing the 100% Clean Electricity bill into law in 2019. When we advocate together for the planet, we all win!

Some films to stimulate conversation

Initiate a film series in your community. For a full list, go to:

<https://foodtank.com/news/2018/02/18-films-inspire-outrage-mobilize>

Sustainable

<https://sustainablefoodfilm.com>

A vital investigation of the economic and environmental instability of America’s food system, from the agricultural issues we face — soil loss, water depletion, climate change, pesticide use — to the community of leaders who are determined to fix it. Sustainable is a film about the land, the people who work it and what must be done to sustain it for future generations.

Farmland

<http://www.farmlandfilm.com/>

“Farmland” takes an intimate look at the lives of six young American farmers and ranchers, all of whom are under the age of 30 and responsible for running their farming business. Director James Moll travels across the United States to profile those who have not only carried on their family’s profession for generations but are also at the forefront of a new era in American agriculture. The documentary, made with the support of the U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance, aims to tell the farmers’ side of the agriculture production story, detailing the high-risks and high-rewards inherent in getting food from farm to fork.

Tribal Food Sovereignty

<https://cagi.org/salmonpeople>

Muckleshoot Food Sovereignty Project, Community Alliance for Global Justice and New Canoe Media have put together this video and resources: [SALMON PEOPLE: The risks of genetically engineered fish for the Pacific Northwest](#). Salmon is a cultural and ecological keystone species in the Northwest, making the approval of GE salmon a distinct point of concern for communities in this region. Northwest tribes and tribal members have voiced strong concerns around the potential impacts of corporations producing and distributing GE salmon, and have initiated political opposition at state and national levels in response to the biotech firm, AquaBounty Inc.’s submission for approval to market GE salmon in the U.S. The film tells the story about why we should reject GE salmon from the perspective of NW tribal leaders.



We are grateful to Presbyterian Hunger Program for supporting FAN and encouraging people of faith and conscience nationwide to draw the connections between the issues that cause hunger and food insecurity worldwide. For more resources, see:

www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/food-week-action-and-world-food-day

Let us know how it goes! Follow-up with Faith Action Network at:
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