

History Day 2025: The Story of the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry

Saturday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia, 2989 Easy St., Dunn, NC 28334

This year's history day will highlight the remarkable 45-year story of the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, a cooperative mission supported by the Diocese of East Carolina and the Diocese of North Carolina.

The keynote speaker at the morning session will be Michael Durbin, author of *Finding America's Farmworkers: Reaching Out in North Carolina*. Michael has extensively documented the life of the seasonal workers who grow and harvest our crops and has participated in our church's efforts to minister to these workers. The morning session will also highlight remembrances of the ministry from former staff and board members, volunteers and farmworkers themselves.

The afternoon portion of the program will include a walking tour of the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, El Centro, led by the executive director, Mauricio Chenlo. Note: if you wish to participate in the afternoon walking tour, please wear comfortable shoes. We will be walking on unpaved surfaces.

Space is limited, and registration is required by March 30. The \$20 registration fee covers the cost of lunch, which will be prepared by caterers from the nearby Newton Grove community.

For questions and further information, please contact [Lynn Hoke](#), diocesan archivist.

[Register.](#)

HUGS Camp Buddy Camper and Staff Applications Open

Helping Understand God through Sharing: HUGS is a unique camp for unique people, bringing together young people of diverse abilities. Campers with disabilities are paired with high school age buddy campers to experience a week of traditional church summer camp, with field games, swimming, arts and crafts, campfires, songs, shared meals, worship, and special events--like a talent show, dance or a carnival--each evening.

Campers and helper campers overcome barriers of real and imagined differences and build bridges of understanding as the buddy campers help their campers with activities, eat with them, and attend to their hygiene and self-care needs to make sure everyone has an amazing week of summer camp. HUGS is about acknowledging the good creation in each of us and more fully knowing and loving our God through it. The great differences among campers, buddy campers and staff help all of us learn to appreciate and celebrate our diversity as we recognize our common ground.

We need rising 9th-12th grade youth to serve as buddy campers for our campers with disabilities and college age and above folks to apply for staff positions.

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