

Food Week of Action and World Food Day

We are called to work for a world where everyone has sufficient, healthy and culturally appropriate food! And where those who produce and prepare the food are fairly compensated, respected and celebrated!

The global Food Week of Action (October 15-22) is an opportunity for Christians and others around the world to act together for food justice and food sovereignty. It is a special time to raise awareness about approaches that help individuals and communities develop resiliency and combat poverty. Beyond examining our food choices, we must also recognize the lingering roots of racism embedded in our food system, which was founded on slavery and plantation agriculture, and still exploits the environment and workers in the food chain. We call for societal and policy changes that bring us closer to realizing the right to food for everyone and positive transformation of the dominant system.

The Food Week of Action includes World Food Day (October 16), International Day for Rural Women (October 15), and International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (October 17).

2017 Food Week Solidarity Actions

1. Boycott Wendy's, tweet, and deliver manager letters in solidarity with farmworkers. www.boycott-wendys.org
2. Support family farmers by pushing for transparency around land investments by pension funds, starting with TIAA-CREF at bit.ly/TIAAact
3. Raise your voice to push for justice and good stewardship in the next Farm Bill. bit.ly/17farmbill

The DAYS of the FOOD WEEK OF ACTION

Oct 15 – International Day for Rural Women

Take action to help end violence against women www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action

Oct 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.

Oct 17 – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
Participate in the Online Food Sovereignty Prize Ceremony at 12 noon (eastern) or organize a Viewing Party of the recorded Ceremony one evening. bit.ly/2017FSP

Oct 18 – National call-in day to Wendy's headquarters to request they join the Fair Food Program. Details coming soon to www.boycott-wendys.org

Oct 19 – Advocate for a higher minimum wage raisetheminimumwage.com and participate in the national Union Day of Action unitehere.org/oct19

Oct 20 – Climate Justice: Educate yourself and others bit.ly/wfd-climate and join the Climate Justice movement ourpowercampaign.org

Oct 21 – Stand with farmworkers and request Ben & Jerry's to join and implement the Milk with Dignity Program migrantjustice.net/milk-with-dignity

Oct 22 – Bring food sovereignty to your church, community and town. Download the 'How-To' Guide at bit.ly/phpfoodfaith and make a plan to do the Just Eating? Practicing Our Faith at the Table curriculum. pcusa.org/justeating