

April 9, 5-5:45pm, Rally to launch FLOC's new campaign for justice for tobacco farmworkers, to pressure Reynolds American, sponsored by Triangle Friends of Farmworkers
Circle K (next to Waffle House), Exxon gas station, 106 E. NC54, Durham (corner with Fayetteville St, north of I-40 from SouthPointe) (Contact: Connie Gates, conniegates@hotmail.com)

Support Nationwide Boycott of RJ Reynolds' E-Cigarette at Circle-K, supplier of VUSE, to get RJR's attention to negotiate with Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) to end abuses and human rights violations in its supply chain. Demand Circle-K take VUSE off its shelves.

FLOC's New Campaign. After 10 years of pressuring, and negotiating with, RJ Reynolds, FLOC is about to increase the pressure on RJR by starting a nation-wide boycott of RJR's rising-star product (in the face of declining US cigarette sales), VUSE e-cigs. The ultimate objective is to persuade RJR to find a solution to farmworker exploitation that recognizes farmworkers, and their organization FLOC, as having legitimate rights and responsibilities in determining better living and working conditions in the tobacco fields, and protects farmworkers from retaliation if they exercise their rights. We believe that corporate commodity processors, like RJR, must share this responsibility, since they have ultimate power over their grower-suppliers, and thus over the farmworkers at the bottom of the supply chain.

2018 Farmworker Institute Summit and Networking Event, April 19, 8:30am-4:30pm, United Church of Chapel Hill - forum to raise awareness about farmworkers in NC, connect farmworker advocates from a variety of disciplines, and information on key issues affecting migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families. (<http://www.ncfarmworkers.org/2016/02/2016-north-carolina-farmworker-institute-summit-and-networking-event/>)

NC Council of Churches 2018 Critical Issues Seminar, Apr.14, 9am-3pm, Greensboro – theme: "The Wisdom of Women" (includes topics: Equal Rights Amendment, sexual harassment and work place policy, elected office, health care, public education). Speakers: Rev.Dr. Donna Coletrane Battle (chaplain, Meredith College), Anita Earls (Southern Coalition for Social Justice). (<https://www.ncchurches.org/>)