WORLD FOOD DAY 2012

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS
From Presbyterian Hunger Program’s Joining Hands Program, US Food Sovereignty Alliance, and Other Events Related to World Food Day

October 10, 2012, 7:00-9:00 pm
2012 Food Sovereignty Prize: Building Power, Growing Communities, Ending Hunger -- with special guests, Tom Morello and UN Special Rapporteur Olivier de Schutter. #FoodSovPrize
National Museum of American Indian, Diker Pavilion, One Bowling Green, NY, NY

October 10, 2012, 2:00 pm
RELUFA will be organizing a film showing and presentation on the stakes of the food insecurity and hunger situation in the extreme north region of Cameroon. This comes at a time when currently instead of the usual drought, it is the floods that have significantly affected crops in the region. Our objective is to present the RELUFA community grain bank project which is an important coping strategy for inhabitants of the extreme north region during months of food scarcity (July-October). Policy makers, journalists and some diplomatic missions to Cameroon supporting such projects have been invited.
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October 10, 2012, 7:00-9:00 pm
Food Sovereignty Prize Ceremony in New York City can be viewed at www.foodsovereigntyprize.org/live
As an alternative to the World Food Prize, the Food Sovereignty Prize champions solutions coming from those most impacted by the injustices of the global food system. Celebrate community-led efforts to win food sovereignty for all.
Highlights of the ceremony include presentations from:
• International and National Honorees, including prize winner the Korean Women’s Peasant Association (a Grassroots’ partner through the Via Campesina), as well as honorees: the Unified Peasant Movement of Aguán Region, National Fisheries Solidarity Movement, and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (Grassroots’ allies).
• Special guests Tom Morello (of the Nightwatchman and Rage Against the Machine); Olivier de Schutter (UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food); and Karen Washington (longtime food justice activist)

Food Sovereignty Prize Ceremony Viewing at Grassroots International
Come enjoy popcorn and light refreshments, along with lively discussion as we celebrate prize winners achievements!
Grassroots International office, 179 Boylston St, 4th Floor, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130;
http://www.grassrootsonline.org/who-we-are/directions
Thursday, October 11, 2012, 7:00 PM
GROWing a Better Future – Small-scale Farmers Leading the Way to a Better Food System
Oxfam America and our GROW Campaign explored critical issues in the global food system, and demonstrated how small-scale farmers and small-holder agriculture, both at home and abroad, are leading the way to a more equitable and sustainable food system.
Speakers included:
  * Susan Godwin, Nigerian farmer and Oxfam’s 2012 Female Food Hero
  * Ellen Gustafson, Founder and Executive Director, 30 Project
  * Kathleen Frith, President, Glywood Institute
Matthews Room, The Desmond Tutu Center 180 10th Avenue New York, NY 10011 --

October 11, 2012 6:00-8:30 pm
The Oakland Institute & Priority Africa Network hosted the Bay Area Premiere of The Herakles Debacle - Massive deforestation portrayed as sustainable development: the deceit of Herakles Farms in Cameroon -- A new report and film by the Oakland Institute (report in collaboration with Greenpeace International)
A panel discussion with experts and campaigners from RELUFA, Save Wildlife Fund, and the Oakland Institute will follow the film to provide an overview of the situation and resistance from impacted communities and solidarity networks. Learn more: http://www.oaklandinstitute.org/film-herakles-debacle
James Irvine Foundation Conference Center, East Bay Community Foundation 200 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland 12th Street/City Center BART

October 16, 2012
World Food Day ~ Call to Action for Seed Sovereignty
We need seed sovereignty to be able to achieve food sovereignty!
Our demands are:
  * open access to fertile and diverse seeds free of any form of legal protection or patenting;
  * the right for farmers and gardeners to obtain seeds from their harvest, to re-sow, distribute and sell them;
  * a new model of agriculture based on local, small-scale food webs rather than monocultures requiring high inputs;
  * new agricultural and trade policies promoting production for local needs and not global “free” trade, dominated by transnational corporations;
  * policies that favour the needs of farmers and consumers, health and the environment instead of profits for big business.

October 16, 2012
The Presbytery of Des Moines promotes and participates in the Iowa Hunger Summit each year. The Iowa Hunger Summit is a gathering of leaders from across Iowa representing community organizations, business and industry, state and local government, social agencies, churches and religious communities, schools and universities, and other individuals and groups that lead or participate in projects to confront hunger. We:
  * Celebrate the many outstanding efforts of Iowans toward ensuring adequate food for all;
  * Encourage Iowans to continue and expand these efforts; and
  * Increase statewide awareness of hunger, poverty, and related issues.
The 2012 Hunger Summit will feature:
  A morning keynote address by AARP Foundation President Jo Ann Jenkins, addressing the challenges of senior hunger in the United States and Iowa;
  A luncheon keynote address by Howard G. Buffett;
  Discussions focused on nutrition and health, and coalition-building to combat hunger in urban and rural communities;
  Announcement of Iowa’s total contribution to fighting hunger in 2011-2012;
Marriott Hotel, Des Moines Iowa
**October 16, 2012 at 6:30 - 9:30pm**

Indigenous Peoples' territories harbor most of the world's remaining biodiversity and intact forests; under the guise of emerging climate policies, these territories are being targeted as 'carbon sinks' to allow industry to continue polluting. Emerging forest-carbon deals such as the agreement linking California with Chiapas, Mexico, and Acre, Brazil, threaten to undermine indigenous sovereignty, to privatize forests, and to commodify the sacred.

Hear from Indigenous leaders working to protect community land rights and promote equitable, rights-based climate solutions that respect traditional knowledge and the principles of environmental justice.

6:30-7:00 – Light refreshments and networking
7:00-7:30 – Screening of A Darker Shade of Green: REDD Alert and the Future of Forests
7:30-9:00 – Presentations from Indigenous leaders
- Tom Goldtooth (Dakota/Dine, USA)
- Berenice Sanchez (Nahua, Mexico)
- Santiago Martinez (Tzeltal, Chiapas, Mexico)
- Marlon Santi (Quichua, Ecuador)
- Gloria Ushigua (Zapara, Ecuador)

*Tamalpais Room, David Brower Center, 2150 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94704*

**October 17, 2012 7 p.m.**

Sustainable Agriculture of Louisville (SAL) Last and Open Seminar for 8-month long training for Aspiring Farmers. We will celebrate the graduation of the 3rd class of aspiring agrarians in 3 years, with a potluck around a fire. Graduates of previous classes and SAL volunteers, day campers and their families are invited!

*SAL Community Garden, behind Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church, 142 Crescent Avenue, Louisville, KY 40207*

**October 17, 2012 - 1:00-2:00pm EST**

Sign up for this online seminar/conversation here:
http://www.nccendpoverty.org/hunger/SharingHarvestWebinarOct172012.php * Please register early, as space is limited, and share this opportunity with friends!

Join us on Wednesday, Oct 17th at 1:00pm EST to learn how your church can have a real impact on your community through a food bank garden. Our keynote presenter is Gary Oppenheimer, founder of AmpleHarvest.org, an organization that bridges the gap between backyard gardeners and local food banks. Also joining us are members of congregations involved in gardening and food bank projects. Confirmed Speakers:
- Gary Oppenheimer, founder and CEO of AmpleHarvest.org
- Kathy Kelly-Long, Food Pantry Manager at Broad Street Presbyterian Church
- (Opening Prayer) Pastor Jeff Wild, Advent Lutheran Church in Madison, Wisconsin

*Virtual Event being run out of 110 Maryland Ave. NE Washington, DC 20002 USA*

**October 20, 2012 10:00am - 2:00pm**

Community-Wide Conversation on Economic Justice ~ Food Justice Breakout starts at 12 noon

Register at [HERE](https://www.facebook.com/events/274025946044835/) so we have an accurate count for food, materials, etc..

Conference registration and lunch are free!

- Spread the Word - talk to others in your congregation, put a note in the bulletin, extend an invitation at the end of each service from now through October 14th.
- Post a note about and an invitation to the Conversation on your Facebook page. Facebook Event Page: [https://www.facebook.com/events/274025946044835/](https://www.facebook.com/events/274025946044835/)
October 21, 2012

A food sovereignty delegation begins on Oct 21 to visit, learn from and strategize with Haitian peasant movements. How did Haitian family farmers turn back Monsanto's attempt to flood Haiti with their seeds following the earthquake? How did impoverished rural communities feed 780,000 refugees from the destroyed urban centers? What role does international solidarity play in revitalizing Haitian agriculture, taking the lead from the well-organized rural sector? Deadline for joining delegation was the first week of October.

Haiti

Del 24 al 27 de Octubre 2012
Este evento tiene por objeto abrir a todas las instituciones un espacio de reflexión, dialogo y y análisis, sobre el rol de la agricultura familiar y ecológica frente al cambio climático y su contribución al desarrollo rural sostenible de nuestro país.

Ciudad de Huancayo, Junín – Perú

Food Week of Action 14-21 in INDIA
October 10-13 October – Meeting with Farmers in the villages: Sharing stories on impact of Company seeds in food security and sovereignty, Consolidating Local traditional seeds and regeneration strategies, Building GM free groups among farmers.

16 October – Meeting with Dalit landless labourers: PDS system, Dalit land alienation and poverty, Strategies to reclaim the Dalit land, building Dalit groups for farming practises on their own lands

14-16 October -- National level workshop AND CHETHANA poster release. 
“PEOPLE’s FOOD SOVEREIGNTY: LAND AND BIO-DIVERSITY”- Organised by APVVU, NAPAM (National level peoples movements) – Bring out the resolution of the people towards Land right, and bio diversity. Release of CHETHANA Poster on Food Sovereignty Security – C.G. Jacob Coordinator: Contact person. P Chennaiah, APVVU,

13 - 16 October - ‘People's Biodiversity Festival: Unity for Diversity!’ at the Exhibition Grounds, Nampalli, Hyderabad, India

October 16 2:30 - 4:30 PM
Global Economic Justice Plenary on Corporate Accountability and Responsibility

- Seamus Finn, OMI, Director of the US Oblate JPIC Office will speak on the work of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility;
- Chris Jochnick, Director of Private Sector Department at Oxfam America will speak on corporate engagement through Oxfam’s GROW campaign and through their Equitable Food Initiative
- Kathy McNeely, Director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns will speak on public private partnerships an private funding as it pertains to the Right to food.

The Right to Food and Nutrition Watch 2012 report will also be available for distribution.

November 3, 2012
Tallahassee Food Conversation Town Hall Meeting

- Community Garden Tours in the morning
- Afternoon facilitated discussions to discuss how to grow a community-based food system in the Tallahassee area that works for everyone.

Watson Temple, Tallahassee, FL