

# Food Week of Action and World Food Day

October 9–17, 2016



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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 9-17) 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).

# Solidarity Actions for 2016

## Fair Wages & Worker Justice

1. Boycott Wendy's, tweet about it, and deliver managers letters.  
[www.boycott-wendys.org](http://www.boycott-wendys.org)
2. Support an increase in the minimum wage at the national level  
[bit.ly/raise-wage](http://bit.ly/raise-wage) and work locally for worker justice.

## Trade and Food Sovereignty

1. Say yes to fair trade and no to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) at [bit.ly/fairtpp](http://bit.ly/fairtpp)
2. Raise your voice against land grabs at [bit.ly/wfd-honduras](http://bit.ly/wfd-honduras)

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**Let people near and far know what you have planned for October, Food Week or World Food Day!**

*[Fill out this easy form](#) to get your event in the list and on the map.*

## MAP of Actions and Events



## Listing of Actions and Events

*You can join the Food Week of Action from wherever you are.  
Let us know you are 'Going' on the [Food Week Facebook event](#).*

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## Daily Actions

**Do these first two things right away; the rest can wait until October.**

1. **REGISTER for 'World Food Day & Land Grabs: Near & Far'** [bit.ly/landwebinar](http://bit.ly/landwebinar)  
**PHP Webinar on Oct 4th (12:00pm ET)**
2. **Begin planning a community action and/or ask your pastor to preach about hunger and World Food Day in October.**

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Oct 9 or Oct 16 – Preaching about local and global hunger, and ways to address it

Oct 10–Support Fair Trade and oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership—[bit.ly/fairtpp](http://bit.ly/fairtpp)

Oct 11–Climate Justice: Educate yourself and others—[bit.ly/wfd-climate](http://bit.ly/wfd-climate) and join the Climate Justice movement— [ourpowercampaign.org](http://ourpowercampaign.org)

Oct 12–Agroecology is the path to food sovereignty. Learn about Agroecology at [bit.ly/agroecolo](http://bit.ly/agroecolo)

Oct 13–Call on Wendy's to join the farm workers' Fair Food Program [www.boycott-wendys.org](http://www.boycott-wendys.org)

Oct 14–Advocate for a higher minimum wage [bit.ly/raise-wage](http://bit.ly/raise-wage)

Oct 15–**International Day for Rural Women**—Support the seed and culture saving initiatives of Dalit, Adivasi and other rural women in Joining Hands' South India Chethana network—[bit.ly/JHChethana](http://bit.ly/JHChethana) (and type 'Chethana' in the donation instructions)

Oct 16–**World Food Day**—Push for strong EPA Farmworker Protection Standards—[bit.ly/wfd-epa](http://bit.ly/wfd-epa)

Oct 17–**International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**—Help end land grabs [bit.ly/wfd-grab](http://bit.ly/wfd-grab)

## Other Action Ideas

- 1. Learn from the experts:** Invite a local farmer or food chain worker to share his or her reflections about the food system at your next Sunday gathering or church study group.
  - 2. Ask questions:** Explore in a group how we could become more efficient in the use of our natural resources, preserve biodiversity and provide balanced nutritious diets for future generations by studying the PHP and EAA action guides and resource materials available at [pcusa.org/foodweek](http://pcusa.org/foodweek).
  - 3. Worship:** Organize a church service during the week. PHP's own Bryce Wiebe has created [the liturgy](#). Find it and [other materials from the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance here](#). You can also draw from past worship materials, including the [World Food Day Prayer](#), available at [pcusa.org/foodweek](http://pcusa.org/foodweek).
  - 4. Watch and learn:** Check out the awesome videos people made for the [Real Food Media contest](#). Or just do a search for food + justice on youtube.com and see what you find.
  - 5. Share your food story:** Tell YOUR food story with a captioned photo, video or written post social media (e.g. YouTube, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook), using the hashtag #myfoodstory and, if there is room, @usfoodsov and @presbyhunger.
  - 6. Grow where you live:** Host a competition to showcase the top 3, 5, or 10 best urban agriculture projects in your area to bring attention, support and volunteers.
  - 7. Explore your faith and your food:** Select a food-related biblical passage and share with your church study group or family what it means to you. See the curricula and faith-based Bible study guides at [pcusa.org/foodweek](http://pcusa.org/foodweek).
  - 8. Get your hands in the dirt:** Plan a church or family trip to your nearest farm to learn more about where your food comes from and the steps involved in getting what's grown to your plate. Consider starting a community garden-- Download a 'How-To' Guide at [bit.ly/phpfoodfaith](http://bit.ly/phpfoodfaith)
  - 9. Eat what you preach:** Organize a church or community dinner and encourage people to bring dishes prepared with local produce. If ingredients are not local, people can be encouraged to read food labels so that they know where their food is coming from. Labels for dishes can share the source of food, and conversation can be encouraged about changes seen in local food growing and buying, and why these changes have occurred.
  - 10. Celebrate local foods and knowledge:** Organize a community fair that showcases local food producers and shares the stories of farmers and people involved in food justice.
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## Educational Materials

- [Leaders of Color Discuss Structural Racism and White Privilege in the Food System](#), from Civil Eats
- [Agroecology: Putting Food Sovereignty into Action](#) (En español, [Poner la Soberanía Alimentaria en Práctica](#))
- [Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance – Nourishing the World Sustainably: Scaling Up Agro-ecology](#)
- [International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science, and Technology for Development](#): IAASTD Fact Sheet: The IAASTD, a major international scientific report, concludes that in order to feed 9 billion people in 2050, we urgently need to adopt the most effective and sustainable farming systems, and recommends a shift towards agroecology as a means of sustainably boosting food production and improving the situation of the poorest people and communities.
- [Raise the Wage Background Article](#), from the Office of Public Witness, PC(USA)
- [2016 is the International Year of Pulses](#), You'll be amazed at how big a deal they are! Learn more.

## Worship and Theological Resources

[Bulletin Insert for Food Week](#)

[Food Week Liturgy](#)

[World Food Day Prayer](#)

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