



Sacred Land:

FOOD & FARMING

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Sacred Land: Food and Farming, the first program in JustFaith Ministries' Eco-justice Series, explores our connection with the land and our responsibility for it. Small groups learn how food and farming practices affect the climate crisis, marginalized communities, and their own well-being. Participants discern practical ways to implement sustainable food and farming practices in their workplaces, congregations, apartment complexes, or neighborhoods.

Program Outline

Session 1: From Individualism to Interconnectedness

Participants celebrate their interconnectedness with one another and with the land.

Session 2: Whose Land?

Narrates the history of Native American, Black, and Hispanic land loss and dislocation. Participants discern how they can work toward restoration and healing for themselves, our nation, and Creation itself.

Session 3: Soil and Seeds

The group learns about industrial farming practices, including pesticides, GMOs, and soil degradation.

Session 4: Livestock

Participants explore meat production's impact on human health, workers, and the climate crisis, in order to re-imagine how they might live out God's intention for our relationship with land, animals, and each other.

Session 5: Buy Local!

After hearing from a guest speaker, the group explores where their food comes from and how it got to their plates, so that they can make decisions that better support the health of their neighbors, the global community, their own families, and our planetary home.

Session 6: "Big Ag" and Public Policy

How does government policy affect farmers in the U.S. and around the world? How does it contribute to the climate crisis? Participants discern ways to influence policy and organize for change.

- Immersion Experience -

Session 7: Urban Gardening 101

Introduces participants to models for urban agriculture and home gardening, giving them the tips and tools they need to get started.

Session 8: Taking Action

The group discerns action steps they will take as individuals and as a small group, in order to help create healthy communities and a healthy planet.

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Participant Information

Program Host & Location:

Meeting Dates & Times

Local Program Contact:

Books

Braiding Sweetgrass

Robin Wall Kimmerer

Earth Prayers

Elizabeth Roberts
and Elias Amidon

Laudato Si

Pope Francis

“We live in a society that has forgotten its sacred connection to the Earth. As the climate crisis advances we must actively discern our responsibility not only to this planet, but to the marginalized communities disproportionately affected by it. I was so inspired to see JustFaith Ministries tackle this timely subject; this program challenges not only your personal accountability, but explores ways you can advocate for sustainable practices that impact the community around you.”

- Meghan C., Facilitator

Learn more about program costs and facilitating a group...

Facilitation & Facilitation Support

Two volunteer facilitators are needed. There is strong facilitation support from JustFaith Ministries, including:

A Facilitation Overview / Comprehensive Session Outlines
Full Access to JFM Support Staff / Training Videos
Promotion Kits / Promotion Support / Monthly Update Email

Registration and Prices

Visit us online at www.JustFaith.org to learn more about group and participant prices.

Program Goals

Sacred Land: Food & Farming equips participants to implement sustainable food practices in the communities and the institutions of which they're a part -- whether it's their workplace, church, apartment complex, or neighborhood.

This program seeks to help participants:

- *To celebrate our sacred connection to the land and the nourishment it provides.*
- *To learn about how food and farming practices affect marginalized communities and the climate crisis.*
- *To develop tools for supporting sustainable food and farming practices in order to build healthy communities and a healthy planet.*

Sessions Include

- Prayer and Reflection
- Discussion of Reading
- Faith Integration
- Videos and Group Activities
- Spiritual Practices
- Guest Speaker

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