

**Other Organizations** – There are a number of wonderful, dedicated organizations working to improve different aspects of our food and agricultural system. Click on the links to their websites below to find out more.

## **Faith-Based Organizations Working on Food, Agriculture, and Faith**

### **Local Groups**

#### *Christian/Ecumenical*

Chesapeake Covenant Community - <http://www.chesapeakecovenant.org/>

The Franciscan Center - <http://www.franciscancenterbaltimore.org/>

Our Daily Bread Employment Center - <http://www.catholiccharities-md.org/our-daily-bread/odb-food-service/our-daily-bread-hot-meal.html>

Presbytery of Baltimore Creation Care Group - <http://www.creationcarebaltimore.com/>

The Samaritan Women – <http://www.thesamaritanwomen.org/>

#### *Jewish*

Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network (BJEN) - <http://www.bjen.org/>

Kayam Farm at Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center - <http://www.pearlstonecenter.org/kayam.html>

### **National Groups**

#### *Christian/Ecumenical*

Bread for the World - <http://www.bread.org/>

Campaign for Fair Food (Presbyterian Church USA) – <http://psusa.org/fairfood>

Churches' Center for Land and People - <http://www.cclpmidwest.org/>

Earth Ministry - [http://www.earthministry.org/food\\_and\\_farming.htm](http://www.earthministry.org/food_and_farming.htm)

Environmental Partnerships, Inc. – <http://www.environmentalpartnerships.org/>

Faithful Harvest Campaign (National Council of Churches in Christ Eco-Justice Program) – <http://nccecojustice.org/faithharvesthome.html>

Maine Council of Churches Environmental Justice Program  
<http://www.maineCouncilofchurches.org/>

National Catholic Rural Life Conference - <http://www.ncrlc.com/>

Presbyterian Food and Faith Program - <http://www.pcusa.org/food/why.htm>

Presbyterian Hunger Program - <http://www.pcusa.org/hunger/>

Quaker Earthcare Witness - <http://www.quakerearthcare.org/Projects/AKSL/index.htm>

#### *Jewish*

Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network (BJEN) - <http://www.bjen.org/>

Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL) - <http://www.coejl.org/index.php>

Hazon – <http://www.hazon.org>

Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center - <http://www.isabellafreedman.org/>

Jewish Farm School - <http://www.jewishfarmschool.org/>  
Jewish Vegetarians of North America - <http://www.jewishveg.com/>  
Kayam Farm at Pearlstone Jewish Retreat Center - <http://www.pearlstonecenter.org/kayam.html>  
The Jew and the Carrot (award winning blog) - <http://jcarrot.org/>  
The Shalom Center - [http://www.shalomctr.org/taxonomy\\_menu/1/124/161](http://www.shalomctr.org/taxonomy_menu/1/124/161)

#### *Interfaith/Other*

Faith in Place – <http://www.faithinplace.org>  
Greenfaith - <http://www.greenfaith.org/stewardship/food.html>  
Interfaith Food and Farms Project, Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns - [http://www.emoregon.org/food\\_farms.php](http://www.emoregon.org/food_farms.php)  
National Religious Partnership for the Environment - [http://www.nrpe.org/issues/food\\_intro01.htm](http://www.nrpe.org/issues/food_intro01.htm)  
Sacred Foods Project - <https://www.aleph.org/sacredfoods.htm>

### **Other Organizations Working on Food and Agriculture**

***Agribusiness Accountability Initiative*** The Agribusiness Accountability Initiative (AAI) promotes collaborative responses to corporate power in the global food system. Co-sponsored by the [Center of Concern](#) and the [National Catholic Rural Life Conference](#), the AAI is a growing international network of academics, activists and food system experts from farm, labor, environment, consumer, church and development organizations, who challenge disproportionate power in the global food system and who recognize that corporate concentration among transnational agribusinesses threaten the sustainability of the global food system.

#### ***Agricultural Missions***

Agricultural Missions, Inc. is an ecumenical organization that accompanies rural peoples in their efforts to address the structural causes of impoverishment and injustice in their communities. Founded in 1930, the ministry of Agricultural Missions is an expression of the churches' commitment to the fulfillment of the Gospel's promises of "*abundant life*" for all.

#### ***The American Community Gardening Association***

The American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) was founded in 1979 to help gardening programs share their limited resources, and benefit from each other's experience and expertise. ACGA:

- promotes the formation and expansion of national and regional community gardening networks,
- develops resources in support of community gardening and greening,
- encourages research on the impact of community greening, and
- conducts educational programs.

### [Center for Food Safety](#)

The Center for Food Safety (CFS) is a non-profit public interest and environmental advocacy membership organization established in 1997 for the purpose of challenging harmful food production technologies and promoting sustainable alternatives.

### [Chefs Collaborative](#)

Chefs Collaborative is a national network of more than 1,000 members of the food community who promote sustainable cuisine by celebrating the joys of local, seasonal, and artisanal cooking.

### [Coalition of Immokalee Workers](#)

The CIW is a community-based worker organization whose members are largely Latino, Haitian, and Mayan Indian immigrants working in low-wage jobs throughout the state of Florida. The CIW fights for, among other things: a fair wage for the work its members do, more respect on the part of their bosses and the industries where they work, better and cheaper housing, stronger laws and stronger enforcement against those who would violate workers' rights, the right to organize on their jobs without fear of retaliation, and an end to indentured servitude in the fields.

### [Community Alliance with Family Farmers](#)

The Community Alliance with Family Farmers is building a movement of rural and urban people to foster family-scale agriculture that cares for the land, sustains local economies and promotes social justice.

### [The Community Food Security Coalition](#)

The Community Food Security Coalition is active on a number of fronts.

- It actively promotes networking and information exchange on food security strategies through its newsletter, conferences, and queries. With the increasing sophistication of many food security practitioners and the burgeoning interest in community gardening and farmers' markets, both new and established organizations benefit from the experiences of each other.
- The Coalition encourages dialogue on food security issues as a way for communities and organizations to develop a vision for their activities and understand the "big picture".
- The Coalition is active on the national front in developing federal agriculture and food policy. It has authored and is advocating for the passage of the Community Food Security Act of 1995. It has also requested the USDA to conduct an internal review of its programs with regards to enhancing community-based solutions to local agriculture, hunger and poor nutrition problems.
- On more of a long-term front, the Coalition is building links between diverse and normally separate constituencies, such as sustainable agriculture, anti-hunger, environmentalists, and community development as a way of developing the political wherewithal to create a more sustainable food system.

### [Compassion in World Farming](#)

Compassion in World Farming was founded over 40 years ago by a British farmer who became horrified by the development of modern, intensive factory farming. Today it campaigns peacefully to end all cruel factory farming practices. CWF believes that the biggest cause of cruelty on the planet deserves a focussed, specialised approach – so it only works on farm animal welfare.

### [The Ecological Farming Association](#)

The Ecological Farming Association is dedicated to the development of ecologically-based food systems, both domestically and throughout the world by educating farmers, the agriculture industry, and other stewards of the land about practical and economically viable techniques of ecological agriculture, informing consumers and policy makers about ecological food production and its connection to the health of people and communities, and promoting alliances between individuals and organizations who share its vision of a transformed global food system.

### [Farm Aid](#)

Working to keep family farmers on their land, Farm Aid brings together family farmers and citizens to guarantee family farm food is available to you. Farm Aid's mission is to build a vibrant family-farm centered system of agriculture in America.

### [Farm and Food Policy Campaign, The American Farmland Trust](#)

What do school lunches, renewable energy, and clean water all have in common? The farm bill—often overlooked legislation that profoundly affects communities, the environment, health, and nutrition. *The farm bill dedicates more public dollars to resource protection than the Environmental Protection Agency*, but it's failing America's communities, farmers and consumers. American Farmland Trust is working to fix it.

### [Feeding America](#)

Feeding America—The Nation's Food Bank Network feeds America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engages our country in the fight to end hunger.

### [Food Alliance](#)

Food Alliance is a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable agriculture by recognizing and rewarding farmers who produce food in environmentally friendly and socially responsible ways, and educating consumers and others in the food system about the benefits of sustainable agriculture. Food Alliance operates the most comprehensive third-party certification program in North America for sustainably produced food. Food Alliance Certified distinguishes foods produced by farmers, ranchers and food processors who use environmentally and socially responsible practice.

### [Food and Water Watch](#)

Food & Water Watch is a nonprofit consumer organization that works to ensure clean water and safe food. It challenges the corporate control and abuse of our food and water resources by empowering people to take action and by transforming the public consciousness about what we eat and drink. Food & Water Watch works with grassroots organizations around the world to create an economically and environmentally viable future. Through research, public and policymaker education, media, and lobbying, it advocates policies that guarantee safe, wholesome food produced in a humane and sustainable manner and public, rather than private, control of water resources including oceans, rivers, and groundwater.

### [Food First](#)

The Institute for Food and Development Policy better known as Food First--is a member-supported, nonprofit 'peoples' think tank and education-for-action center. Our work highlights root

causes and value-based solutions to hunger and poverty around the world, with a commitment to establishing food as a fundamental human right.

### [FoodRoutes](#)

The FoodRoutes website is a project of FoodRoutes Network (FRN). FRN is a national nonprofit organization that provides communications tools, technical support, networking and information resources to organizations nationwide that are working to rebuild local, community-based food systems. FRN is dedicated to reintroducing Americans to their food – the seeds it grows from, the farmers who produce it, and the routes that carry it from the fields to their tables.

### [The Food Trust](#)

The Food Trust is responding to the contemporary epidemic of diet-related disease and malnutrition, by working to increase access to affordable and nutritious food and helping people to improve their diets. Founded in 1992, the Trust's mission is to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food.

In order to achieve this mission, The Food Trust is partnering with farmers, teachers, health practitioners, food retailers, nutrition educators, policy-makers, grassroots leaders, anti-hunger advocates, and nonprofit and for-profit entrepreneurs. Working collaboratively with community organizations, educational programs, hunger relief agencies, and public policy-makers, the Trust seeks to provide comprehensive solutions to combat the problems of poor food access and malnutrition.

### [Future Harvest CASA](#)

Future Harvest-CASA is a network of farmers, agricultural professionals, landowners and consumers living and working in the Chesapeake region. Future Harvest-CASA promotes profitable, environmentally sound and socially acceptable food and farming systems that work to sustain communities.

[GRACE Factory Farm Project](#) GRACE is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1996. The GRACE Factory Farm Project was established to eliminate factory farming in favor of a sustainable, economically viable and environmentally sound agricultural sector.

### [Grassroots International](#)

Grassroots International works to create a just and sustainable world by building alliances with progressive movements and joining those in the Global South in advocating for social change. Their primary focus is on land, water and food as human rights and nourishing the political struggle necessary to achieve these rights. Grassroots supports community-led sustainable development projects in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and the Americas, concentrating their efforts in areas where U.S. foreign policy has been an obstacle to positive change and where creative grassroots movements build local solutions to global problems.

### [Heifer International](#)

Since 1944, when Heifer first shipped cows to impoverished families, it has known that livestock offer one of the best resources for ending the cycle of chronic hunger and poverty that plagues two-thirds of the planet. Over the last five decades, we've helped 4 million small-scale farm

families on five continents, through efforts that are sustainable and which equip future generations to face the challenges in front of them. It trains farmers to use their land productively, and to restore and preserve the environment.

*Humane Society of the United States, Animals and Religion: Food, Farming, and Faith*

The HSUS promotes an understanding of sacred food in various religious traditions and encourages support of agricultural practices that are sustainable and reduce animal suffering.

*Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy*

The IATP works locally and globally at the intersection of policy and practice to ensure fair and sustainable food, farm and trade systems. Its program areas include: Trade and Global Governance, Rural Communities, Food and Health, Environment and Agriculture, Forestry, and Local Foods.

*Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences*

The IFEES works locally and globally to articulate an Islamic position on environmental protection and take a practical approach to resolving current issues. Involved with a number of different environmental initiatives, the group encourages sustainable agriculture in the developing and developed worlds.

*The Keep Antibiotics Working Campaign*

Keep Antibiotics Working is a coalition of health, consumer, agricultural, environmental, humane and other advocacy groups with more than nine million members dedicated to eliminating a major cause of antibiotic resistance: the inappropriate use of antibiotics in food animals.

*The Land Institute*

The Land Institute has worked for over 20 years on the problem of agriculture. Its purpose is to develop an agricultural system with the ecological stability of the prairie and a grain yield comparable to that from annual crops. It collaborates with public institutions in order to direct more research in the direction of Natural Systems Agriculture.

*La Via Campesina*

La Via Campesina is an international movement of peasants, small- and medium-sized producers, landless, rural women, indigenous people, rural youth and agricultural workers from 56 countries from Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas. The principal objective of La Via Campesina is to develop solidarity and unity among small farmer organizations in order to promote gender parity and social justice in fair economic relations; the preservation of land, water, seeds and other natural resources; food sovereignty; sustainable agricultural production based on small and medium-sized producers.

*National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture*

The National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture is a network of diverse groups whose mission is to shape national policies to foster a sustainable food and agricultural system -- one that is economically viable, environmentally sound, socially just, and humane.

### [National Family Farm Coalition](#)

The National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC) provides a voice for grassroots groups on farm, food, trade and rural economic issues to ensure fair prices for family farmers, safe and healthy food, and vibrant, environmentally sound rural communities here and around the world. The NFFC (founded in 1986) represents family farm and rural groups in 30 states whose members' face the challenge of the deepening economic recession in rural communities caused primarily by low farm prices and the increasing corporate control of agriculture.

### [The Organic Consumers Association](#)

The Organic Consumers Association (OCA) The OCA is a grassroots non-profit public interest organization which deals with crucial issues of food safety, industrial agriculture, genetic engineering, corporate accountability, and environmental sustainability. We are the only organization in the US focused exclusively on representing the views and interests of the nation's estimated ten million organic consumers.

### [Permaculture International Limited Global Directory](#)

This directory allows you to search for permaculture and sustainable agriculture projects around the world as well as enabling you to locate more general information about these topics.

### [Pesticide Action Network of North America](#)

PANNA (Pesticide Action Network North America) works to replace pesticide use with ecologically sound and socially just alternatives. We link local and international consumer, labor, health, environment and agriculture groups into an international citizens' action network.

### [The Rodale Institute/The New Farm](#)

The Rodale Institute, a global leader in regenerative agriculture, is devoted to innovative agriculture research, outreach and training through The New Farm® programs. The Institute works with people worldwide to achieve a regenerative food system that renews and improves environmental and human health, working with the philosophy that "Healthy Soil = Healthy Food = Healthy People."

### [Slow Food Baltimore](#)

The local convivium of Slow Food USA, Slow Food Baltimore promotes the values of its parent organization by hosting monthly meet ups, sponsoring an Eat in Season Challenge for area restaurants, and holding other gatherings where people can gather together to enjoy healthy, sustainable food together.

### [Slow Food USA](#)

Slow Food USA envisions a future food system that is based on the principles of high quality and taste, environmental sustainability, and social justice – in essence, a food system that is [good, clean and fair](#). It seeks to catalyze a broad cultural shift away from the destructive effects of an industrial food system and fast life; toward the regenerative cultural, social and economic benefits of a sustainable food system, regional food traditions, the pleasures of the table, and a slower and more harmonious rhythm of life.

### [Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education](#)

The Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN) is the communications and outreach arm of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program. SARE is a U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded initiative that sponsors competitive grants for sustainable agriculture research and education in a regional process nationwide. SAN is dedicated to the exchange of scientific and practical information on sustainable agriculture systems using a variety of printed and electronic communications tools. SARE works to increase knowledge about -- and help farmers and ranchers adopt -- practices that are economically viable, environmentally sound and socially responsible.

### [Sustainable Table](#)

Sustainable Table celebrates the sustainable food movement, educates consumers on food-related issues and works to build community through food.

### [Union of Concerned Scientists](#)

Sustainable agriculture practices can protect the environment and produce high-quality, safe, and affordable food. UCS' goal is to promote such practices while eliminating harmful "factory farming" methods and strengthening government oversight of genetically engineered food.

### [United States Department of Agriculture](#)

Federal agency whose mission is to provide leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, and related issues based on sound public policy, the best available science, and efficient management.

### [World Hunger Year](#)

WHY is a leading advocate for innovative, community-based solutions to hunger and poverty. WHY challenges society to confront these problems by advancing models that create self-reliance, economic justice, and equal access to nutritious and affordable food.

### [World Society for the Protection of Animals Factory Farming Program](#)

WSPA is campaigning for sustainable farming systems that are kinder to animals and the environment, and benefit human health and reduce poverty. It works in Latin America and Asia, where factory farming is expanding rapidly. It has a Model Farm Project that demonstrates how humane farming can be cost-effective and create a sustainably and secure food supply.

### [World Watch Institute: "Home Grown" Report](#)

Everyone, everywhere depends increasingly on long-distance food. Encouraged by food processing innovations, cheap oil, and subsidies, since 1961 the value of global trade in food has tripled and the tonnage of food shipped between nations has grown fourfold, while population has only doubled. In the United States, food typically travels between 1,500 and 2,500 miles from farm to plate, as much as 25 percent farther than in 1980. For some, the long-distance food system offers unparalleled choice. But it often runs roughshod over local cuisines, varieties, and agriculture, while consuming staggering amounts of fuel, generating greenhouse gases, eroding the pleasures of face-to-face interactions around food, and compromising food security. Fortunately, the long-distance food habit is beginning to weaken under the influence of a young, but surging, local foods movement. From peanut butter makers in Zimbabwe to pork producers in Germany and rooftop gardeners in Vancouver, entrepreneurial farmers, start-up food businesses, restaurants,

supermarkets, and concerned consumers are propelling a revolution that can help restore rural areas, enrich poor nations, and return fresh, delicious and wholesome food to cities.