Stand with Farm Workers
Against Gender Based Violence

Harvest of Justice 2019

Litany of Commitment To End Sexual Harassment of Farm Worker Women

All: We proclaim with one voice that sexual harassment and abuse of farm worker women exists in communities and is morally, spiritually and socially intolerable. As a community of faith we recall the harassment and exploitation in the story of Vashti

Voice 1: We see farmworker women and ourselves in her story

Voice 2:...experiences of abuse and harassment

Voice 1:....our blindness and silence in the face of abuse of others
Voice 2:...our failure to believe the accounts of those who have experienced harassment

Voice 1:...our failure to recognize our power to act for change, and our sense of powerlessness

Voice 2:...our hesitancy to question and challenge systems and patterns of power and control that give conscious and unconscious permission for sexual harassment in workplaces, especially in the fields

All: We celebrate and claim the courage of Vashti and farm worker women and affirm commitment as a community of women and men, with God’s help, to stand in a new place:

Voice 1:...a place of courage to speak and work to change behaviors in systems and food production workplaces

Voice 2:...so that all will be safe and sexual harassment and abuse of all farm workers WILL BE NO MORE!!

All: Thanks be to God!