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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!