

NFWM

National Farm Worker Ministry

House Party Planning Kit



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Dear Friends of Farm Workers,

Thank you for considering hosting an event to support National Farm Worker Ministry (NFWM)! Events like these are broadly referred to as “house parties” though they’re not just hosted at someone’s home (more on that under the FAQ section on page 2).

House parties are a great way to 1) help spread the word about NFWM and how we support farm workers organizing for justice, 2) get new folks interested in becoming NFWM supporters and 3) help NFWM raise critically needed funds to continue this important work.

To be clear, a house party is a fundraiser and includes an “Ask” for contributions, usually done by the host(s). Don’t let this dissuade you. **The key to a successful house party is to share your enthusiasm and excitement for farm workers and the National Farm Worker Ministry!**

This House Party Planning Kit will support you through the process and features a step-by-step guide to get you started. It is comprehensive in order to meet the needs of a first-time or seasoned party host. Please feel free to use any or all of kit that you find helpful in planning your party.

For your event, you may need up-to-date resources and materials like postcards or flyers for a particular campaign, a video and/or PowerPoint about NFWM & farm workers or NFWM “gear” like grocery bags, t-shirts, note cards, etc. to have available at your event. Contact me, Alexandria Jonas, NFWM’s Development Manager at ajonas@nfwm.org or 919.807.8707. I’m here to answer any questions you may have and give you the support you need in hosting your event.

We at NFWM greatly appreciate your help to educate, inspire action and raise funds for this important work. **You** are making a difference in the lives of farm workers!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexandria".

Alexandria Jonas,
NFWM Development Manager

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NFWM House Party FAQ



What is a House Party?

It is a gathering where you (or you along with others involved with National Farm Worker Ministry) invite friends to come together for a couple of hours. The purpose is to educate your friends about NFWM and farm workers, inspire guests to action and ask them to make a contribution to support NFWM's important work. ***While house parties are often hosted at someone's home, we use the term "House Party" to mean an event hosted for these purposes, regardless of the location.***

What is the best location?

You can host a house party at home in your living room or on your patio. It could be a soup supper at your church, a brunch at a local restaurant, a wine and cheese event at a community center or a coffee and dessert gathering at a private room of a coffee shop. Use your creativity to find what suits you (and your guests) best!

What happens at a house party?

It is where those attending see old friends, meet new people, and eat good food, which creates a pleasant atmosphere for learning and for the host to make a donation request. A house party allows a guest who's not familiar with NFWM or farm workers to learn more, ask questions, and get detailed information without being obligated to give. Friends can either give a very small gift or not give at all, and they can come to the house party without having to pay to attend.

How do I get started?

Follow the House Party Planning Kit Checklist (page 14-19) throughout the process. It has sections on "Before," "Day of" and "After" your event. Keep in mind, NFWM staff are here to help. Go to www.nfwm.org or contact: Alexandria Jonas at ajonas@nfwm.org or 919.807.8707 for support.

How far in advance should I start planning my house party?

Depending on how elaborate your event will be, it is generally recommended to begin planning at least 6-8 weeks before the date of your party so you can ensure good attendance.

How should I send the invitation?

This depends on your preference and who you'd like to attend. Mailed invitations are still the most effective, but they're also the most costly. If you send electronic invitations, be sure those you're inviting "do" email. The most important part of any invitation process is making personal follow-up reminder calls. These calls can make all the difference in attendance.

Why host a house party?

1. They're fun! Good people, good food and a good cause is always a great combination!
2. There is a legacy of house party hosting in the farm worker movement! Back in the early days of the farm worker movement in the 1960's and '70's, the United Farm Workers hosted house parties as a way to help spread the word and fund strikes and boycotts.
3. House parties raise much needed funds and new supporters for NFWM's work in solidarity with farm workers organizing for justice!

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What is NFWM?

(Background information or can be read aloud as part of your program in about 2 minutes)

Nearly two-thirds of all crops in the United States are still hand-harvested. This means most of the fruits and vegetables that we eat: the juice we have for breakfast, the salads we have for lunch, the vegetables we have at dinner, or the grapes and hops in the wine or beer we might have in the evening are STILL picked by the hands of men, women and yes, even children.

Farm workers today are among the lowest paid and least protected workers in the country. AND THIS HAS BEEN TRUE FOR GENERATIONS.

BUT, more than 50 years ago Mexican and Filipino farm workers came together and started organizing. They went on strike and demanded better living and working conditions and thus the farm worker movement began.

At that time they called upon the Church for help. The farm workers knew they needed a broad coalition to bring more power to their struggle. So they called upon the religious community to be in solidarity with the farm workers. Church folks were quite literally alongside the striking farm workers at marches, pickets, and vigils. They honored the boycotts called by the farm workers and spread the word to their families, friends and church communities.

The National Farm Worker Ministry became the vehicle for people of faith and conscience to be in solidarity and act at the farm workers' request. NFWM began with a set of principles that are still adhered to today; the first of which is working toward farm worker self-determination.

The National Farm Worker Ministry partners with every major farm worker-led Union and association across the country. NFWM's supporters have positively impacted every major farm worker campaign since the grape strikes in California that began this movement in the early 1970's; to the Mount Olive Pickle boycott that led to the first-ever labor contract with farm workers in the state of North Carolina in 2005; to most recently in 2014, supporting berry pickers originally from indigenous communities in southern Mexico, who after suffering years of indignities in Washington state, walked out of the fields and called for a boycott of Sakuma (& Driscoll) berries. And NFWM will be there with farm workers in struggles to come.

The farm worker organizations depend on NFWM so they can spend their time, energy and resources organizing the workers. And the National Farm Worker Ministry spends our time, energy and resources organizing farm worker supporters who vote with their wallets and bring leverage to the farm workers' campaigns and solidarity to their struggles. For decades NFWM supporters have helped farm worker organizations win campaigns against powerful global corporations. We are committed to continuing to do so until all farm workers have justice in the fields and dignity in their work.

At NFWM, it is not a question of whether or not the farm workers' campaigns will succeed. It is only a question of when.

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NFWM House Party Sample Agenda



6:30

Guests begin to arrive

- Greet folks as they come in
- Ask everyone to sign in
- Invite guests to eat, drink and mingle and check out NFWM's materials, action opportunities & NFWM gear

7:15

The Welcome

- Gather everyone together & thank them for coming.
- Express your appreciation of their initial interest and commitment.
- Keep the party upbeat, but fire up the attendees to take action
- Pass around the sign-in sheet again to ensure everyone had a chance to sign it.

7:20

The Program

- The program should be brief & creative to keep guests' attention.
- Choose what would best appeal to your group:
 - A short video (or an excerpt of a longer one) followed by some background information to connect with a variety of learning styles
 - An NFWM representative (staff person or board member) as a guest speaker
 - A short NFWM PowerPoint or presentation
- The program should explain what the National Farm Worker Ministry is. There is a short video (1min. 45 sec.) under the "about" section at www.nfwm.org that may be useful.
- Talk about the history, current work of NFWM and current farm worker campaigns NFWM is supporting. There may be possible actions for your guests to take at the party like signing a petition or post cards. If so, be sure to have those materials available.

7:50

The "Ask"

After your presentation, the host (or a predetermined speaker) should stand up for no more than 5-10 minutes for the following:

- Thank whoever made the presentation.
- Make a clear ask to guests to make a contribution to the National Farm Worker Ministry.

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NFWM House Party Sample Agenda



- The request should always be personal, and can begin with: “I am committed to the mission of this organization because...” then share a personal story or anecdote about why the work of the NFWM is so important.
- Pass around envelopes immediately after the “Ask” is made. The host should remain standing in front of the group and give people a few moments to write their checks.

A very effective method for collecting contributions is to say, *"Let's have a quiet moment right now so that everyone can write a check or make a pledge. For those who have already given, just sit quietly for a moment while everyone else has a chance to catch up with you."* This ensures that everyone who intends to make a gift will have time to do so, but also gives those who do not wish to give a way to sit quietly without being embarrassed.

Then wait a minute and say, *"When you have finished writing your check and putting it in the envelope, pass it to _____"* (a pre-determined person who will collect contributions.)

- You may also want to have a couple of people volunteer as “ice breakers” to have their checks ready and start the contribution process.

8:00 **The Close**
Thank everyone for coming

8:05 Party resumes

8:30 Guests depart

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NFWM House Party Sample “Ask”



Below is a sample “Ask” to use at a house party for NFWM. Don’t use it verbatim. “Asks” should be heartfelt, sincere, and based on your own personal experience and interests. So feel free to use this as a guide to stimulate your own thoughts—but know that the best “Ask” for you will depend on your own experience and your knowledge of the audience.

Some guidelines:

1. Speak from the heart
2. Include personal information
3. Explain how guests can donate (by check, via cc, become a sustainer etc.) and state your goal amount for the evening.
4. Make it clear there is no pressure to donate
5. Be sure to let folks know that NFWM is a 501(c)3 and all contributions are tax-deductible
6. When it’s time to give, have the group sit for 1-2 minutes quietly, so everyone who wants to has a chance to contribute.
7. If you have internet access, you may want to have a laptop or tablet available for those who’d like to donate via debit or credit card.

Sample

“I am really excited to see you all here today at our first annual UMC Soup Supper for Farm Workers to talk about the National Farm Worker Ministry and the great work they do.

As I look around this room, I see faces of those that are already connected with NFWM including Susan Smith, who first introduced me to the farm worker movement. Some are here because you’ve already supported NFWM at an event in the past, or signed post-cards to support the farm workers’ campaigns. Others of you were invited because we know your passion of working for peace and justice. I’m just thrilled to see so many friends and new faces of folks who came out to learn more about farm workers’ issues.

I first got involved with NFWM five years ago because Susan Smith invited me to participate in a walk for Peace and Justice during Holy Week. One of the day’s activities was walking in rural North Carolina with farm workers who were members of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC). We learned about FLOC’s campaign for justice for tobacco farm workers. It was a hot and muggy day that spring. As we walked I imagined how hard it must be to wake up before dawn and work in the fields for 12 hours in sweltering, summer heat, cutting the tobacco by hand, then carrying its sticky leaves down a long row, trying not to let them touch the skin for fear of pesticides or getting nicotine poisoning. I imagined how it must feel almost impossible to make ends meet on farm workers’ wages.

That afternoon, we came to a non-descript farmhouse where we stopped walking. This was the house that a farm worker lived in who had died recently from heat stroke while working in a tobacco field. Overheated and disoriented, he walked out of the field in search of shade. Despite requests from his co-workers, his boss would not allow anyone to search for him. His body was found days later. We took a moment of silence and passed around a pitcher of water, each person pouring out a bit onto the dirt in honor of this man, who was a father, a husband, a son, a child of God, that died a death that was totally preventable. Farm workers deserve protections like shade, sufficient water breaks and safety gear while working. They also deserve dignity in their work.

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NFWM House Party Sample “Ask”



That's why I support NFWM. For decades the Ministry has helped farm worker organizations win campaigns against powerful corporations. These successes have made significant improvements in farm work; like higher wages, better working conditions, and stronger safety standards. But, there's still a long way to go.

Recently, NFWM has taken on a new farm worker partner organization. NFWM supports worker-led campaigns in Florida, North Carolina, Ohio, California and Washington State. Currently, there are even two nation-wide boycotts! That's a LOT OF WORK! In order for NFWM to continue making an impact, it needs all of our help. NFWM works tirelessly with its farm worker partners on these efforts and I believe that NFWM with our help and the help of other people like us, can affect meaningful change and together we can achieve the justice in the fields and dignity that all farm workers deserve.

At NFWM, it is not a question of whether or not the farm workers' campaigns will succeed. It is only a question of when. And your donation is critical in helping make this work happen.

I am proud to be able to write a check today to support NFWM, in addition to volunteering to host this event. My hope is that together the caring people in this room can raise \$3,000 to support this important work. Remember that all donations are tax-deductible.

I am passing around the sign-up sheet again. Please be sure to sign-up for NFWM's mailing list, so that you can stay on top of all the developments with farm workers' campaigns. Also, please let me know if you'd be interested in hosting a house party or soup supper at your church like this one. I'd be happy to talk to you about it and help you in any way I can. Plus NFWM has a "House Party Planning Kit" that really helped us put together this event.

I'm also passing around contribution cards. The front side of the card that says, "National Farm Worker Ministry." Fill it out to make a one-time donation. Fill out the other side if you're interested in becoming a "Harvester of Justice," a member NFWM's sustaining giver program. Sustainers are very important to NFWM. It is these monthly and quarterly givers that allow NFWM to spend less time fundraising and more time working with farm workers.

So, now let's have a few quiet moments so that everyone can write a check or pledge. I'll also pass around the iPad for folks interested in making a credit card donation online. Just raise your hand if you need it. For those who have already given, please sit quietly for a moment while everyone else has a chance to catch up with you. When you have finished writing your check and putting it in the envelope, Bernadette will come along to collect them.

I thank you all sincerely for your time, your coming this evening and for your generous contributions to an organization and work that is so important to me. Last I want to thank National Farm Worker Ministry for doing this work and for giving us the opportunity to join them in this important fight for justice.

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NFWM House Party Invitation Information



Invitation Options

Mailed invitations are still the most effective way to get folks out to your event. But, whether you choose to send invitations by mail or email (or even better, both!) remember: follow-up calls are the most important way to getting good turn-out.

Feel free to create your own invitations for your event. We've also included an invitation document that was designed in Microsoft Word so you can fill in the information to include details specific to your event. You can either print and mail it, or include it as an attachment in an email.

When inviting guests by mail, you should include the both the invitation and the RSVP form in the envelope. You may also want to include a self-addressed envelope so recipients can easily send their RSVP back to you.

If you choose to send your invitation by email, you'll want to include both the attachment and the same information as text in the body of the email to ensure that recipients read it immediately and don't have trouble opening the attachment. Formatting can sometimes be finicky, so you may also want to convert the attachment to PDF to ensure that the formatting stays intact.

If you'd like to use this invitation, but are having trouble putting in the details for your house party OR if all of the technical information in the sentences above sounds like gibberish to you...we're here to help. Please don't hesitate to contact Alexandria Jonas, Development Manager at NFWM for help at ajonas@nfwm.org or 919-807-8707.

Below is sample text you can use for the body of an email invitation. Highlight the <<blue portions>>, then type the requested information specific to your event.

Sample Invitation Text

DID YOU EAT TODAY?

You can thank a farm worker by coming to <<Event Name>> for a fundraiser for National Farm Worker Ministry.

Location: <<Where Event Will Be Held>> Address: <<Street Address>>

Date: <<Day & Date>> Time: <<Starting & Ending Time>>

Please RSVP by returning the attached RSVP card, calling: <<Your Phone Number>> or emailing: <<Your Email>>.

Please remember your checkbook or give online at www.nfwm.org.

Please put <<Host's Name>> in the memo line of your check or online donation. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permissible by law.

Event Details: <<Add Additional Details (like parking information, if applicable)>>

Background

Did you eat today? Thank a farm worker!

NFWM House Party Invitation Information



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The farm workers knew they needed to bring more power to bear than their ranks alone would permit, so they called on people of faith and conscience to be in solidarity with them in their struggle. The National Farm Worker Ministry (NFWM) became the vehicle to answer that call; a faith-based 501(c)3 organization which supports farm workers as they organize for equality and justice.

Today, NFWM partners with every major farm worker led union and association across the country. Farm worker organizations depend on NFWM so they can spend their efforts organizing farm workers, while NFWM builds support for the workers and their campaigns. NFWM's supporters have positively impacted every major campaign since the farm worker strikes in the early 1970's.

But, there's still much work ahead. And we need your help.

Sample Fill-In Invitation

The next page contains an un-editable version of the house party sample invitation. If you'd like to use it, you can fill in the information specific to your party when you download the file in Microsoft Word from the House Party Planning page of NFWM's website.

Fill-In RSVP Form

Located after the sample invitation is the RSVP card. These are to be included along with your invitation. Similar to the invitation, the page in this kit is the un-editable version. Please download the editable version of the file in Microsoft Word from the House Party Planning page of NFWM's website and add in information specific to your event or feel free to create your own RSVP card.

The Microsoft Word versions of both the sample invitation and the RSVP form can be found at www.nfwm.org under the "House Party" section.

Did you eat today? Thank a farm worker!

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The Name of Your Event. Ex:
"Our Group's Soup Supper"

for a fundraiser for
National Farm Worker Ministry

Location: Place of Your Event

Address: Address of Your Event

Date: Day and Date of Your Event

Time: Beginning Time to Ending Time

THANK A FARM WORKER
& SUPPORT

NFWM

Please RSVP by:
Returning the enclosed RSVP card
Calling: [Host's Phone Number](#)
or emailing: [Host's Email Address](#)

Please remember your checkbook
or give online at www.nfwm.org

Put [Host's Name](#) in
the memo line of your check or online
donation. Contributions are tax-deductible
to the extent permissible by law.

Details: [Any other specifics that
guests should know.](#)



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☐ Yes, I (we) _____ will attend
your **DATE** gathering for NFWM.

☐ No, I (we) _____ cannot attend
and have enclosed a donation of _____ to NFWM.

☐ No, I (we) _____ cannot attend.

NFWM
NATIONAL FARM
WORKER MINISTRY
HARVESTING JUSTICE WITH FARM WORKERS

Please R.S.V.P. by returning this card to HOST'S NAME

(HOST'S ADDRESS)

Checks may be made out to NFWM or contribute at www.nfwm.org (Please put "**HOST'S NAME**"
in the memo line of your check or online contribution.) *Donations are tax-deductible to the extent permissible by law.*

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Sample Reminder Call Scripts



Invitation Follow Up

Contacting people directly about your House Party by phone will increase your attendance and give potential guests opportunities to ask you questions. Call about a week after you mail invitations. For best results, try to speak to people directly. Call a couple times, if necessary, before leaving an answering machine message. If they are unreachable on an evening, you might call back during the daytime the next time.

Sample Call Script

"Hello this is [your name]. I'm calling for [guest's name]."

"About a week ago I sent you an invitation to [your/host's name] house party for National Farm Worker Ministry [your/host's name] is hosting on [date]."

I am just calling to be sure you got the invitation."

"You did? Great. Do you have any questions about the event?"

or "You didn't receive it? Would you like me to tell you about the event?"

"Do you think you will be able to attend?"

"Thank you so much for your time."

Answering Machine Message:

"Hello this is [your name] calling for [guest]. I'm calling about the invitation to the house party for National Farm Worker Ministry [your/host's name] is hosting on [date & time] at [location]."

You should have received an invitation recently. If you have any questions about the event, or would like to RSVP, please feel free to give me a call at [your phone number].

House parties raise much needed funds and new supporters for NFWM's work in solidarity with farm workers organizing for justice! I hope to see you there!"

Did you eat today? Thank a farm worker!

House Party Checklist

BEFORE Your Event

Page 1

☐ Who will host?

Decide if you'd like to host on your own or have a host committee.

☐ Set goals for number of attendees and funds raised

House parties raise both awareness and funds. Be ambitious! If 10 people contribute \$100 each, you can raise \$1,000 in one evening!

☐ Choose a venue

At home? Your church? A restaurant? Take parking into account.

☐ Set a date and time

Two hour events on evenings or weekends tend to work best.

☐ Decide on a program (more details on the sample agenda on page 4)

What will entice folks to come? A speaker? The menu? The venue? A silent auction? A short movie? An invitation from a friend? Keep it brief — 15-30 minute presentation, then an "Ask" for contributions.

☐ Pick a menu

People love food. Will your event be a wine & cheese party? A simple soup supper? Consider space when deciding on the food and how to serve it; will folks be seated or eating while standing and mingling?

☐ Contact NFWM to let us know your plans

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House Party Checklist

BEFORE Your Event

Page 2

☐ Make a guest list

Consider family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances you'd like to get to know better, members of your faith community and other groups you're part of. Only about 1/3 of invitees will attend, so invite broadly. Make it clear that the event is a fundraiser and encourage folks to bring a friend.

☐ Send Invitations (an editable sample for mail and email is on page 9)

☐ Do some printing; get materials and resources ready

Print the items from the "Materials" checklist. NFWM staff can send material about NFWM and farm worker campaigns as well as bags, t-shirts etc. that you may want to make available for purchase.

☐ Make reminder calls

Phone calls make a BIG difference in attendance. Treat your event as a "friend-raiser" and call everyone a week after the invitation goes out, including those who've RSVP'd. Remind folks that contributions are welcome even if they can't attend.

☐ Decide who will do the "Ask" for contributions at the event

This is done either by the host or someone invited by the host.

☐ Brush up on your knowledge about NFWM and farm workers

House Party Checklist

DAY OF Your Event

Page 1

☐ Make it clear where the party is

Put the included "Welcome NFWM Friends" sign or balloons outside so guests can easily know where the party is located.

☐ The food, drinks and space

Prepare the food and arrange the space for the event. Keep in mind how many folks you're planning to have. Be sure there's enough room to avoid "traffic jams," particularly if you're serving buffet style.

☐ Housekeeping

During the party, you'll be busy. Beforehand, make it clear where guests should put their coats, where restroom are located and where to put dishes, utensils and trash when they've finished eating.

☐ Sign-in and literature table

Be sure to have print-outs of any materials you may need. Set up a table for sign-in sheets, contribution cards, a donation basket and resources and materials, along with plenty of pens and name tags.

☐ Prep for the program

Think through various parts of the agenda and do a mental dress rehearsal. Check any equipment you might use during the program (DVD player, computer etc.)

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House Party Checklist

DAY OF Your Event

Page 2

☐ Possible volunteer jobs

1.) A photographer 2.) Sign-in table "staff" to ask people to sign in and make a name tag 3.) A couple of people to have checks ready to break the ice and start the contribution process right after the "Ask."

☐ Meet, Greet, Mingle and Take photos!

☐ Begin the program

Show a short film, host a speaker, or do an activity. Think about what will best help folks to learn about farm workers. Time it to begin about 45 min into the party, so most guests will have arrived.

☐ Make the "Ask" for contributions

This comes directly after the program. Keep in mind what drew you and has kept you connected to the farm worker movement. Share your passion and enthusiasm! The best way is to pass around envelopes immediately after the ask. This is very important: the host should remain in front of the group and give people a few minutes to write their checks. We've included some sample asks in the kit to help.

☐ Follow-up

If guests ask questions you don't know the answer to, no worries! Tell them you don't know and connect them with NFWM for the answer.

House Party Checklist

AFTER Your Event

- ☐ Send an email and let us know how it went (ajonas@nfwm.org)
- ☐ Assemble the donation packet to send to NFWM
 - Divide contributions into "cash" and "checks"
 - If known, list cash contributors' name, address, email, phone and amount. Then convert cash donations into a check or money order
 - Endorse "NFWM, For Deposit Only" on the back of each check
 - Make photocopies of all checks and keep until NFWM receives your donation packet.
- ☐ Mail contributions, sign-in sheets and extra materials to NFWM

We'd like to stay in touch with those interested in farm workers. Mail sign-in sheets along with all contributions and unused material. Include a tracking method and send your packet to:

National Farm Worker Ministry
P.O. Box 10645
Raleigh, NC 27605
- ☐ Thank-you cards

NFWM will write thank-you notes to everyone who contributed once we receive your packet, but you may want to do so as well.

House Party Checklist

Materials

Kit Resources

- ☐ "Welcome NFWM Friends" sign(s)
- ☐ Sign-in sheets
- ☐ Contribution Cards
- ☐ Thank a Farm Worker Placemats

Your Resources

- ☐ Name Tags
- ☐ Pens & Markers
- ☐ Donation Basket

Resources to request from NFWM

- ☐ NFWM "gear"
- ☐ Material about NFWM and farm worker campaigns
- ☐ Action opportunities

Sign In Sheet



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Welcome

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Friends

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DID YOU EAT TODAY?

The U.S.
has nearly 1.5
million farm
workers

Did you know that
more than 2/3 of our
fruits & vegetables are
hand harvested?

Farm workers
are among the
lowest paid,
least protected
workers in the
country

12 year
old kids
can legally
work in the
fields



THANK
A
FARM
WORKER!

To learn more about farm
workers and how you can get
involved, go to www.nfwm.org

The **National Farm Worker Ministry** is a faith
based organization that supports farm workers
as they organize for justice and empowerment.

Farm workers give to
us every day.

YOU can

GIVE ...back

GIVE ...thanks

GIVE ...monthly.

Become a Harvester
For Justice today!



Yes! I want to join NFWM's sustainer program
and become a Harvester for Justice today!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

I/we commit to give:

☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$_____

Every: ☐ month ☐ quarter

By: ☐ bank draft ☐ credit card ☐ check

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