Global Responsibilities

Listen

“And so, for us understanding that these deep systems of oppression from greed, from capitalism from development aggression and that we need to address the systems together.”

– John Hill, Board Member, National Farm Worker Ministry*

*From NFWM’s video, Maricela’s Story: Standing with Farm Workers Against Gender Based Violence
“That is why I have now decided to not stay quiet. I am going
to speak up for other workers. We need to stop this now.”

- Yolanda Carrion, Union Member, United Farm Workers*

*From NFWM’s video, Maricela’s Story: Standing with Farm Workers Against Gender Based Violence

Reflect

The realities of gender based violence of farm worker women represent a global phenomenon. June 21st, the International Labor
Organization (ILO), which represents governments, business and labor, adopted the Violence and Harassment Convention. The
convention names harassment and violence in all aspects of the
workplace as a violation of human rights. It defines violence as
harassment as unacceptable behaviors and practice that ‘result in
physical, psychological, sexual or economic harm.’

The Convention aims at protections for everyone, everywhere (rural
and urban) while recognizing the disproportionate impact on
women. The conventional calls for accountability by government,
employers and workers organizations. The Convention will go into
force one year after two government ratify it. The US voted for the
Convention.

Solidarity Action

Write to your Senator urging the speedy ratification of the
Convention, recognizing the rights of all, especially women to safe
work environments free from violence. In addition work to support
immigration reform that guarantees full human rights to all workers.

Pray

Have gratitude for the gift of global connectedness and acknowledge
the faith community’s responsibilities that go beyond national borders.
Pray for a renewed commitment to that responsibility so that there may
be a transformation of unjust structures at all levels.