

NATIONAL FARM WORKER MINISTRY

2019 Highlights



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

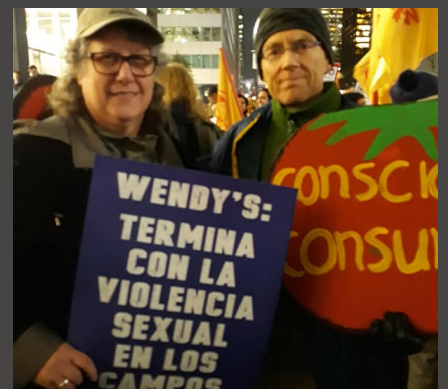
What a year this has been for NFWM!

The board started this year protesting with the UFW at Premiere Raspberries in Watsonville, CA and several board members ended the year last month marching with CIW in New York City. In between we have participated in a campaign with the UFW to get Starbucks to talk with farm workers in Washington state, marched with CIW on college campuses in March, supported the Equitable Food Initiative's promotional campaign with Costco in July, visited our legislators in August to talk about farm worker bills and picketed with FLOC throughout the year. Thank you for all your support of these things including call in days, social media efforts, showing up for the public witness opportunities and your prayers. Our work is to continue to apply the pressure of people of faith, consumers, and citizens who care about farm workers.

We did and we will. ¡Si Se Puede!

FEATURES:

- Consumer Rallies
- Staff updates
- Harvest of Justice
- How you can be involved



HARVEST OF JUSTICE: NOT JUST A SEASON

The Annual Harvest of Justice season began on Labor Day, September 2 and lasted through World Food Day, October 16th. The season was an opportunity to raise awareness about farm workers, to take action with and for them, and to support the National Farm Worker Ministry. The focus was on standing with farm workers against gender based violence and resources continue to be available online.

A video called "Maricela's Story: Standing with Farm Workers Against Gender Based Violence" highlights the work of farm worker partners and allies as they address this important issue. It tells the story of how Maricela, a farm worker, was affected by sexual harassment and how her farm worker union helped her resolve this.



"BRAVE FARM WORKERS ARE PUTTING THEIR JOBS AND PAY ON THE LINE SO THEY CAN WIN THEIR RIGHTS."

CHALLENGES TO NC FARM WORKERS

While NFWM continued to support the VUSE boycott through convenience store pickets this year, much of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC)'s attention has been with a man who supplied workers for several farms. Farm worker management and recruitment is often outsourced to Farm Labor Contractors (FLC) as a way to avoid directly hiring workers, paying good wages, providing decent housing and complying with regulations. This year FLOC has been dealing with a corrupt contractor. FLOC is still trying to resolve lost wages and other complaints made by the workers. The struggle continues.

YAYA UPDATE

This year has been transformative for YAYA. We shifted focus to researching possible ways to reach out to our community about food justice while also staying true to our roots by partnering with FLOC, and CIW on their campaign.

One of our YAYAs went to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)/Student Farmworker Alliance (SFA)-led Encuentro where she learned more about the Wendy's boycott, organizing strategies and skills.

Two YAYAs attended the Uprooted and Rising (UNR) strategy retreat where they added the voice of farm worker organizing. UNR is an organization that finds the intersection between food justice and racial equity. They focus on ending the relationships between schools and major food suppliers like Aramark to bring in more just food options with food grown locally and under humane conditions.

YAYA looks forward to what else we can do to discover and explore the intersection between food justice and farm worker justice.



Our Member Organizations:

- *Alliance of Baptists
- *California Church Impact
- *Catholic Migrant Farmworker Network
- *Church of the Brethren
- *Church Women United in Illinois
- *Church Women United of Southern California & Southern Nevada
- *Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- *Christian Church, Disciples of Christ
- *Episcopal Church
- *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- *Farm Worker Ministry-Northwest
- *Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls
- *The Loretto Community
- *NFWM Florida Advisory Council
- *Orange County Interfaith Committee to Aid Farmworkers
- *Presbyterian Hunger Program, PCUSA
- *School Sisters of Notre Dame
- *Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- *Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, KY
- *Sisters of the Humility of Mary
- *Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi
- *Society of the Sacred Heart
- *UCC Justice and Witness Ministries
- *UMC General Board of Church & Society
- *UMC Global Ministries
- *United Methodist Women

STAFF UPDATES: WE'RE PLEASED TO WELCOME TWO NEW STAFF MEMBERS!



Director of Communications, Emily Miller: Originally from Northern Virginia, now based in NYC, with over 15 years in non-profit communications and fundraising. Some of her previous positions include Associate General Secretary for Communications and Development for Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, and Creative Director for United Methodist Women. Emily also serves now and has served on the board of the Appalachia Service Project for 10 years.



Administrative Assistant, Kate Hamman: Kate grew up in Arizona, spent three years farming in Cedar Grove, NC with Anathoth Community Garden & Farm. The Anathoth community taught her to harvest sweet potatoes, celebrate agricultural traditions, and most importantly, support the diverse communities of farmers who grow our food.

See full bios online.

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