

2013 Come to the Table Conferences

People of Faith Relieving Hunger and Supporting Local Agriculture in North Carolina



EASTERN NC

February 4, 2013

Kinston Community Arts Council Building

PIEDMONT

February 19, 2013

University of North Carolina – Greensboro

WESTERN NC

March 15, 2013

Southwestern Community College, Sylva

Since 2007, people throughout North Carolina have gathered together for regional Come to the Table Conferences. These daylong events bring together members of the faith community with farmers, gardeners, farmworkers, educators, health professionals, and community organizations to find ways to relieve hunger and support local agriculture. Together we learn, we plan, we eat. Join us!

WHY THIS CONFERENCE?

- North Carolina is blessed with a diversity and wealth of agriculture, but family farms are disappearing and conditions for farmers and farmworkers remain difficult.
- Although North Carolina is an agricultural state, we rank #8 in the nation for household food insecurity. 603,350 children in North Carolina don't have a dependable source of the nutrition they need to be healthy and succeed.¹
- Faith groups and community organizations are being called to build a different food system: one of generosity, inclusiveness, and stewardship. With the right resources and networks, this ecumenical movement is growing, and North Carolina is helping to lead it!

WHAT DO FORMER PARTICIPANTS SAY?

These conferences speak to the heart, mind and hands of people of faith, challenging us to rethink our often insulated lives. If you want to be inspired and equipped to be part of the front-row connection between faith and food, this is for you! - Susan Sides, The Lord's Acre

Come to the Table never fails to inspire. At every conference I've met new people doing great work, and their creative examples show what's possible when faith communities get involved.

– Chris Liu-Beers, North Carolina Council of Churches

HOW CAN YOU JOIN US?

Registration is sliding scale (\$0-15) and begins on 12/12/2012 at www.cometothetablenc.org.

We encourage people to come in teams from their community or organization to take full advantage of the day's many sessions. Questions? Email sarah@rafiusa.org or call (919) 259-5169.

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¹Map the Meal Gap, Childhood Food Insecurity 2011. www.feedingamerica.org