



## INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURE AND TRADE POLICY

10/3/2011

Greetings,

This letter is to formally invite you to the planning and strategy meeting for the Food + Justice = Democracy conference in 2011.

**The planning and strategy meeting will be held on October 10 and 11 2011 at**

**Central Lutheran Church, 333 South 12th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404.**

*The goals of the gathering are to*

- 1) Highlight the narratives/experiences of people of color, tribal nations and the food system,
- 2) Build a conference agenda for 2012 that will build solidarity across the continuum of justice issues,
- 3) Envision a fair, just and healthy food system for all,
- 4) Seed actions that will create the food system that we want through projects and public policy in the United States.

The architecture of the 2 day conference is as follows:

### **Day One**

The focus is on creating a shared narrative. Various speakers will present the historical, political and social context for food justice from the perspective of communities of color and tribal nations.

Presentations will also include a key tenet of the organizing strategy—the promotion of healing from individual, historical and collective trauma.

These narratives rest upon the understanding that personal and historical trauma are barriers to collective movement building within tribal nations and communities of color. Specific attention will be given to this important aspect and strategies to identify support and heal from trauma will create a strong and resilient movement actors.

While gender/reproductive health is not explicitly broken out as a topic area, it will be discussed as an area for inclusion in future food + justice=democracy gatherings.



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Day one will also include a trip to Trader Joes. To show solidarity with the campaign for farm worker justice, invitees will present the management with the opportunity to sign on to the fair food pledge. Meeting attendees will be transported to a local Trader Joes for a brief action. For more details about the campaign see [www.ciw-online.org](http://www.ciw-online.org). More information about the action will be discussed during the meeting on Monday.

Following the action there will be an evening reception where local activists, staff from IATP and other organizers will gather for a networking session. Light refreshments will be served.

### Day two:

The focus will discuss the potential for developing a national campaign against increased corporate control within the food system. This conversation will identify if there is any interest in a national campaign. If there is interest, we will discuss strategies and commitment to support activities.

Please see the forthcoming agenda for the schedule specifics.

Lastly, please bring information about your groups, brochures or literature. Plan to bring enough for 100 participants in Spanish and English!

To RSVP please email Food and Justice Program Assistant Eleonore Wesserle at [ewesserle@iatp.org](mailto:ewesserle@iatp.org) or call her at 612-870-3425.

In peace and freedom,

LaDonna Redmond

PRELIMINARY AGENDA: FOOD + JUSTICE = DEMOCRACY

**DAY ONE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011**

- 8:30am**            **Gathering and light refreshments**
- 9:00am**            **Opening Ceremony and Invocation:** Iyanifa Songoeniola Oladashi
- 9:45am**            **Introductions**  
Ben Lilliston, VP of Programs at IATP  
IATP Staff and Participants  
HOW? Testing PRAC – Policy, Reflection, Action and Commitments Strategy: LaDonna Redmond
- 10:00am**            **Building the Context: Promoting reverence and healing through story**  
Healing from personal and historical trauma to build community: Sam Simmons  
Reverence, Respect and Responsibility: Aqeela Sherrills
- 11:00am**            **Vision Circles**  
Where are we going? What does a fair healthy and just food system look like?  
The Narratives: Food + Justice Framework
- 11:30am**            **Native Americans, Food Sovereignty + Justice**  
Valerie Martinez, Indigenous Peoples Green Jobs Coalition  
*Vision Circle: PRAC – Policy, Reflection, Action and Commitments*  
Mark Muller, Food and Justice Program Director, IATP
- 12:30pm**            **Lunch**
- 1:00pm**            **African Americans, Food + Justice and Land Ethics**  
LaDonna Redmond, IATP  
What is SOUL Food? Using food to reclaim culture, community and economics:  
Monica White, Wayne State University  
*Vision Circle: PRAC – Policy, Reflection, Action and Commitments*
- 2:00pm**            **Latino Americans, Food + Justice and Worker Rights**  
Cruz Salucio, Coalition of Immolakee Workers & Trader Joe’s Campaign  
*Vision Circle: PRAC – Policy, Reflection, Action and Commitments*
- 3:00pm**            **African Immigrants, Food +Justice, Worker Rights**  
Charlotte Williams & Garat Ibrahim, Center for New Communities
- 3:45pm**            **Hmong, Food +Justice, the politics of immigration and agriculture**  
George Lo, Sweets Bakeshop  
Hli (Lee) Xyooj, Farmers’ Legal Action Group
- 4:30pm**            *Vision Circle: PRAC – Policy, Reflection, Action and Commitments*
- 5:00pm**            **Adjourn Day One**

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**DAY TWO: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011**

**9:00am**            **Gathering and light refreshments**

**9:15am**            **Group visioning on the future of FOOD + JUSTICE**

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FOOD + JUSTICE = DEMOCRACY Summit 2012

National Food Justice + Community Action Council (NFJAC)

**11:30 am**            **CLOSING CEREMONY**

**Noon**                **Adjourn**



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Saludos,

Esta carta es para invitarles formalmente a la reunión de planeación e estrategia para la “Comida + Justicia = Democracia” en el 2011.

La reunión de planeación y estrategia se realizará los días 10 y 11 de Octubre, 2011 en

“Central Lutheran Church” ubicado en 333 South 12th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Los metas de la reunión son:

1. Destacar los narrativos/las experiencias de la gente de color y el sistema alimentario,
2. Desarrollar una agenda de conferencia para el 2013 que fortalecerá la solidaridad por el continuo de los temas de justicia,
3. Imaginar un sistema alimentario justo y sano para todos,
4. Sembrar acciones que crearán el sistema alimentario que queremos a través de proyectos y política pública en los Estados Unidos.

La estructura de esta conferencia de dos días es lo siguiente:

### Primer día

Se enfocará en crear una narrativa compartida. Varios ponentes presentarán el contexto histórico, político y social para la justicia alimentaria desde la perspectiva de las comunidades de color y las naciones indígenas.

Las presentaciones incluirán un principio clave de la estrategia de organizarnos—la promoción de curación del trauma individual, histórico y colectivo.

Estas narrativas dependen del entendimiento que el trauma personal e histórico es una barrera importante a la construcción colectiva del movimiento dentro de las naciones indígenas y las comunidades de color. Se dará atención específica a este aspecto importante y las estrategias para identificar apoyo y sanarse del trauma para crear un movimiento fuerte.

Mientras el género/la salud reproductiva no se define explícitamente como tema propio, se hablará como cuestión para incluir en las reuniones futuras de “comida + justicia = democracia.”

El primer día también incluirá una excursión a Trader Joe's. Para mostrar solidaridad con la campaña de justicia para los campesinos nosotros presentaremos al gerente la oportunidad de firmar el compromiso

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para comida justa. Los asistentes de la reunión recibirán transporte a una tienda de Trader Joe's local para una acción breve. Para más detalle sobre esta campaña visite [www.ciw-online.org](http://www.ciw-online.org). Más información sobre la acción se hablará durante la reunión el lunes.

Después de la acción habrá una recepción donde los activistas locales, personal de IATP y otros organizadores se juntarán para establecer redes de contactos. Serviremos refrigerios ligeros.

### Segundo día:

Se enfocará en hablar sobre las posibilidades para desarrollar una campaña nacional en contra del incremento de control corporativo dentro del sistema alimentario. Esta conversación identificará si hay algún interés en una campaña nacional. Si haiga interés, hablaremos sobre cuales son las estrategias y el compromiso del grupo para apoyar las actividades.

Favor de revisar la agenda de la próxima para ver el horario específico.

Finalmente, favor de llevar información sobre sus grupos, incluyendo folletos u otra información impresa. Se debe llevar lo suficiente para 100 participantes.

Para responder (s.r.c), favor de contactarse con la ayudante de programa de Comida y Justicia, Eleonore Wesserle, a [ewesserle@iatp.org](mailto:ewesserle@iatp.org) o por teléfono a (612) 870-3425.

En paz y libertad,

LaDonna Redmond