

# FOOD JUSTICE FOR ALL



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# USDA Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

## □ **USDA Center Priorities**

### ▣ End childhood hunger

Increase participation in federally-funded nutrition assistance programs

Outreach to underserved communities

### ▣ Strengthen rural communities

### ▣ Increase access to healthy, affordable food

# Let's Move Faith and Communities



[www.letsmove.gov](http://www.letsmove.gov)

- In November 2010, First Lady Michelle Obama launched *Let's Move Faith and Communities*

## Four Challenges:

1. Start or expand 10,000 community gardens, farmers markets, or other fresh food access points at congregations and community organizations
2. Host 1,000 new Summer Food Service Program sites at congregations and neighborhood organizations
3. Complete 500,000 Presidential Active Lifestyle Awards (PALAs) or establish new exercise programs at congregations and community organizations
4. Collectively walk three million miles



# Why start a garden?

- Increase access to fresh, healthy food in your community
- Improve soil and water quality
- Place to teach about nutrition, agriculture, and ecology
- Safe place for children and adults to play, relax, and get low-impact exercise
- Give people a sense of dignity and accomplishment
- And many more!

# How to get started:

- “How-to” guide from the University of California Cooperative Extension:

[http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/Common\\_Ground\\_Garden\\_Program/Community\\_Gardens.htm](http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/Common_Ground_Garden_Program/Community_Gardens.htm)

- EMO’s Food Sovereignty for All handbook:

[http://www.emoregon.org/pdfs/IFFP/Food\\_Sovereignty\\_for\\_All\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.emoregon.org/pdfs/IFFP/Food_Sovereignty_for_All_handbook.pdf)

- American Community Gardening Association:

<http://www.communitygarden.org/learn/starting-a-community-garden.php>

# Technical Assistance:



- Master Gardeners:  
[www.extension.org/mastergardener](http://www.extension.org/mastergardener)
- USDA Cooperative Extension:  
<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/Extension/>
- USDA National Agricultural Library:  
<http://www.nal.usda.gov/>
- Urban Gardens and Agriculture:  
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/urbanag/index.html>



# Education:

- Junior Master Gardener Program:  
[www.jmgkids.us/](http://www.jmgkids.us/)
- Grow It, Try It, Like It!  
[www.fns.usda.gov/tn/Resources/growit.html](http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/Resources/growit.html)
- Just Eating? Practicing Our Faith at the Table  
<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/hunger/practice-just-eating/>



# Funding:

- Be creative and resourceful! Local sources of funding from your congregation and community will help build a sustainable garden.
- *Let's Move Faith and Communities Toolkit:*  
[www.hhs.gov/partnerships/letsmove](http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/letsmove)
- American Community Gardening Association:  
<http://www.communitygarden.org/learn/resources/funding-opportunities.php>
- USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food:  
[www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer](http://www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer)

# Let us know about your garden!

- Criteria to be a People's Garden:  
Collaborative Effort  
Incorporates Sustainable Practices  
Benefits the Community



- Please register here: [www.pubinfo.usda.gov/garden](http://www.pubinfo.usda.gov/garden)
- Sign up with the Presbyterian Hunger Program:  
<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/hunger/lets-move-1000-presbyterian-congregations/>

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