

JUSTICE FOR FARMWORKERS

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NEWS ALERT

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"Theater of the Oppressed" and multi-faith service Sunday for farmworker justice

WHAT:

- A multi-faith liturgy focusing on justice for New York farmworkers
- A street theater performance by immigrant youth, interpreting the exploitation of farmworkers

WHEN: Sunday, June 13 at 11 AM

WHERE: West Capitol Park near the Washington statue along S. Swan Street in Albany, NY

WHO:

Youth Arts Group

Jeremiah Kyle Drake; Theatre of the Oppressed, Riverside Church (NYC)

People of faith

WHY: Since the 1930's farmworkers have been excluded from basic rights such as protection while bargaining collectively, disability insurance, overtime pay and a day of rest. The voice of farmworkers is not being heard by the New York State Senate, which has refused to take a simple vote on the Farmworker Fair Labor Practices Act. The service and performance are part of a weeklong vigil leading up to Farmworker Albany Day on Tuesday, June 15.

Rural & Migrant Ministry's Youth Arts Group (YAG) is a culturally diverse group in which high school-age individuals come together with a determination to create change in their lives and communities.

For background information visit: <http://justiceforfarmworkers.org/index.html>. For updates, visit the site of partner organization, the [Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State: http://www.labor-religion.org/farmworkers-updates.htm](http://www.labor-religion.org/farmworkers-updates.htm)