



Fair Trade Congregations: Faith-Specific Resources

Fair Trade Campaigns is dedicated to helping congregations of all faiths deepen their commitment to economic, social, and environmental justice. This packet contains links to Fair Trade resources for specific religious communities and denominations. We strongly encourage campaigners to view all the resources, as many can be adapted for the needs of other religious communities.

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Catholic Resources

Children's Chocolate Activity

Summary: A lesson plan for elementary religious education

Useful for: Elementary students; education and event ideas

Coffee Chain Simulation Activity

Summary: A lesson plan for middle and high school religious education

Useful for: Middle and High School students; education and event ideas

Live Mercy: In the Marketplace

Summary: A faith-sharing resource for small groups that forms individuals as consumers in a global economy.

Useful for: Small adult groups

Marriage: A Vocation of Service Together

Summary: Tips on how to include service and Fair Trade in your wedding celebration.

Useful for: Engaged couples

Print Materials from Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Summary: Free downloadable resources and activity ideas that situate the Fair Trade movement within Catholic social teaching.

Useful for: Fair Trade sales; education and event ideas; event promotion; Fair Trade-oriented scripture

Unitarian Universalist Resources

UU Service Committee Fair Trade

Summary: Situates Fair Trade in UU teachings on social and economic justice. Links to information on an alternate economy and domestic Fair Trade.

Useful for: Faith-specific advocacy; education and event ideas

Protestant Resources

Presbyterian

General Fair Trade Educational Materials

Summary: A list of educational resources about Fair Trade distributed by the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Useful for: Engaging your congregation in the Fair Trade movement and linking to Presbyterian Hunger Programs

Fair Trade Bible Study

Summary: A tool focused on using your purchasing power for justice and hope. This resource is distributed by PC (USA) and Partners for Just Trade and includes bible passages, personal narration, and reflection questions.

Useful for: Incorporating Fair Trade into social teachings of congregations

Connecting Food, Poverty and Faith

Summary: Online resources from the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Resources describe eating as a spiritual act and encourage Christians to consume foods that are ethically sourced and distributed.

Useful for: Faith-specific advocacy; education and event ideas

Lutheran

Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade

Summary: Explains what Fair Trade is and provides links to buy coffee and chocolate through Lutheran World Relief. Uses quote from Martin Luther to justify Fair Trade.

Useful for: Fair Trade overview; buying Fair Trade; faith-specific advocacy

Resources from Lutheran World Relief

Summary: Links to order free Fair Trade promotional resources such as posters, table signs and prayer cards

Useful for: Event promotion; faith-specific advocacy

Methodist

United Methodist Committee on Relief Fair Trade

Summary: A brief explanation of Fair Trade and how the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) connects Methodists to ethically responsible products. Provides links to UMCOR partners including Equal Exchange, Eco-Palms, Prosperity Candle and SERRV

Useful for: Fair Trade overview; buying Fair Trade; items for rituals, holidays and other celebrations

United Church of Christ

UCC Fair Trade Project

Summary: Links to descriptions of Fair Trade certification, the Equal Exchange Model of Fair Trade and the core challenges facing the Fair Trade movement.

Useful for: Education and event ideas

Reformed Church in America

Synod Position on Fair Trade

Summary: Outlines the 2004 General Synod's resolution encouraging RCA congregations to use Fair Trade and/or organic coffee. Provides a scriptural basis for the resolution.

Useful for: Faith-specific advocacy; education and event ideas

Mennonite Resources

M.C.C. Fair Trade Coffee Project

Summary: Encourages consumers to advocate for Fair Trade coffee in their communities. Contains sample advocacy letter and links to purchase Fair Trade coffee.

Useful for: Faith-specific advocacy; buying Fair Trade

Jewish Resources

Fair Trade Principles and Jewish Values

Summary: A chart that links specific Fair Trade principles to Jewish scripture.

Useful for: Faith-specific advocacy; Fair Trade-oriented scripture

Jewish Fair Trade Partnership

Summary: Explains the goals of the Jewish Fair Trade Project, a partnership among Fair Trade Judaica, T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights and Equal Exchange. Provides information on ordering Fair Trade products at special bulk prices.

Useful for: Fair Trade sales; faith-specific advocacy

Fair Trade Products for Jewish Worship

Summary: Direct links to Fair Trade Judaica products

Useful for: Buying Fair Trade; items for rituals, holidays and other celebrations

Fair Trade Foods for Kiddush

Summary: A chart with Kiddush foods, their suppliers, and availability information.

Useful for: Education and event ideas; items for rituals, holidays and other celebrations

Fair Trade Foods for Oneg or Kiddush for Shabbat

Summary: Four holiday-themed recipes that use Fair Trade ingredient

Useful for: Education and event ideas; items for rituals, holidays and other celebrations; Fair Trade recipes

Fair Trade Your Chanukah

Summary: Links to Fair Trade Chanukah products. Includes a passage that likens Fair Trade farmers and artisans to the Maccabees.

Useful for: Items for rituals, holidays, and other celebrations; faith-specific advocacy

Fair Trade Your Purim

Summary: Links to Fair Trade kosher Mishloach Manot treats. Includes a kavannah to share with the Mishloach Manot.

Useful for: Items for rituals, holidays and other celebrations

Fair Trade Your Seder

Summary: Lists Fair Trade foodstuffs and resources for Seder. Contains a passage that likens the struggles of modern producers to the enslaved Jews in ancient Egypt.

Useful for: Items for rituals, holidays and other celebrations; faith-specific advocacy

Fair Trade Your B'Shvat

Summary: Links to suppliers of Fair Trade fruits and nuts.

Useful for: Items for rituals, holidays and other celebrations.

Supplements for Elementary Education Curricula

Summary: Activity and lesson materials for three different classes in the Equal Exchange curriculum for Jewish Fair Trade education.

Useful for: Faith-specific advocacy; education and event ideas; event promotion

Islamic Resources

Islam and Fair Trade

Summary: Uses scripture to highlight the importance of Fair Trade. Contains links to an action guide for integrating Fair Trade into worship. Outlines campaign goals for UK-based mosques.

Useful for: Faith-specific advocacy