

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

FOOD AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION CONVENTION 2024



Food is an integral part of our life in our Christian Communities. There are many social justice dimensions to what we eat.

These include:

- Making sure everyone has enough healthy food to eat;
- Impacts on climate change, with emissions related to food making up a third of global greenhouse gas emissions;
- Multinational food corporations that put their profits ahead of people's health;
- Fair employment conditions for those that produce our food; and,
- Not stigmatising people for their weight when ultra-processed foods are designed to be addictive.

Large food corporations are producing unhealthy and addictive food products that drive up unhealthy food consumption. The foods in question cause various health problems, including diabetes and obesity. Ultra-processed foods have been progressively tailored by scientists and technicians through combinations of sugar, salt, fat and flavour enhancers to bypass our natural mechanisms of appetite control.

More than half the global population will be living with being overweight or obese within 12 years if prevention, treatment and support do not improve.

Clearing forests for farms and ranches comprised 29% of the food-related greenhouse gas emissions. Thus, strategies by food corporations to drive up food consumption and obesity also impact global greenhouse gas emissions.

The Convention will explore the social justice dimensions of food production and how to incorporate them into the church's life.

We are offering workshops on:

- Food and global financial poverty.
- Reducing emissions through what we eat and reducing what we throw away.
- Talking about reducing stigma around weight in congregations.
- Supporting workers in the Australian food industry from the Pacific Islands.
- Campaigning for healthier food.
- Promoting healthy food in your congregation
- Corruption in the food industry.
- Practical tips on having a community garden at your congregation.

When Saturday 5 October,
9 am – 4:15 pm

Where Centre for Theology and Ministry,
29 College Crescent, Parkville

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