



ACTION OF THE WEEK

October 21, 2019

"Stand with Farm Workers"

Your Action of the Week:
Come, Stand with Farm Workers Against Gender-based
Violence!



Your Action is to watch the "Maricela's Story video" @ www.nfwm.org with a group of your friends and become knowledgeable about gender-based violence in the fields.

It is time to hear the stories of farm worker women, learn the realities of their lives, and act in solidarity by joining them in their struggles to realize safety in the workplace.

It is a time for prayer: prayer for farm workers – women and men, prayer for the

healing of individuals, prayer for the transformation of institutions and structures that perpetuate violence.



United Farm Workers reports that 8 of 10 of farm worker women report being sexually harassed while on the job.

It's hard toiling in the hot sun hour after backbreaking hour harvesting fruits and vegetables. Many farm workers tie bandanas over their mouths and noses as protection from dust, insects and pesticides. Sadly, women have another important reason to cover up - to hide their feminine features from male predators out to exploit and abuse them. Read their stories [here](#). "I hope that my daughters never have to face this

kind of harassment."

Visit *Oregon UU Voices for Justice* on the web at www.uuvoicesoregon.org

The National Farm Worker Ministry's Harvest of Justice 2019 brings awareness to gender based violence farm worker women experience every day. A disturbing 80% of farm worker women surveyed in the California Central Valley in 2010 reported that they had experienced sexual harassment at work. Sexual harassment and violence are experienced by both men and women in the fields, but women face this in disproportionately higher numbers.

The video "Maricela's Story: Standing with Farm Workers Against Gender Based Violence" highlights the work of farm worker partners and allies as they address gender-based violence. Watch it with a group of your friends @ www.nfwm.org/

To keep informed of how you can support farmworkers, sign up for the Farm Worker Ministry Northwest e-news at www.fwm-nw.org, or <https://us14.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=d662768225804dedc8254ed20&id=dea9cb42bb>

DID YOU EAT TODAY? THANK A FARM WORKER!