



## Strategic Domestic Partners



**The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) Fair Food Program** is a unique partnership among farmers, farmworkers and retail food companies that ensures humane wages and working conditions for the workers who pick fruits and vegetables on participating farms. Through the Campaign for Fair Food, the PC(USA) joins many faith bodies across the country to accompany the Coalition of Immokalee farmworkers in the struggle for a more just and sustainable food system. Visit [ciw-online.org](http://ciw-online.org) to find ways you and your congregation can be involved in this farmworker-driven, consumer-powered initiative.

ecological devastation and the nation’s distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism. The Poor People’s Campaign has established 14 Priorities as the basis for its campaign of advocacy for justice and equity in the United States. It calls for the “dismantling of unjust criminalization systems that exploit poor communities and communities of color and the transformation of the ‘War Economy’ into a ‘Peace Economy’ that values all humanity.” The PC(USA) supports the Poor People’s Campaign by sitting on the Prophetic Council, which offers leadership to events and distributes info; speaking at events and participating in rallies and press conferences; and distributing communications throughout the PC(USA).

[poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://poorpeoplescampaign.org)



**The Poor People’s Campaign:** A National Call for Moral Revival is uniting people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy,



**Jubilee USA** works on debt, tax, trade and transparency policies that help end poverty. From resolving Puerto Rico’s financial crisis to corporate transparency to student debt, Jubilee USA wins solutions that impact lives and the global community. Some critical issues require a global approach, and the PC(USA) has learned from and partnered with the Jubilee USA Network for more than two decades, beginning with our successful Jubilee 2000 Campaign, which challenged international debt rules and resulted in billions of dollars saved by poor nations around the world. Learn more here: [https://www.jubileeusa.org/the\\_jubilee\\_story](https://www.jubileeusa.org/the_jubilee_story)



# Strategic Global Partners

## Global partners working to eradicate poverty and create thriving communities



*A woman in San Juan Ostuncalco harvests radishes for the seed project. Credit: CEDEPCA*



*The MECC's Diakonia Department distributes seeds to farmers in Syria. Credit: MECC*

### **CEDEPCA (Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America), Guatemala**

CEDEPCA is an independent ecumenical institution serving Central America's churches. CEDEPCA encourages theological reflection and pastoral practice that is evangelical, contextual, liberating and ecumenical. CEDEPCA has a number of outstanding programs within its four focus areas: Biblical and Theological Formation; Women's Ministry; Disaster Ministry; and Intercultural Encounters. CEDEPCA has helped thousands of U.S. Presbyterians to understand the challenges that Latin American Christians confront and to reflect on their own lives through the faith experiences of these members of Christ's global family. The PC(USA) has had a long-standing relationship with CEDEPCA through Presbyterian World Mission and mission co-workers as well as through the Presbyterian Ministries of the Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. [cedepca.org/en](http://cedepca.org/en)

### **Middle East Council of Churches (MECC), Lebanon**

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has been a strong partner and supporter of the work of the MECC since its inception in 1974. The council includes all four families of churches in the Middle East, i.e., the Eastern Orthodox Churches, the Oriental (non-Calcedonian) Orthodox Churches, the Catholic Churches (Latin and Eastern Rites), and the Evangelical Churches (Reformed, Episcopal, Lutheran and Congregational). With headquarters in Lebanon, it includes churches in Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Palestine and Syria. It works on issues of church unity, ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, advocacy for justice, peace and human rights, education, participation of youth, women and children, and Palestinian refugees and other displaced persons. PC(USA) relates to MECC through Presbyterian World Mission, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Office of Public Witness. <https://www.mecc.org>



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*The PCC promotes gardens of peace, eco-farms and other ecologically centered models. Credit: PCC*

### **Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC), Fiji**

Through Presbyterian World Mission and mission co-workers, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and more recently with the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterians are learning and working alongside the PCC. Formed in 1961, the PCC is a broad ecumenical platform with 30 member churches and eight national councils of churches spanning 18 countries and territories. Key concerns for PCC include climate change and rising sea levels, environmental protection, decolonization and self-determination, overfishing, climate-induced migration, hunger and poverty, and the empowerment of women, young people and people living with disabilities. The PCC has deep knowledge of issues affecting the Pacific region, speaks with a prophetic voice, and sits in spaces where important decisions are made. [pacificconferenceofchurches.org](http://pacificconferenceofchurches.org)



*PRODEK Director Medi Kanda demonstrating an oil press machine, part of the seed, market, agricultural and equipment training provided by the organization. Credit: Valery Nodem*

### **PRODEK (Programme de Développement du Kasai), Democratic Republic of Congo**

PRODEK, a faith-based organization related to the Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC), has worked in partnership with the PC(USA) for more than three decades to seek improved socio-economic conditions for the people of the Greater Kasai region through food security, community health and environmental protection. The Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian World Mission have accompanied PRODEK in developing the organizational, technical, socio-political and economic abilities of farming communities to promote self-determination. Since 2018, due to recurring humanitarian crises in the East Kasai that have killed thousands and displaced tens of thousands of people, PHP has supported PRODEK's work of helping returnees to rebuild their lives by providing them seeds and tools to enable them to regain self-reliance.



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*Local community members of one of the grain banks that RELUFA has helped to establish. Credit: Valery Nodem*

### **RELUFA (Reseau De Lutte Contre La Faim), Cameroon**

Begun in 2001 as part of the Joining Hands initiative of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, RELUFA formed as network connecting diverse nongovernmental organizations and church organizations to identify and address root causes of hunger and poverty, recognizing there is often a global component to such issues. Programs include campaigning against land grabbing practices and trade injustice, supporting community-managed grain banks to combat seasonal hunger and deepening cycles of debt, and campaigning for transparency in the extractive industries so civil society can hold governments accountable more effectively. RELUFA has fought injustices caused by oil, gas and mining companies in Cameroon, as well as companies buying massive amounts of land and evicting communities that depend on them for their survival. They have won some victories along the way and are currently supporting community struggles and making proposals to the government to reform the land tenure system in Cameroon. RELUFA's leader has been a Presbyterian International Peacemaker.

[relufa.org](http://relufa.org)