

DATES: Two choices:

Monday-Friday March 11-15 or,

Monday-Friday March 18-22

LOCATION: We will be based at the Liturgia Rural Worker's Education Center in Lyons NY (about 45 min east of Rochester and 20 min south of Lake Ontario. In turn, we will travel throughout the region of apple orchards and vineyards.

THE WEEK: We will spend the week "community style" – in the Center, which is an old Victorian house. We will cook together and take care of the Center together.

FEES: The cost of the trip is \$250. A deposit of \$50 is due by the registration deadline of February 15th. Scholarships are available for students unable to raise the full amount. This fee covers the cost of room and board over the course of the week, as well as transportation and administrative costs during the week. (PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THEMSELVES TO AND FROM LYONS)

Rural & Migrant Ministry is a multi-faith non-profit organization that works alongside the disenfranchised rural residents and agricultural workers of New York State, through programs of education and empowerment. To overcome the prejudices and poverty that degrade and debilitate all members of our society by building communities that celebrate diversity, achieve true mutuality and offer dignity and opportunity to all.



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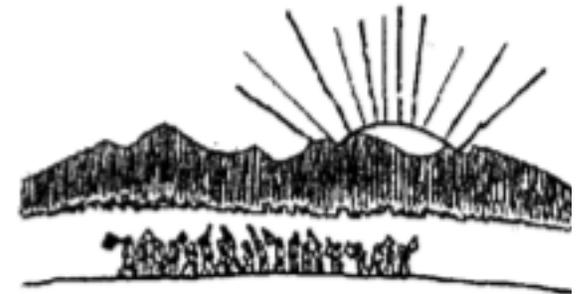
ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAKS

March 11-15, 2013

or

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College students in action
with New York's
Farmworkers



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DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Join students from throughout New York State and beyond in supporting justice during The Farmworker Alternative Spring Break.

During the week, you will have the opportunity to travel throughout the western part of New York State as part of a program that incorporates experiential education through immersion and political action with New York's farmworking communities.

The program offers an in-depth look at the many facets of farmworker life, while participants learn more about the agribusiness system and the labor protections from which farmworkers are excluded. You will meet farmworkers and advocates and engage in creative political action to advocate for equal rights for farmworkers. Through active involvement, we will consider underlying questions of political and economic power, while learning about NY's legislative process and the power of students standing together in action with farmworkers and their allies. The two weeks will include largely similar itineraries, with a different focus for reflection.

TWO FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITIES

March 11-15, 2013 – (Multi)Faith in Action

What does it mean to intentionally unite across multiple faith traditions, including the secular, to work for social justice? Reflection will include stories from other movements such as Liberation Theology and the New Sanctuary Movement, with a practical application to the struggles of today. Participation does not require a religious background.

March 18-22, 2013 – The Meaning of Social Justice

How do individuals and groups affect social change? Reflection during week two will focus on the difference between service and social justice, and how it feels to be involved in a long-term struggle for systematic change.

Please complete this form and submit it to Rural & Migrant Ministry (POB 4757, Poughkeepsie, NY 12602) by the registration deadline of February 15th, with a deposit of \$50. Make cheques out to Rural & Migrant Ministry. Upon registering, participants will be provided with a complete informational packet, including: itinerary, packing list and community living contract. Please contact us if you have any special dietary needs or physical concerns.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Which week?

