



HISTORY DAY 2025

THE EPISCOPAL FARMWORKER MINISTRY

Saturday, April 5, 2025

2989 Easy Street, Dunn, NC 28334

10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by

The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina

La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia, Dunn

(Revised and corrected copy of original event program)

BISHOPS OF SPONSORING DIOCESES

The Rt. Rev. Samuel S. Rodman, Bishop of North Carolina
The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Assistant Bishop of North Carolina
The Rt. Rev. Robert S. Skirving, Bishop of East Carolina

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EPISCOPAL FARMWORKER MINISTRY

The Rev. Deacon Cuyler O'Connor, Bishop's Representative
for the Diocese of North Carolina; Finance Chair
The Rev. Stephanie Allen, Bishop's Representative
for the Diocese of East Carolina
The Rev. Franklin Morales
The Rev. Suzanne Hood, Personnel Committee Chair
Meg Smith, Sustainability Committee Chair
Nancy Reed, Treasurer
Diane Stoy
Nanci Atkeson, Secretary
Mauricio Chenlo, Executive Director, Episcopal Farmworker Ministry
The Rev. Fred Clarkson, Vicar, La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia
Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina

HISTORY DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Rev. Brooks Graebner, Chair	Michael Durbin, Keynote Speaker
The Rev. Liam Barr, Liturgy & Worship	Lynn Hoke, Coordination & Support
Mauricio Chenlo, Episcopal Farmworker Ministry	The Rev. Deacon Cuyler O'Connor,
The Rev. Fred Clarkson, Vicar,	Panel Moderator
La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia	Summerlee Walter, Communications

CHARTER COMMITTEE ON HISTORY & ARCHIVES

Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

Margo Acomb, Christ Church, Raleigh	The Rev. Brooks Graebner, Historiographer
George Brine, St. Joseph's, Durham	Lynn Hoke, Diocesan Archivist
Albert Cadogan, St. Ambrose's, Raleigh	The Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs, St. Titus', Durham
Allen Cronenberg, St. Matthew's, Hillsborough	Araminta Johnston, St. Martin's, Charlotte
Duke Fentress, Good Shepherd, Raleigh	Chuck Till, Secretary of the Diocese

SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m.	Arrivals – Registration – Refreshments
10:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions – The Rev. Brooks Graebner and The Rev. Fred Clarkson
10:40 a.m.	Opening Theological Reflection – The Rev. Liam Barr
10:45 a.m.	Keynote Address – Michael Durbin
11:15 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m.	Video Presentations Neil Boisen, outreach worker with Haitian farmworkers; The Rev. Lisa Fischbeck, past chair of the Ministry Board
11:45 a.m.	Panel Discussion – The Rev. Deacon Cuyler O’Connor, Moderator The Rev. Deacon Bobbie Armstrong, Sylvia Cendejas and Melinda Wiggins
12:30 p.m.	Service of Public Healing – The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Officiant
1:00 p.m.	Lunch from Los Agaves Restaurant in Dunn
2:00 p.m.	Reconvene for updates on the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry today and a site tour led by Mauricio Chenlo, Executive Director*
4:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Prayer – The Rt. Rev. Samuel S. Rodman Dismissal – The Rev. Deacon Cuyler O’Connor

*Tour led by the Rev. Fred Clarkson and the Rev. Deacon Cuyler O’Connor

ABOUT OUR HISTORY DAY SPEAKERS

MICHAEL DURBIN is a career software engineering manager for the banking industry. For more than a decade he has volunteered at, and written about, agencies across North Carolina that assist farmworkers. You can find all his writing at www.michaeldurbin.com. Michael and his wife Becky Broun live in Carrboro.

THE REV. BOBBIE ARMSTRONG is a retired deacon who first encountered the ministry by distributing clothes and sandwiches at the clothing shed in 1983. Wanting to do more outreach she became an active volunteer for many years helping with food distribution, legislative advocacy and especially immigration issues.

SILVIA CENDEJAS emigrated from Mexico with her parents in 1982. She worked at the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry from 1993 until 2017. She currently works for the North Carolina Department of Commerce as an Agricultural Employment Consultant and continues to serve the migrant and seasonal farmworkers of North Carolina.

MELINDA WIGGINS was an intern with the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in 1993, which led to her continued organizing in the farmworker movement through 25 years of leadership at Student Action with Farmworkers. She is currently launching a regional labor school in the South to further support worker organizing (mwiggins@laborsouth.org).

THE REV. LIAM BARR is a curate in the Diocese of North Carolina, serving the Spanish-speaking community at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Henderson and the New Hope Collaborative in East Raleigh. A graduate of Davidson College and the Seminary of the Southwest, he has been shaped by and for ministry in immigrant and Latino communities across South Carolina, North Carolina, Texas, Costa Rica, and Ecuador.

THE REV. CUYLER O'CONNOR is a deacon of the Diocese of North Carolina serving at St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro. He is the bishop's representative for the Diocese of North Carolina on the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry's Board of Directors.

Service of Public Healing - History Day 2025 with Episcopal Farmworker Ministry

Opening Rite:

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

A Collect for Labor:

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of
the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of
the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

Rito de Apertura

Ministro: La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, y el amor de Dios y la comunión del Espíritu Santo sea con todos ustedes.

Pueblo: **Y con tu espíritu.**

Ministro: Oremos.

Colecta por Trabajadores:

Dios omnipotente, de tal modo tú has relacionado nuestras vidas con las de los demás, que lo que hacemos nos afecta a todos, para bien o para mal: Guíanos de tal manera en nuestro trabajo a fin de no hacerlo para nosotros mismos, sino para el bien común; y así como buscamos una justa retribución por nuestro trabajo, haznos conscientes de las legítimas aspiraciones de los demás trabajadores, y despierta en nosotros inquietud por los desempleados; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

Isaías 2:1-5

Lectura de Isaías.

Éstas son las profecías que Isaías, hijo de Amós, recibió por revelación acerca de Judá y Jerusalén:

En los últimos tiempos quedará afirmado
el monte donde se halla el templo
del Señor.
Será el monte más alto,
más alto que cualquier otro monte.
Todas las naciones vendrán a él;
pueblos numerosos llegarán,
diciendo:
«Vengan, subamos al monte del Señor,
al templo

that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths.’
 For out of Zion shall go forth
 instruction,
 and the word of the LORD from
 Jerusalem.
 He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall arbitrate for many
 peoples;
 they shall beat their swords into
 ploughshares,
 and their spears into pruning-hooks;
 nation shall not lift up sword against
 nation,
 neither shall they learn war any
 more.
 O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
 in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-2,16-17 Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
 2 Before the mountains were brought
 forth, or the land and the earth were
 born,*
from age to age you are God.
 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our
 God be upon us; *
**prosper the work of our hands;
 prosper our handiwork.**

del Dios de Jacob,
 para que él nos enseñe sus caminos
 y podamos andar por sus senderos.»
 Porque de Sión saldrá
 la enseñanza
 del Señor,
 de Jerusalén vendrá su palabra.
 El Señor juzgará entre las naciones
 y decidirá los pleitos de pueblos
 numerosos.
 Ellos convertirán sus espadas
 en arados
 y sus lanzas
 en hoces.
 Ningún pueblo volverá a tomar las
 armas contra otro
 ni a recibir instrucción para
 la guerra.
 ¡Vamos, pueblo de Jacob,
 caminemos
 a la luz del Señor!

Palabra del Señor.
Demos Gracias a Dios.

Salmo 90:1-2,16-17 Domine, refugium

1 Oh Soberano mío, tú has sido nuestro refugio *
de generación en generación.
 2 Antes que naciesen los montes,
 o fueran engendrados la tierra y el mundo, *
desde el siglo y hasta el siglo, tú eres Dios.
 16 Que tus siervos vean tus obras, *
y su descendencia tu gloria.
 17 Sea la bondad del Señor nuestro Dios
 sobre nosotros, *
**y haga prosperar las obras de nuestras
 manos;
 sí, haga prosperar nuestras obras.**

Luke 1:41-55

The Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you Lord Christ!

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my
Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the
lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations
will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things
for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the
thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from
their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

Lucas 1:41-55

El Evangelio de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo según Lucas.

¡Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor!

Cuando Isabel oyó el saludo de María, la criatura se le estremeció en el vientre, y ella quedó llena del Espíritu Santo. Entonces, con voz muy fuerte, dijo: —¡Dios te ha bendecido más que a todas las mujeres, y ha bendecido a tu hijo! ¿Quién soy yo, para que venga a visitarme la madre de mi Señor? Pues tan pronto como oí tu saludo, mi hijo se estremeció de alegría en mi vientre. ¡Dichosa tú por haber creído que han de cumplirse las cosas que el Señor te ha dicho!

María dijo:

«Mi alma alaba la grandeza del Señor;
mi espíritu se alegra en Dios mi
Salvador.

Porque Dios ha puesto sus ojos en mí,
su humilde esclava,
y desde ahora siempre me llamarán
dichosa;

porque el Todopoderoso ha hecho en
mí grandes cosas.

¡Santo es su nombre!

Dios tiene siempre misericordia
de quienes lo reverencian.

Actuó con todo su poder:

deshizo los planes de los orgullosos,
derribó a los reyes de sus tronos
y puso en alto a los humildes.

Llenó de bienes a los hambrientos
y despidió a los ricos con las manos
vacías.

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our
ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants
forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

A Litany of Healing:

The Presider introduces the Litany with this bidding:
Let us name before God those for whom we offer
our prayers.

*The People audibly name those for whom they are
interceding. A Person appointed then leads the
Litany.*

God the Father, your will for all people is health
and salvation;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life,
and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the
temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and
have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick,
injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Ayudó al pueblo de Israel, su siervo,
y no se olvidó de tratarlo con
misericordia.

Así lo había prometido a nuestros
antepasados,
a Abraham y a sus futuros
descendientes.»

El Evangelio del Señor.
Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

Una letanía de sanación

El Presidente presenta la Letanía con esta invitación:
Nombremos ante Dios a aquellos por los que
ofrecemos nuestras oraciones.

*El pueblo nombra de manera audible a aquellos por
quienes interceden. Una persona asignada dirige
luego la Letanía.*

Dios el Padre, tu voluntad es salud y salvación para
todos.
Te alabamos y te damos gracias, oh Señor.

Dios el Hijo, tú viniste para que pudiéramos tener
vida y para que pudiéramos tenerla en abundancia.
Te alabamos y te damos gracias, oh Señor.

Dios el Espíritu Santo, tú haces nuestros cuerpos el
templo de tu presencia.
Te alabamos y te damos gracias, oh Señor.

Santa Trinidad, un solo Dios, en ti vivimos, nos
movemos y somos.
Te alabamos y te damos gracias, oh Señor.

Señor, otorga tu gracia sanadora a todos los que
están enfermos, lesionados o discapacitados, de
manera que sean sanados.
Óyenos, oh Señor de la vida.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Hear us, O Lord of life:
Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

Open us to your healing power, O God. We entrust ourselves to your care, knowing that you are doing for us and for all the world far better things than we can ask or imagine. With you as our companion and guide, strengthen us to hope for all that is good, and to fear no evil. For your love is stronger than death, and your faithfulness reaches to the heavens; and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Concede a todos los que buscan tu guía, y a todos los que están solos, ansiosos o abatidos, un conocimiento de tu voluntad y una percepción de tu presencia.
Óyenos, oh Señor de la vida.

Repara las relaciones rotas, y restaura a los que padecen de angustia emocional a la sanidad de la mente y la serenidad del espíritu.
Óyenos, oh Señor de la vida.

Concede a los moribundos paz y una santa muerte, y sostén por la gracia y el consuelo de tu Santo Espíritu a los dolientes.
Óyenos, oh Señor de la vida.

Restaura a la integridad todo lo que esté quebrantado por el pecado humano, en nuestras vidas, en nuestra nación y en el mundo.
Óyenos, oh Señor de la vida.

Óyenos, oh Señor de la vida:
Sánanos y haznos íntegros.

Oremos.

Sigue un período de silencio.

Descúbrenos tu poder sanador, oh Dios. Nos confiamos a tu cuidado, sabiendo que tú haces por nosotros y por todo el mundo muchas mejores cosas de las que podamos pedir o imaginar. Contigo como nuestro compañero y guía, fortalécenos para esperar todo lo que es bueno, para no temer ningún mal. Porque tu amor es más fuerte que la muerte, y tu fidelidad se extiende a los cielos; y a ti damos gloria, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, ahora y por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

The minister may invite each person to be anointed to give her or his name and any particular request for prayer. The minister then lays hands upon the sick person, and anoints the person, prays silently, then prays aloud using one of the following forms or similar words.

N., I lay my hands upon you and anoint you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, praying that our Savior Jesus Christ will sustain you, drive away sickness of body and mind and spirit, and give you that victory of life and peace which will enable you to serve and rejoice in God both now and evermore. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power,
 and the glory,
 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Imposición de manos y unción

El Ministro puede invitar a cada persona que va a ser ungida a dar su nombre y cualquier petición particular por la cual orar. El Ministro entonces impone las manos sobre la persona enferma [y unge a la persona], ora en silencio y luego ora en alta voz usando una de las fórmulas siguientes o palabras semejantes:

N., Yo impongo mis manos sobre ti [y te unjo] en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, rogando que nuestro Salvador Jesucristo te sostenga, expulse la enfermedad del cuerpo y de la mente y del espíritu, y te conceda esa victoria de vida y paz que te permitirá servir y regocijarte en Dios ahora y siempre. **Amén.**

El Padre Nuestro

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
 santificado sea tu Nombre,
 venga tu reino,
 hágase tu voluntad,
 en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
 como también nosotros
 perdonamos
 a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
 y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
 tuyo es el poder,
 y tuya es la gloria,
 ahora y por siempre. **Amén.**

Concluding Collect:

May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day be your companion and guide; may your journey be with The Virgin of Guadalupe and all the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace:

All standing,

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Colecta Final

Que el Dios que va delante de ustedes a través de lugares desiertos noche y día sea su compañero y su guía; que la trayectoria de ustedes sea con La Virgen de Guadalupe y todos los santos; que el Espíritu Santo les fortalezca y Cristo les revista de luz, en cuyo nombre oramos. **Amén.**

La Paz:

Todos de pie:

Celebrante: La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

Pueblo: **Y con tu espíritu.**

Anuncios

Bendición

Despedida

Díacono: Salgamos con gozo al mundo, en el poder del Espíritu.

Pueblo: **Demos gracias a Dios.**

TIMELINE FOR EPISCOPAL FARMWORKER MINISTRY

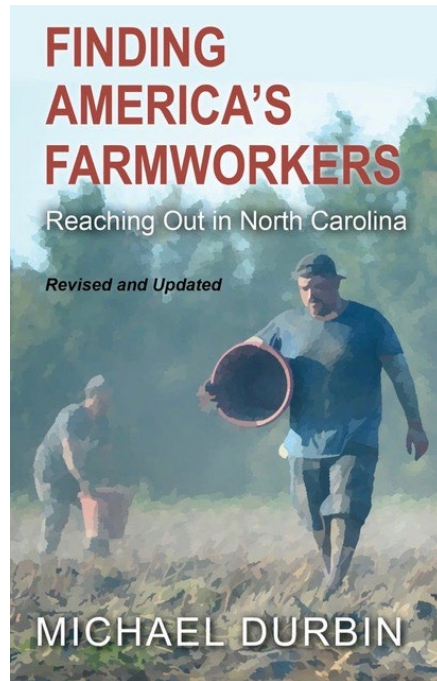
- 1977 Diocese of NC established Migrant Laborers' Fund for problem resolution; funded by Episcopal Church Women; administered by ECW volunteers
- 1978 Clothing Closet Ministry distributed clothing from trailers at Tri-County Community Health Clinic on Easy Street in Dunn, NC
- 1979 Parish Grant to St. Paul's, Smithfield funds Diocese of NC Dental Care Program, with volunteer community dentists and transportation provided
- 1984 New designation became "Episcopal Migrant Ministry"
- 1982 Neil Boisen - first outreach worker – hired to provide transportation, recreation activities, and translation services, chiefly to Haitian workers
- 1983 Amy Trester served as outreach worker and first full-time Executive Director
- 1984 Program additions included bus service, Parent-Child Education; expansion of recreation to include field trips. Work on sound and slideshow about farmworkers.
- 1985 Ministry hosts first Farmworker Festival at Hobbton High School in Newton Grove, to celebrate the fall harvest.
- 1985 Christian Social Ministries Committee (Diocese of NC) increased funding and volunteers; shelter in Newton Grove distributed literally tons of clothing
- 1986 Move from trailers at TCCHC to rented farmhouse
- 1986 Joint diocesan committee plans programs and administers funds, with Phylis Kalk, of Emmanuel, Southern Pines, as committee chair
- 1986 Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act provides amnesty to undocumented immigrants and launches the H-2A guestworker program
- 1986 Name changed to Episcopal Farmworker Ministry
- 1986 Rental of farmhouse near Tri-County Community Health Center allowed for more services, such as an emergency food pantry; 2nd Farmworker Festival in November
- 1987 2 deacons, the Revs. Bobbie Armstrong and Rebecca Blair, hired for one day each a week, to assist with the ministry
- 1988 Jim Lewis, new chair of Christian Social Ministries Committee (Diocese of NC) announced plans to develop a center for migrant work in the Newton Grove area
- 1988 2 trailers donated by St. Paul's, Cary; first temporary/part-time secretary hired

- 1989 Move to Catholic Migrant Ministry in Dunn, then to two trailers on purchased property adjacent to Tri-County Community Health Center
- 1989 Newton Grove property in Diocese of EC to be under Trustees of that Diocese
- 1989 Introduction of H-2A Program in NC led to increased activity, advocacy groups, new buildings and programs
- 1989 United Farm Workers rep spoke of danger of pesticides at NC Diocesan Convention
- 1990 Farmworkers Activities building at Newton Grove dedicated on November 17th
- 1991 St. Martin's Migrant Head Start Center opens; Christina Alvarado, Director; center undergoes expansion in 1992
- 1993 Hiring of receptionist, eventual director, and longest-serving employee Silvia Cendejas
- 1993 8 non-profit organizations revive Farmworkers Festival in September
- 1994 NC Farmworkers Project offers training for lay health advisors to facilitate presentations on pesticide prevention, camp safety, AIDS, and legal rights.
- 1995 Hiring of Executive Director Holly Christofferson
- 1995 Farmworker Festival sponsored by EFM & Tri-County Community Health Center
- 1996 Hiring of Rev. Antonio "Father Tony" Rojas as sacramental minister and later Executive Director
- 1996 Hiring of Wilfredo Rivera, a former migrant farmworker, as Executive Director
- 1997 Groundbreaking for El Centro Episcopal, with a procession and shovels held by Bishops of East Carolina and North Carolina, and by Fr. Tony Rojas
- 1998 Ministry serves nearly 5,000 community members across a range of programs
- 1998 Ministry relocates to new 17-acre campus dubbed "El Centro Episcopal on Easy Street"
- 1999 Ministry provides major disaster relief following Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd, and Irene
- 2000 Ministry hosts 10th fall farmworker festival with 2,000 in attendance
- 2001 Ellen Phelps new director
- 2002 Episcopal mission at EFM becomes parish church La Sagrada Familia in Diocese of NC
- 2004 Episcopal Farmworker Ministry celebrated 14th Annual Farmworker Festival
- 2006 Christian Social Ministries chair touts Sister Communities Program that matches parish or community groups with farmworkers in more than 30 workers' camps
- 2015 Harvest for Hospitality, a 2-year fundraising campaign raised \$193,000 for the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry

- 2015 Juan Carabaña becomes Interim Executive Director
- 2018 Lariza Garson is new Executive Director and Juan Carabaña serves as Program and Outreach Coordinator
- 2018 Ministry provides major disaster relief following Hurricane Florence and Tropical Storm Michael
- 2019 Ministry hosts 28th fall Farmworker Festival
- 2020 Ministry launches multi-year relief services in response to Covid-19 global pandemic
- 2021 2,043 COVID vaccines and 1,405 other vaccines administered
- 2021 The Rev. Fred Clarkson becomes priest-in-charge of La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia
- 2022 Groundbreaking for La Sagrada Familia's new church building
- 2023 Efforts underway to revitalize Episcopal Farmworker Ministry
- 2024 Mauricio Chenlo hired as new Executive Director (pictured here)



A Word from Michael Durbin



Finding America's Farmworkers: Reaching Out in North Carolina is a narrative non-fiction survey of the lives of agricultural guest workers, the farmers who hire them, the advocates who help them, and others. Based on dozens of interviews and an extensive review of existing literature, the book provides a wide-ranging introduction to a little-known community we all depend on to feed us.

Written by long-time Episcopal Farmworker Ministry volunteer, Michael Durbin, the book was first published in 2024 and updated in 2025, and is available in various formats.

Use the QR code or link below to access the website for my book.



findingamericasfarmworkers.com

Website visitors can learn about, read for free online, or purchase a copy.