



Welcome to Food and Faith



Welcome!

Seattle Tilth's Food and Faith Initiative helps houses of worship to envision, design, build, and maintain food-bearing gardens to support our neighbors in King County, Washington. The majority of our members have "giving gardens," in which volunteers tend the garden and the harvest is donated to a local food bank or meal program. Some garden to support their own internal hunger-relief programs, and others give produce to members of the congregation who may be in need.

Network Membership:

By becoming a member of Seattle Tilth's Food and Faith network, your house of worship will benefit from the expertise of Seattle Tilth's garden staff, as well as networking opportunities with other people of faith who are gardening to end hunger in King County.

As a member congregation of Seattle Tilth's Food and Faith network, your community receive:

- Invitations to our quarterly Food and Faith events where we meet to share our experiences and make contacts with others who share our mission, as well as invitations to free gardening education held at local houses of worship.
- Access the Food and Faith calendar, hosted on the Seattle Tilth website. There, we can post your work parties and your volunteers will be able to sign up to volunteer in your garden. You'll get an email notification every time someone signs up, along with their name and contact information. We hope to organize some cross-pollination between communities who have gardens, encouraging ecumenical and interfaith cooperation!
- Assistance in connecting to local food banks and meal programs who need your help.
- The opportunity to host one two-hour gardening workshop on a topic of your choice.
- The opportunity to host one hands-on composting workshop.

Membership Requirements:

As a member, we ask that you:

- Weigh your harvest and report your data to us. This helps us all to set goals for ourselves, and to demonstrate our collective impact on the community to funders and policy makers.
- Record the number of volunteer hours spent gardening. We have tools to make this easy.
- Support the work of of Just Garden as part of your core mission as a congregation, as you are able. Just Garden builds food-producing gardens for low income families. Each garden we build can produce up to \$750 of organic produce annually.
- Encourage your youth group to volunteer with Just Garden. Our garden building events are great one-day activities for young people looking for service opportunities.



Food and Faith Membership Benefits



Membership Levels:

Radish (FREE!):

- Access to all our Food and Faith events.
- Access to free workshops hosted by other houses of worship.
- Ability to post your work parties to the Food and Faith calendar at Seattle Tilth.
- One composting workshop for members of your community.
- One two-hour gardening workshop on a topic of your choosing.

Beet (\$50 per month builds 5 garden beds per year for families in need):

All the above, PLUS:

- Choose two of the following:
 - A three-session garden design workshop. This workshop will help your congregation to envision a mission for the garden and to create a garden design plan to take to the leadership of your congregation.
 - One on-site garden consultation.
 - One on-site composting system consultation.
- We'll also give you a copy of Seattle Tilth's Maritime Northwest Garden Guide for your congregation library, which provides everything you need to know about when to plant and when to harvest in our unusual climate (well, maybe not everything, but a lot!)

Tomato (\$150 per month builds 15 garden beds per year for families in need):

All the above, PLUS:

- Seattle Tilth will provide six hours of workshops on basic organic gardening at your house of worship, (can be scheduled as two or three sessions).
- Early-bird entry to Seattle Tilth's March and May Edible Plant Sales (up to 3 people).
- Two locally-grown bouquets of seasonal flowers from farmers in the Green River Valley.

Pumpkin (\$250 per month builds 25 garden beds per year for families in need):

Everything above, PLUS:

- One additional course from our catalogue, taught free at your house of worship.
- One community dinner for up to 50 people, including cooking lessons for up to ten members of your community. Meal will be prepared with fresh, local, organic ingredients by our Community Kitchens Northwest program staff (to be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time).