UU Statement on Faith and Agriculture

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● increases our proportionate consumption of plant-based foods, which increases the global access to calories, provides health benefits, and prevents injuring animals;

● minimizes the pain and suffering of animals by purchasing meat or seafood produced under humane conditions, for those who choose to eat meat or seafood;

● minimizes the negative environmental effects of raising animals or plants by purchasing organically produced food, and seafood certified as responsibly farmed or harvested;

● minimizes transportation-related carbon dioxide emissions by obtaining foods locally produced through home or community gardens, farmers markets, or community supported agriculture (CSA);

● provides farm workers with living wages and safe working environments;

● contributes to social harmony by encouraging communal eating;

● promotes health, consuming food in quantities that do not lead to obesity; and We advocate for the benefit of animals, plants, food workers, the environment and humanity by:

● purchasing fair trade--certified products as available.

● asking food sellers and producers to label where their products come from to determine distance of transport and whether the products were irradiated or contain Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs);

● pressing food sellers to require that their suppliers certify the humane treatment of animals;

● supporting legislation that requires the labeling of products that are irradiated or contain Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), distribution of adequate ethical food supplies, effective safety inspection of food production, and realignment of agricultural subsidies to support growing more produce and the viability of small farmers; and

● protecting and encouraging organic food production and its producers.

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