The Campaign for Migrant Worker Justice is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization founded to support the farm labor and immigrant rights movements. Our primary partner in these efforts is the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLO-CIO).

Hasta La Victoria!

“...And the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of Hosts...” James 5:4

YOU can make a difference for these!

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God's care about the worker is again expressed in Leviticus 19:13: “Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight;” and in Jeremiah 22:13, God warns: “Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his own people work for nothing, not paying them for their labor.”

The inhumane working and living conditions of tobacco farm workers in the South are well-documented: A North Carolina farm worker earns less than the national average of $11,000 per year—not even half the federal poverty level for a family of four. Half of North Carolina farm workers cannot afford enough food for themselves and their families, and more than one-third of housing for farm workers on the East Coast is severely inadequate or unfit for human habitation. Many are recruited by criminal syndicates in Mexico, forced to pay thousands in extortionist fees, and work without legal documentation. This makes them particularly vulnerable to exploitation. Moreover, tobacco workers frequently suffer from acute nicotine poisoning, or “green tobacco sickness,” as well as heat stroke and pesticide exposure.

Although Reynolds American Inc. does not directly employ tobacco farm workers, by contracting with tobacco growers, it establishes standards which directly effect the living and working conditions of farm workers, both within its supply chain and even beyond.

In order to address these inhumane living and working conditions and other abuses in the supply chain, we call on Reynolds American to provide the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, which advocates for and represents tobacco farm workers, with a written agreement establishing a process guaranteeing freedom of association and collective bargaining to tobacco farm workers in the Reynolds American supply chain.

Get involved!

Ask about Camp Solidarity, where we take delegations of people out to visit the workers and labor camps in North Carolina!

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