Tools for Justice

The *Book of Resolutions* states that “food is not merely another market commodity. Food is essential to life and is sacred culturally to all people. A preferred agriculture must have three attributes:

- It must be just.
- It must be participatory.
- It must be sustainable.

A just, participatory and sustainable agriculture would meet basic human needs for food and fiber, regenerate and protect ecosystems, be economically viable, enhance the quality of life for farm families, be supportive of rural communities, be socially just and be compatible with spiritual teachings that recognize the earth as a common heritage and responsibility.”

1The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church 2012, Resolution 3392, “Rural Communities in Crisis.”