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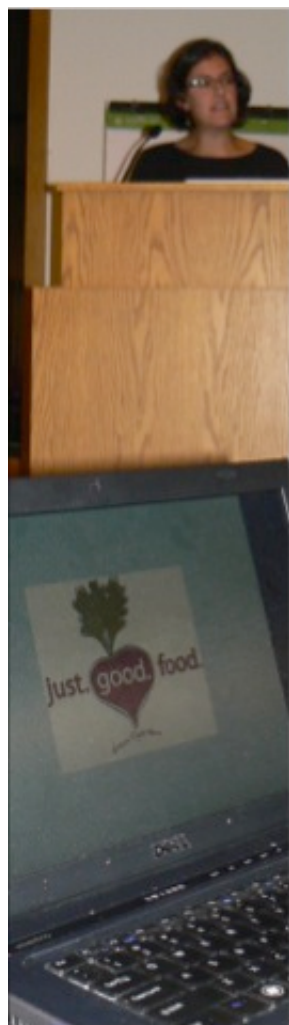
Dear Kris

Welcome to the The Homesteader!

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just.good.food. Strives To Use Fresh Produce to Feed the Hungry from the Meeting Summary, Synod of Lakes & Prairies



There is a history throughout the upper Midwest, home to the synods of Lakes and Prairies, Lincoln Trails and Mid-America. It's a history of agriculture - farming if you will. But today there are some things more insidious - poverty and hunger.

Sarah Moore-Nokes, associate executive presbyter in Winnebago Presbytery, puts it this way: "We are people who are connected to the land. ... You don't have to go back too many generations to find the person or family that had been a farmer, who depended on the land he or she worked."

But there's the other part. "We are also people with a higher than average poverty rate," living in a food desert, "where grocery stores are less common than bars."

Hence, there's just.good.food, a project for local congregations that leads to collaboration with local organizations to grow and distribute "food to those who do not have enough." Moore-Nokes is the catalyst for the project, originally presenting the framework last winter at a meeting of a small group of leaders from the synods.

Starter packets for just.good.food. went in the mail last month to congregations and other organizations who have expressed an interest in participating in the project's pilot year. About 45 congregations across the three synods are on the list of participants.

Congregations participating in the pilot program have committed to receive curriculum, to plant a garden - perhaps a new or existing garden plot or even five-gallon buckets - to grow food for those in need, to distribute food locally through food pantries, community suppers or other similar community efforts, and to report

FALL 2012 Homestead Presbytery Session Records Review Schedule

Saturday, November 3
2:00 pm @ Beatrice

PYT 2013

Registration

for High
School age

youth begins January 31- May
31, 2013 (Fall 2013 freshman
thru graduating spring of 2013)

Cost: \$469.00 per person

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transportation costs

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on the success of activities.

While "starter" information has been distributed, interested congregations are able to join the ongoing mission project, just.good.food., at any time. Congregations that would like to participate in this developing mission should contact Moore-Nokes at sarah@winnebagopresbytery.org, or Duane Sweep, associate for communications in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, at dsweep@lakesandprairies.org.

[More](http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102873944196-267/Just+Good+Food+Project+Narrative+(2).pdf) at [http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102873944196-267/Just+Good+Food+Project+Narrative+\(2\).pdf](http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102873944196-267/Just+Good+Food+Project+Narrative+(2).pdf)



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Gina Meester now has a blog about her life in Africa as a YAV - check it out at <http://gmyav2012.blogspot.com/>

Why I Love My Church.....

Presbytery is my church. I love my church because I am able to have fun with my friends from various churches as we worship and hear someone else preaching, listen to the reading of scripture, and support one another in prayers. I feel supported in times of need - like hospital visitation for my family, and also kind words when needed. Plus my church puts up with my brand of humor.



Duncan Nichol, pastor, Tekamah, NE

Send us a note about why you love your church! krisp@homestead.org

Tell us what's going on in the life of your congregation or ministry - Church news, event promotion, mission articles and photos are all welcome!

Please submit articles to krisp@homesteadpres.org or mail to 1135 Eastridge Road, Lincoln, NE 68510

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