



Sangha Nationwide To Do Food Waste Dharma

September 21-23, 2018



If you realized that half of the money your family earned every month was thrown away – not spent frivolously but actually thrown away into the trash - you'd be furious. Yet that is what we do with food.

Our faith teaches us that no one should be hungry and that we are supposed to help those who are.

Every week when donations are made to help the needy in our community, we hope that some of that will help hungry families, yet little thought is given to the fact that the nation has more than enough food to feed everyone. The real issue is that we are not using the food we already have.

In 2016, an innovative nonprofit called AmpleHarvest.org - best known for their work at enabling millions of gardeners to give their excess harvest to more than 8,200 food pantries – created Food Waste Weekend to have the clergy of all faiths do sermons on food waste – all on the same weekend. It is intended to have people of faith learn about the food waste from their own faith perspective and explore how they could reduce it.

This year, on the weekend of **Sept 21-23**, we along with other sangha, imams, rabbis, priests, ministers and clergy of other faiths will be speaking about what we can do to make sure that food nourishes someone instead of filling a landfill.

Not only is the issue important because of its impact on hunger and the environment, the fact that clergy of different faiths will all be giving essentially the same sermon on the same weekend is a demonstration of interfaith brotherhood.

Food Waste Weekend is an excellent opportunity to start discussing how we can care for our neighbors in need by first not wasting what God has given us.

Food Waste Weekend is an educational program of AmpleHarvest.org. Its resources are available for free as part of our larger effort to end food waste and hunger. More at www.AmpleHarvest.org

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