Episcopal Farmworker Ministry's Programs & Services

- **Building Bridges Together:** EFWM provides a space for members of the farmworker community and the Episcopal Church to get to know each other. By building community between these populations, we hope to foster solidarity and tolerance.

- **Disaster Relief Program:** EFWM provides disaster relief services to victims of natural disasters in farmworker communities. We respond immediately after a disaster by providing basic need items to farmworkers and families. We help families recover from disasters by assisting them with home repairs, rent assistance, transportation, payment of utilities, etc.

- **English Classes:** EFWM hosts free English classes so that community members can gain the speaking, reading, and writing skills necessary to participate fully in their roles as family members, community members, and workers. This program is done in collaboration with Sampson Community College.

- **Farmworker Festival:** EFWM thanks farmworkers for their work by providing them with a space where they can celebrate their culture with music, traditional cuisine, and sports. We also use this opportunity to provide farmworkers with information about the services and resources available to them.

- **Food Distribution Program:** EFWM provides low-income families with free food items once per month. This program is done in collaboration with the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina.

- **Immigration Services:** EFWM assists currently eligible immigrants with their applications before USCIS; and provides resources for the community to prepare for immigration reform or for immigration enforcement measures. Services include citizenship and residency applications, family petitions, and DACA.
- **Mental Health Program:** EFWM provides free mental health services in Spanish to the community in collaboration with El Futuro, Inc. Therapy is done via video calls with El Futuro's therapists.

- **Outreach Program:** EFWM visits farmworker camps weekly to provide farmworkers with information about how to protect their health, to deliver donations, and to break the isolation experienced by the workers. The delivery of water carriers is an important part of our program, as record high temperatures are affecting farmworkers' health.

- **Summer Trips:** EFWM provides children, ages 6 to 17, in farmworkers' families and communities with the opportunity to visit different areas of North Carolina, in order to expose them to different cultures, lifestyles, and opportunities.

- **Sunday Service:** EFWM hosts La Sagrada Familia, a local congregation of mainly Latinx families, for their Sunday service. Our staff provides rides to farmworkers who want to attend the service but do not have transportation.

- **Visitors Program:** EFWM educates participating groups about the lives of farmworkers, encourages participants to become farmworker advocates, and provides a space where members of the farmworker community and other groups can get to know each other.

- **Women in Grace and Action:** EFWM provides low-income families with an affordable way to acquire clothing and other household objects by holding monthly sales.

The program is run by a small group of women in the community who also participate in workshops, deliver donations to farmworker women, and receive a small stipend to complement their family's income (which is funded with the money from the sales).