



**UNEARTHING HOPE  
AND ADVOCACY:  
HOW FAITH INSTITUTIONS AND  
FARMS CAN FIND PARTNERSHIP**

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# Introductions

- What brings you here today?

- Why is this type of work needed?



Luther Coffee Farm  
**Kona, Hawaii**  
Lutheran

# 4 farm stories



Springstroh Family Farm  
**Freedom, Wisconsin**  
Evangelical



Abundant Table Farm  
**Camarillo, California**  
Episcopalian



Mustard Seed Farm  
**Ames, Iowa**  
Catholic Worker



Amber  
&  
Judy



Alice



Louise



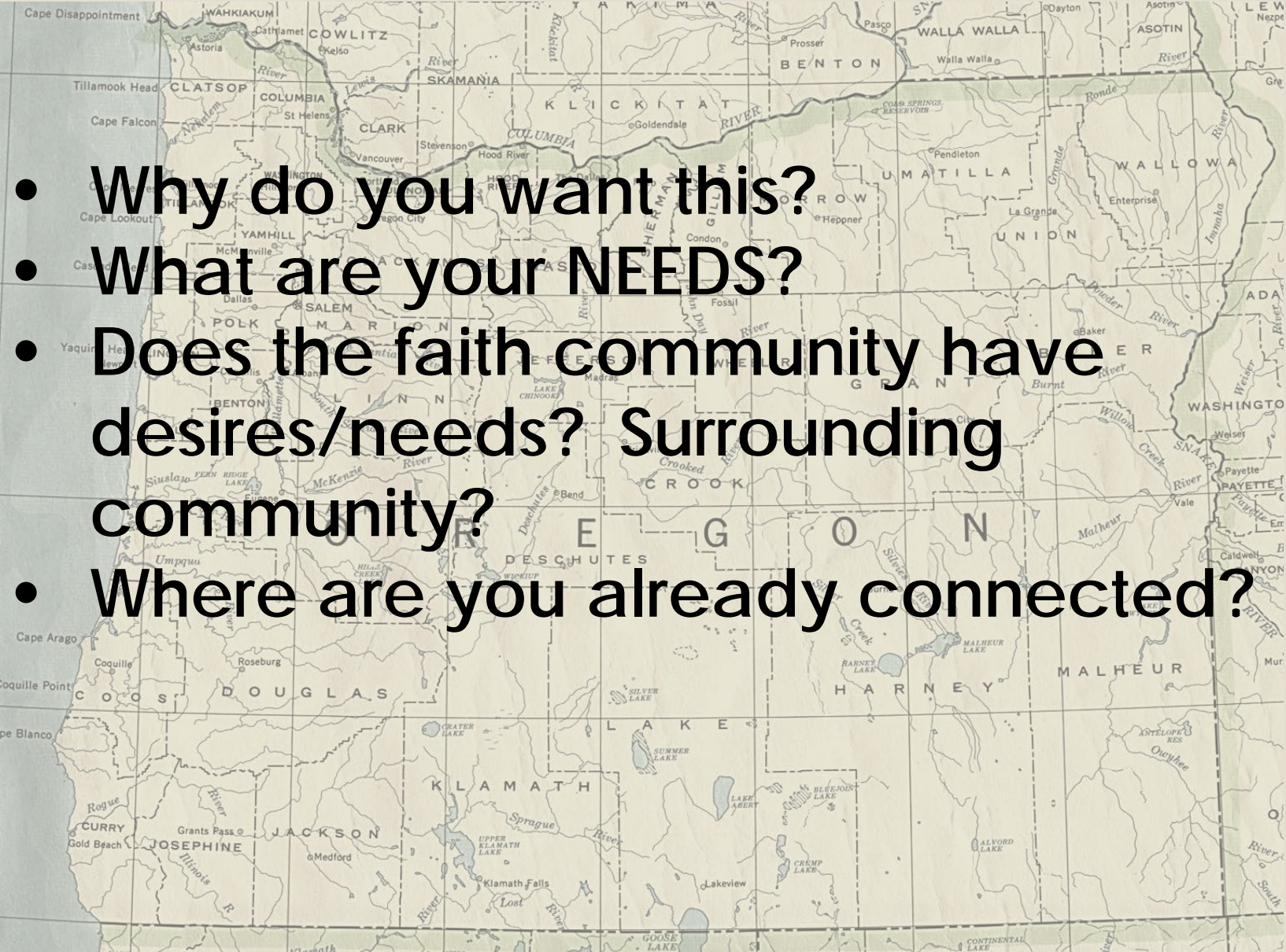
# Abundant Table Farm





# Where to start?

- Answer Yes or No to the following questions:
  - Does your faith community(ies)
    - Acknowledge climate change issues and realities?
    - Have a garden/connected to a community garden?
    - Connected to an environmental non-profit?
    - Linked to a Community Supported Ag network/farm/pick-up place?
    - Hosts stewardship events?
    - Works on policy/community advocacy?

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- **Why do you want this?**
  - **What are your NEEDS?**
  - **Does the faith community have desires/needs? Surrounding community?**
  - **Where are you already connected?**

Community  
mapping  
&  
Vision  
casting



# Avenues of engagement

- Farm partnership

- Planting/Harvesting/Weeding "parties"
- Feast day meals on site (Shabbat, Langar meals, Sunday supper, Saint days, Ramadan break of fast)
- Farm tours for faith communities
- Retreat days

- Community partnership

- Educational programming at faith org
- Faith leader/community leader education
- Church, temple, etc./community garden
- Movie night
- Engage with a CSA-type conversation/movement
- Access to land

- Education partnership

- Founding school green programs
- Providing school with food
- School gardens
- Compost education





# Action steps

- Based on your map:
  - What is your vision?
  - Who can you start a conversation with?
  - What are two steps you are leaving with today?

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