## If faith is an important part of your life, you should know it's an important part of our work!

Indeed it's so important to the work AmpleHarvest.org does that the faith community will be participating in AmpleHarvest.org's Food Waste Weekend (<a href="https://www.FoodWasteWeekend.org">www.FoodWasteWeekend.org</a>) next Spring with clergy of all faiths speaking out about food waste and hunger.

Why?

Because 70% of America's food pantries are in a house of worship – quite possibly yours.

Hungry families in your community rely on a food pantry to put food on the table.

While charitable donations help buy the needed food, AmpleHarvest.org is helping tens of millions of gardeners donate excess fresh produce to a local food pantry.

More than 11 billion pounds – enough to feed 28 million hungry people is available in millions of gardens nationwide.

Let's look a bit closer

Historically, churches, synagogues and mosques have been the center of charitable efforts to help feed and shelter those who have fallen on hard times. Just as importantly, they have helped to inspire their congregants to be sensitive to those afflicted and help them in their times of need. Food pantries in the faith community are a natural "fit".

The call from the pulpit to feed the hungry can now also be accompanied by a call to end hunger by not wasting food.

AmpleHarvest.org makes this happen – across all 50 states and across all faiths.

A monthly <u>contribution</u> to AmpleHarvest.org says that you have faith this this solution. Please include AmpleHarvest.org in your end of year giving plans.



AmpleHarvest.org is a top rated charity that is working hard on the very issue you are most concerned about and we need your support to do the best job possible. More importantly, we need your support to help America's gardeners help their own community and ultimately, the environment.

And I have one other "ask" for you: Please forward this note to a friend right now. Please tell them that you found a great charity that helps other people – 42 million of them - help other people. For good.

From everyone at AmpleHarvest.org: Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Season's Greetings

Gary Oppenheimer Founder/Exec. Director



