

Plainsong is committed to pursuing equity and justice in our communities.

Plainsong Farm recognizes the problematic and destructive legacy of white supremacy tied to European Christian settler colonialism and sees the need to seek justice and reconciliation. Because racially linked health inequities are connected to culturally diverse healthy food access, Plainsong seeks to grow and distribute produce in ways that lead to greater health equity in our community. As an organization located in Courtland Township and founded by individuals of European descent with attendant white privilege, we recognize that our perspective is necessarily limited. We are committed to continuing to learn and change in order to pursue equity and justice in our communities. While northern Kent County is predominantly white per census data, it is our goal to increase diversity and equity in this community.

Specific current practices

Plainsong's local produce donation is provided to people of every background and belief. No test of religious belief or engagement in any religious practice shall be required or expected of people in order to receive Plainsong's produce, whether directly from our organization or through our distribution partnerships.

Plainsong seeks out and prioritizes partnerships with non-profit organizations committed to equity and justice models for food distribution and healthy food access.

Plainsong prioritizes growing culturally diverse food to serve health equity goals, working with distribution partners to integrate requests for specific crops to serve west Michigan's diverse population into our annual crop planning cycle.

Plainsong's group farm based education programs are provided to people of every background and belief. In our work with group field trip farm based education programming, we will not include sectarian religious doctrine unless requested in writing by the customer organization. Programs for individuals and families which include religious content shall be clearly marked as such in all advertising so an informed choice may be made by potential participants.

Plainsong integrates racial justice and equity into our staff training and our signature residential service/learning young adult program, including about the indigenous communities of Michigan, the sacred stories of the People of the Three Fires, their experience of land dispossession as a result of settler colonialism, and the persistence and revitalization of indigenous foodways.

Plainsong includes acknowledgment of the land dispossession of indigenous communities in public worship experiences.

Plainsong's board commits to regular continuing education on practices of equity and justice.

2019 - year of incorporation

2020 - White Supremacy and Me reading group and discussion

2021 - Food Solutions New England Racial Equity Challenge participation