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## Mission Moment

One Sunday a year our annual conference recognizes and celebrates **Rural Life Sunday**. We say *"Thank You"* to those who share the fruits of their labor and to those who provide an abundant harvest for a starving world.

In tough and changing times, farmers must add food security, new technology and feeding a growing and hungry world to an already long to-do list. They may live in small towns, but their work has global impact.

Too often, we forget about the hands that feed us. We enjoy the fruits of their labor, but sometimes we forget to connect their hard work to the quality of our lives.

We must give thanks for God's gifts of fertile land for growing food, fresh air to breathe, and the beauty of birds and animals. Often, we take for granted God's creation and those who nurture and protect it.

Are you out of touch with the simpler life? This week offer prayers of gratitude around the dinner table. Take a country drive...stop at a roadside stand for homegrown fruits and veggies. Let us renew our commitment to being a good steward of God's creation.