



## Farm-to-Faith: Increasing Healthy Food Access in the Faith-Based Community in New York City through Food Hubs

The Faith-Based Food Hubs Program of Cornell University Cooperative Extension New York City (CUCE-NYC) is designed to increase access to New York farm products by Faith-Based Organizations through MarketMaker. MarketMaker is an online resource (<http://nymarketmaker.cornell.edu>) providing access to over 2000 New York farmers and their available produce. Food Hubs create distribution and networking locations for Faith-Based Organizations to receive fresher, healthier, and flavorful produce from New York farmers at reasonable prices. Each Food Hub creates a network with 6-8 additional churches. The “Hub” church collects the food orders, negotiates with the producers on price and delivery and organizes the volunteers every week to unload and distribute through the network. CUCE-NYC provides instruction and support to the “Hub” churches and assists the “Hub” administrators in scheduling and managing deliveries. All participating churches receive free MarketMaker training and nutrition education by CUCE-NYC. Currently, over 30 Faith-Based Organizations across New York City participate in seven Food Hubs which purchase thousands of pounds of fresh produce from New York farmers on a weekly basis. The purchasing volume averages \$700-\$1,000 per Hub per week.



### **Faith-Based Organizations participating in the Food Hubs Program (Summer and Fall 2013)**

Abyssinian Baptist Church  
Antioch Baptist Church of Corona  
Bethany Baptist Church of Jamaica  
Brooklyn Reform Church  
Caldwell Temple Soup Kitchen  
Christian Fellowship SDA Church  
Cornerstone SDA Church  
East New York SDA Church  
Easter Memorial Church  
Elim International Church  
Evergreen Baptist Church  
First Baptist Church of Corona  
First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica

God’s Battalion of Prayer Church  
Haven on Earth Worship Center  
Holy Innocents Church  
Hope City Empowerment Center  
King of Glory Tabernacle  
Mamre SDA Church  
Mt. Horeb Holiness Church of God  
Mt. Olivet Gospel Church  
Mt. Sion Baptist Church  
New Hope Lutheran Church  
New Gospel Temple Church of God  
Pan African Church of God in Christ  
Powerhouse Saint Luke Church

Rehoboth Church of God in Christ  
New Jerusalem United Methodist Church  
Salem Missionary Baptist Church  
Salem United Methodist Church  
St. Albans Baptist Church  
St. Augustine Episcopal Church  
St. Luke Baptist Church  
St. Lydia’s Lutheran Church  
St. Mark AME Church  
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church  
True Zion Gospel Temple

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