



at Union Presbyterian
Seminary



God causes plants to grow for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth.

– Psalm 104:14

SHALOM FARMS AT UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY

Founded in 2008, Shalom Farms is a local Richmond nonprofit working with communities to ensure access to healthy food and the support to lead healthy lives. Everyone should have access to good food—food that is good for our bodies, good for the environment, and good for our communities. However, thousands in Richmond lack access to healthy food. Many people also lack the tools and resources to cook it, eat it, and share it. Through sustainable agriculture and hands-on experiences, Shalom Farms works with communities to ensure access to healthy food, and the support to lead healthy lives. With the help of amazing volunteers, Shalom Farms presently grows 180,000 pounds of food at its farm site in Powhatan County. Beginning in spring 2018, Shalom Farms will also start growing food in the heart of Richmond's Northside at Union Presbyterian Seminary to support its programs and partners in building healthy communities around good food.

For more information about Shalom Farms, see www.shalomfarms.org, or simply contact volunteer@shalomfarms.org to get your hands in the earth!

JUSTICE IN RICHMOND, VA

“Why doesn't everyone have access to nutritious food?” This question simultaneously demands sharp theological analysis and committed moral action regarding broader, systematic issues of justice in Richmond, from access to employment, transportation, quality education, and health care, to neighborhood affordability, economic development, and racial reconciliation.

The seminary's Richmond campus lies along the avenue that largely separates east and west Richmond, with heavier concentrations of poverty located in Richmond's East End and far greater concentrations of wealth in Richmond's West End. For Richmond, like so many American cities, it is imperative for people of faith to engage issues of race, class, and opportunity so that everyone can flourish as God intends. The seminary seeks to be a partner in this work through cultivating service opportunities for volunteers and interns, generating educational resources for seminary courses, and creating occasions for critical, constructive dialogue.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. – Amos 5:24