



Community powered
model of stewardship
and food justice.



Did you know?

- More than 1 in 4 San Diegans go hungry.
- Yet, over 40% of all food produced is wasted.

Since 2014, ProduceGood has recovered over 1.8 million pounds of produce, providing 5.6 million servings of fresh fruits and vegetables for food-insecure San Diegans.

Faith-Based Glean Ups expand this work by mobilizing congregations to:

- Share backyard abundance
- Reduce local food waste
- Strengthen neighborhood food access
- Deepen relationships within and beyond their walls

This is community food justice in action.

Program Benefits

Faith-Based Glean Ups activate congregations to care for neighbors and steward abundance already growing in our community.

ProduceGood provides a simple structure that helps congregations:

**Strengthen a
culture of care.**

Neighbors
feeding
neighbors.

**Volunteer-driven,
community-
powered impact.**

Activate
congregational
leadership.

**Edible produce
stays out of
landfills and into
kitchens.**

Reduce food
waste locally.

**Hands-on action
rooted in
community
stewardship.**

Build food justice
awareness.



Feeding community, not landfills

1. Identify Abundance: Congregation members with backyard fruit trees or gardens donate excess produce.

2. Activate Volunteer Champion(s): Each congregation identifies a “Glean Champion” who:

- Posts announcements (bulletin / email / social media)
- Collects produce during the designated window
- Weighs and tracks donations
- Transports bounty to a local feeding partner (if not distributed on-site)

In many cases, this can be one committed individual.

3. Collect & Weigh

4. Distribute Locally: Recovered produce may:

- Support the congregation’s own food pantry
- Be delivered to a ProduceGood Core Circle partner
- Go to a partner organization selected by the congregation (in coordination with ProduceGood)

ProduceGood provides:

- Training for congregation volunteers
- Scale for simple weighing
- Optional bins or tote bags (if needed)
- URLs for tracking system
- A-frame signage + communication materials
- Impact tracking
- Social media & newsletter amplification
- Support identifying feeding partners
- Ongoing relationship and growth support.

The congregation provides:

- Promotion within the congregation
- A visible collection space
- A volunteer champion (or small team)
- Communication with ProduceGood
- Monthly consistency

Frequently Asked Questions

Does monthly matter? Consistency builds:

- Brand recognition within the congregation
- Habit formation around donation
- Increased poundage over time
- Deeper volunteer engagement
- Expanded food justice impact

Is this complicated to run? No. With one committed champion and monthly consistency, the model is simple and sustainable.

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Is there a cost? We work collaboratively with congregations to determine sustainable partnership models.

What if we only have small donations? Every pound matters. Small beginnings often grow over time.

Next Steps:

1. Identify a Glean Champion
2. Select a monthly collection date
3. Schedule volunteer training with ProduceGood
4. Launch your first Glean Up

Contact kiyonna@producegood.org to get started!