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### Mission Statement

Rural and Migrant Ministry works for the creation of a just rural New York State through:

- Nurturing leadership
- Standing with the disenfranchised, especially farmworkers and rural workers
- Changing unjust systems and structures

### Vision Statement

Rural and Migrant Ministry Inc. acts to overcome the prejudices and poverty that degrade and debilitate all members of our society by building communities that celebrate diversity, achieve true mutuality and offer dignity and opportunity to all. Rural and Migrant Ministry is an interfaith organization whose members believe that inspiration comes from participation in the creation of a just world.

To this end Rural and Migrant Ministry is committed to:

- Honor and support efforts of those who are disenfranchised, especially migrant farmworkers and the rural poor, as they seek greater self-determination;
- Transform ourselves to use our privileges and actions, not as pillars of oppression, but as forces for justice;
- Nurture the development of leaders from various communities;
- Build a ministry that brings people of diverse socio- economic, religious, cultural and racial backgrounds together and promotes the exchange of resources, ideas and hopes;
- Address the root causes of poverty and prejudice that are maintained in public and private policies through advocacy and the development of alternative policies and structures;
- Be equitable, just and honor diversity within the structures, policies, programs, activities and mores of the organization.

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*"I will never forget all that I received from RMM and thank you especially for teaching me the importance of empowerment and giving people choices."--Chakera McIntosh*

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RMM implements its mission through three program areas:

- ACCOMPANIMENT - RMM supports and stands with farmworkers as they seek to improve their living and working conditions in New York.
- EDUCATION - RMM raises leadership skills and awareness of opportunities and issues.
- YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM - RMM works with rural, migrant and immigrant youth.

We are located throughout New York with offices in Dutchess, Sullivan, Monroe, Wayne, Albany and Tompkins counties.

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