

Come to the Great Banquet!

**Annual Conference June 11-14, '08
Invite your congregation to get
involved in the conversation around
food and faith!**



Nebraska's bounty at the Farmer's Market in Broken Bow

1. Get copies of L. Shannon Jung's book **Food for Life: the Spirituality and Ethics of Eating** and form **study circles** this spring. Jung will be our Bible leader during Annual Conference.

"Looking at food through a theological prism, Food for Life begins the probe of personal and systemic eating disorders, finally pointing the way to reverse disorder and move toward personal and social redemption. Jung's many-faceted, delightful exploration of what we might have thought of as common takes us from the table to the world and the cosmos."

Carol S. Robb, the Margaret Dollar Professor of Christian Social Ethics, San Francisco Theological Seminary.

2. Share your food stories at Annual Conference!

Throughout our days together we will center much of our time on how faith and food are connected around two biblical food themes: delight and sharing.

We all have stories about food! Perhaps your church is involved in Meals on Wheels or you have a Lord's Acre Day in the fall. Maybe you have a monthly pot luck after worship or you take fresh baked bread to first-time visitors to your church. Some youth groups participate in 30-hour fasts to raise awareness about hunger and many support area food pantries. There are congregations that advocate for the hungry through public policy efforts. Many serve Equal Exchange products! There are many varied ways people of faith enjoy the delights of food and are active in sharing with others, locally and globally.

So, we are inviting churches to send us your stories! Here is the *recipe* for sharing your story.

Recipe 3 to 6 digital photos of your food-related activity

Up to 150 words describing how this activity glorifies God or has brought you into a closer relationship with God.

Optional: share how this activity encompasses one or several of the six signs of discipleship.

1 sentence prayer.

Add: contact person, name of church and district.

Combine all ingredients and send to Tamara Holtz, at gtholtz@gpcomnet no later than May 1, 2008.

Servings: God and neighbor!