

PETA Teams Up with Rev. Robert Turner and The Land of Kush to Launch Food Justice Grocery Giveaway in Baltimore

Empowerment Temple AME Church's new pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Turner, teams up with PETA and The Land of Kush to fight for food justice!

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- It's a great new twist on the after-church fellowship meal: After leading the Sunday service at [Empowerment Temple AME](#), the Rev. Dr. Robert Turner will join [PETA](#) and [The Land of Kush](#) in dishing out free vegan barbecue rib wraps as well as handing out free bags of groceries to members of the community as part of PETA's food justice campaign. The group's vegan meal starter kits of protein-packed and versatile tofu, fresh fruits and vegetables, recipes, and more are designed with nutrition in

mind. PETA will also invite people to call on their representatives to redirect meat, egg, and dairy industry subsidies as incentives for grocers in "food deserts" to stock healthy, humane vegan foods. The Rev. Turner was with PETA last month to hand out free food to those gathering to pray for justice at the trial of Ahmaud Arbery's killers in Georgia.

When: Sunday, December 5, 11:30 a.m.

Where: Empowerment Temple AME Church, 4217-4221 Primrose Ave., Baltimore

"All families deserve to have equally good access to fresh, healthy plant-based foods," says Rev. Turner. "Food justice is also racial justice, and I'm pleased to work with PETA to address this issue nationwide."



The flyer features a blue background with a yellow circle containing a portrait of Rev. Dr. Robert Turner. The text reads: "Fight FOR FOOD JUSTICE! Join us for free vegan food! PETA, Rev. Dr. Robert Turner of Baltimore's Empowerment Temple, and Land of Kush are giving away free vegan BBQ Rib Wraps and bags filled with fresh produce, tofu, recipes and more." Below this, it lists the event details: "WHEN: Sunday, December 5, 11:30 a.m." and "WHERE: Baltimore Empowerment Temple AME Church, 4217-4221 Primrose Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215". At the bottom, it says "TEXT JUSTICE TO 73822 TO TAKE ACTION FROM HOME!" and "Fight for Food Justice Flyer". A graphic of a raised fist filled with various fruits and vegetables is on the right side.

The Land of Kush owners, Gregory Brown and Naijha Wright-Brown expressed, "We are excited to team up with PETA and Rev. Dr. Turner for this food justice initiative that sends an important message to our government. More can be done to increase access to healthy foods and beverages in our communities. Let's open the dialogue on pivoting to a more plant-based culture."

Maryland's government spends millions of tax dollars each year subsidizing the bloated meat, egg, and dairy industries. In 2020, the state gave \$10 million to chicken factory farmers, when that money could have gone toward making healthy foods available in underserved areas where people have no ready access to fresh vegetables and fruits and other good foods. About one in four



PETA Food Justice Photo

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people in Baltimore live in an underserved community, and nearly one-third of the city's residents don't have access to a car, making local access to fresh foods essential.

“The government is propping up Big Meat while families in food deserts struggle to gain access to fresh fruits and vegetables, and that needs to change,” says PETA Executive Vice President Tracy Reiman. “PETA's food justice campaign aims to call attention to the inequities and unhealthy choices people in ‘food deserts’ face.”

Stocking stores in food deserts with healthy vegan food would save animals' lives; help vulnerable communities reduce their rates of cancer, heart disease, and diabetes; and help protect the environment, given that animal agriculture is responsible for nearly one-fifth of human-induced greenhouse-gas emissions and is a leading cause of habitat destruction, species extinction, and ocean dead zones.

Rev. Turner previously hosted a PETA food justice giveaway in Tulsa shortly before relocating to Baltimore.

PETA launched the food justice campaign in Atlanta with Pinky Cole of Slutty Vegan; held other giveaways in Indianapolis, Los Angeles, and New York; and has planned additional events throughout the country. PETA—whose motto reads, in part, that “animals are not ours to eat”—opposes speciesism, a human-supremacist worldview. For more information, please visit

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