



We, the undersigned representatives of Seekers Church, are committed to living into the promise of a reconciled creation by learning more about animals as a faith concern and by taking action to improve the lives of farmed animals.

We affirm that **encouraging community participation** in discussion and exploration of what it means to be humane Christians in relation to animals and food, in addition to setting and acting on food policy goals to **reduce the consumption of animal products** and **change the lives of farmed animals through improved sourcing** has benefits for our community members, the farmers who raise the animals we buy, the people who work in or live near factory farms, the broader environment, and the animals themselves.

Our community has already demonstrated our commitment to this issue through the following actions:

1. Our prepared meals for the Seekers Church School for Christian Growth are vegetarian, with a vegan option.
2. Our School for Christian Growth has had several 6-week classes on animal welfare and creation theology over the last five years, including “Steps Toward the Peaceable Kindom” and “Animals and Us: The Story So Far.”
3. We have raised awareness in the congregation about scriptural passages involving difficult issues such as animal sacrifice, especially in the context of our Word for the Children.

As a **CreatureKind Partner Community**, we commit to take the following additional actions within the next two years:

1. Make the *CreatureKind Commitment*.
2. Form an ongoing small group to nurture this commitment as part of our community, in part by taking the actions that follow.
 - a. As part of our commitment to oppose factory farming, support moving our community meals toward a more plant-based diet.
 - b. Have at least one class in the School for Christian Growth about attending to the welfare of animals farmed for human consumption. The class may use materials from CreatureKind, a book, or a film.
 - c. Have a sermon annually about loving God and creation by attending to the welfare of animals farmed for human consumption. The person delivering the sermon may be from Seekers Church or a person recommended by CreatureKind.

- d. Conduct a community discussion about CreatureKind and the welfare of farmed animals annually following a worship service. This discussion will highlight the human costs of our dependence on factory farming, as well as the evil done to animals.
- e. Sponsor a *Friendly Food Challenge* in the Seekers Church membership.
- f. Offer a multi-week curriculum for the Sunday School (when it resumes in-person) about animal welfare and our responsibilities as Christians to animals.

3. The Stewards of Seekers Church commit to being mindful and alert for opportunities to share with others an image of God and Christ that widens the circle of Christian compassion to include animals. We commit to making this a part of our vision of progressive Christianity.