

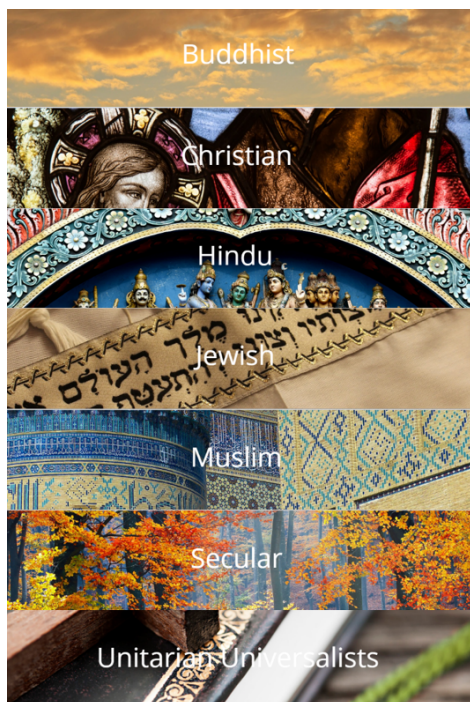


## Puja Nationwide To Give Food Waste Sermons

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If you realized that half of the money your family earned every month was thrown into the trash, you'd be furious. Yet that is what we do with food. More than 40% of the food in America is never consumed. Our nation has more than enough food to feed everyone. The real issue is that we are not using the food we already have.

In 2016, nonprofit AmpleHarvest.org – best known for their work enabling millions of gardeners to give their excess harvest to more than 8,200 food pantries – created Food Waste Weekend. It is intended to help people of faith learn about food waste from their own faith perspective and explore how they can reduce it.



This year, on the weekend of September 21-23, puja, sangha, rabbis, priests, imams, ministers and clergy of other faiths will be speaking about what we can do to make sure that food nourishes our community instead of filling a landfill.

[FoodWasteWeekend.org/Hindu](http://FoodWasteWeekend.org/Hindu) is a one-stop site for puja providing everything needed to learn about the food waste issue. A sample sermon, calls to action, and even a game show for the school can all be downloaded for free.

Not only is food waste important because of its impact on hunger and the environment, the fact that clergy of different faiths will all be giving essentially the same sermon on the same weekend is a demonstration of interfaith brotherhood.

Food Waste Weekend is an excellent opportunity to start discussing how we can care for our neighbors in need by first not wasting what God has given us.

*Food Waste Weekend is an educational program of AmpleHarvest.org. Its resources are available for free as part of our larger effort to end food waste and hunger. Learn more at [AmpleHarvest.org](http://AmpleHarvest.org)*

