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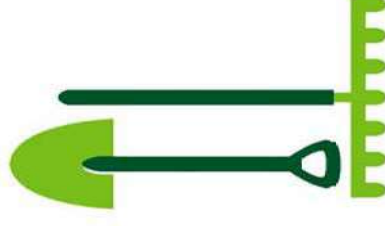
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## Minute for Mission

# Share Our Surplus

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*Characters: Pastor and Spouse (or two people portraying pastor and spouse)*

SPOUSE: Honey? Is that you?

PASTOR: *(Sound of bumping into things)*. Yes, it's me. Home from the committee meeting. *(Lifts up a couple of full, lumpy grocery sacks)* Sarah brought us tomatoes. And Ron brought us okra. Phil said something about bell peppers, by the way. And I tripped over **another** bushel of peaches on my way in the back door.

SPOUSE: *(Lifts up several more full, lumpy grocery sacks)*. Umm. I think these are the peppers. Phil must've left them on the front stoop. Oh, and I forgot and left the windows rolled down in the car this morning when I parked at the school.

PASTOR: Oh, no! You didn't. You know better than that. It's...

SPOUSE & PASTOR: *(Loudly)* **Zucchini season.** *(They groan.)*

SPOUSE: I did. Three bushels of them were in the backseat when I came out. What are we going to do with all these fruits and vegetables?

PASTOR: Well, at tonight's meeting we discussed a great new program that we're going to do this summer called "Share Our Surplus". We're going to ask all of the gardeners in our congregation to bring their surplus fruits and vegetables to the church on Sunday mornings, and we're going to put a long table out in the narthex each week, where the gardeners can put their bags and bushels of extra zucchini and peaches and tomatoes and everything else. We'll make the produce available to everybody in the congregation. Anybody can 'shop' at the Share Our Surplus table and pick up fruits and vegetables that they can use for their family's meals. Folks who can, we'd like for them to leave a love offering at the table, for what they think the produce is worth. Take what you need, give what you can. That way everybody can enjoy fresh, nutritious food this summer. Whatever's left at the end of the morning, volunteers will take right over to \_\_\_\_\_ *(agency)*. And we'll be sending the money we collect through love offerings to the Society of St. Andrew, a ministry that recovers fruits and vegetables to feed hungry people all over the country and right here in \_\_\_\_\_ *(state)*.

SPOUSE: That sounds great! Share Our Surplus will keep produce from going to waste, it will help folks here at \_\_\_\_\_ *(congregation)* eat better, and it will help the Society of St. Andrew feed hungry people across the country. When will Share Our Surplus start?

PASTOR: \_\_\_\_\_ *(date)*, and we'll continue every Sunday through mid-September.