FFD President’s Message
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Farm Aid 2019 Returns to Wisconsin!
Activities began in Lake Geneva on Sept. 19th at the Riviera Ballroom. Movers and Shakers from across the U.S. gathered to discuss the Topic: Forward from Here.

One might ask where is Forward from Here? Well, that would be a good question, given that the people who care for the land and feed our people seem to be engaged in an endless battle for survival. Many great minds have struggled with this idea. One can hope that the paths we choose lead us to a bridge that connects us with other people engaged in a just and sustainable future.

We heard from Rev. David L. Ostendorf (a longtime FFD member) about "Creating a Just Country from Solid Ground". He spoke of many years of effort to maintain the integrity of Rural America. Extremism continues to undermine those efforts and take us backwards. It is sad how through our history, other religions have been blamed for our problems - along with people of color and wards. It is sad how through our history, other religions have been blamed for our problems - along with people of color and religions. We must come together as one nation to fight for our future.

The time has come to work together to raise up society and create hope for a better future. At Farm Aid we heard from some of the tribal leaders of Wisconsin. They spoke of their struggles to keep their communities together - of their amazing efforts to protect their wisdom and traditions. They spoke of their efforts to fit into the broader Farm Aid community, and of their ongoing struggle to protect the people who care for the land. Continued on pg.3