

PRELUDE



From our Executive Director

SHOULDN'T ALL LIVES MATTER?



MISSION STATEMENT

The Long Island Council of Churches unites diverse Christians to work together to improve living conditions on Long Island and to promote interfaith understanding and cooperation.



The LICC is an ecumenical organization of Christians deeply involved in multi-faith work, which we are trying to reflect in our mission statement above.

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Absolutely, positively and without any debate all lives should matter...and must matter. In the wake and turbulence of the recent murders which occurred in Baton Rouge, Minneapolis and Dallas, the American people are in a state of unrest. Killing police officers and killing Black unarmed innocent males is a travesty. Anger, fear, hate, forgiveness, harmony, denial and disbelief are entangled in a web of mass emotions throughout this country. The ongoing debate and great divide exists because our country, America the beautiful, refuses to acknowledge and to deal with the elephant in the room. The elephant is the fear of others who are different from our selves. Xenophobia, Homophobia, Islamophobia, and Blackophobia are fears that have torn America apart. If we are to preserve the humane aspect of humanity then we will have to move from a mentality of mere tolerance to one of full acceptance of our neighbor, no matter the sexual orientation, no matter the cultural context and no matter the skin color. The racial tension of today echoes the days of Jim Crowism when those in uniform of the South were allowed to hurt, violate and kill unarmed Black citizens for walking on the wrong side of the street, for talking to those of the opposite sex or wanting to drink water from the wrong drinking fountain.

Historically, even the mention of Black as in the Black Movement of the sixties with

Black Power' and 'Black is Beautiful' has incited fear and caused many non-Blacks to associate Black with anger, violence and racism. Today, the word black in 'Black Lives Matter' has evoked anger by many non-Blacks who claim it is a racist and divisive campaign which implies that other lives do not matter. This slogan by no means implies that only Black lives matter. It is referring to the critical need for all of America to empathize with the murders of unarmed Black boys, young black women, and Black men in this nation. Trayvon Benjamin Martin, Eric Garner, Michael Brown Jr., Walter Scott, Freddie Gray, Alton Sterling, Sandra Bland, and Philandro Castile were just some of those murdered because of their skin color. Yet, a great majority of non-Blacks believe that these who were murdered must have done something to provoke an officer to use such force. This is the dividing perspective, and this denial that an officer would never use such force unless warranted, perpetuates the brokenness between Blacks and non-Blacks.

As someone recently stated, Black Americans are not collectively hallucinating acts of oppression and discrimination. I am a Black American who grew up in the 60's experiencing racism throughout my entire life as a resident of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Texas, California and now New York. Every day whether overt or covert, I am

involved in a racist encounter. I am a wife to a Black man and mother of two Black sons and one Black daughter, all of whom have stories of discrimination involving both physical and emotional pain. When my eldest son, now 31, was sixteen years old, he and a foster teen who was living with us, went to Toys'r'Us to complete a job application. When they came out of the store two police officers put them up against the vehicle asking them what they were doing. My son informed them of the job application. After checking their credentials, they were let go with the explanation that they looked like two other boys in pursuit.

How do we fix the broken? How do we all begin to heal? How do we move from retaliation to reconciliation? Of course there are no easy fixes. However there are steps in moving forward. If we are to believe that all lives matter, then we all have to become sensitized. We must all admit that racism is alive and strong in the U.S. If we are to believe that all lives matter then we must all relate to these deaths as if each black boy was their son, each black girl was their daughter, each black man was their father, brother or husband. We must all find a way to have formal and informal dialogue sitting at round tables discussing who we are as blacks and as whites understanding the struggles of both sides historically and presently. We must all dialogue with police chiefs, political officials, religious leaders and community residents working in harmony to find peace. We must all formally and informally break bread together. We must not be color blind, but we must all rather see, embrace and accept color as something good.

If we all refuse to make this a priority, then we all refuse to heal, and we are all at risk of widening the gap between black and white, risking the future of our children. My eldest son, (a former Air Force Academy Cadet, Tuskegee University graduate, Air Force Captain, and now an Aeronautical Science major and flight school student of Embry-Riddle University with a 4.0 GPA) recently proposed marriage to his amazing girlfriend, who happens to be white. It is my prayer, hope and belief that when they have children, and their children become my age, all lives will truly matter.

There is a hymn that says let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. If I could add to these meaningful words, I would say, let there be love on earth and let it begin with me.

~ 'Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.' I Corinthians 13:7-8.

Reverend Dyanne Pina

We would very much appreciate your contributions through Thrivent's Choice Dollars Program. Thank you.

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PRELUDE 2016

Publication schedule

DEADLINE

AUGUST 1 for
SEPTEMBER issue

SEPTEMBER 1 for
OCTOBER issue

Items for publication are received in the LICC Hempstead office. Two months advance notice is recommended for events requiring registration.

Can You Help?



During the summer months, many school-age kids have either limited or no access to food programs when school is not in session. The cost of sending children to summer programs that would include lunch is considerably beyond what most of our parents can afford. Even if they do pay for the summer programs, what's left is not sufficient for families to buy other basic items like laundry detergent, shampoo, soap, toiletries, etc. Families also don't have enough money to buy school supplies for their kids in August such as book bags, calculators, pens and pencils, notebooks, etc., for their children's return to school for a successful year.

For example, Julie, a single Mom with three kids ages seven, 10 and 12, sent her kids to summer camp, but the cost was expensive for three kids so she didn't have enough money to purchase personal care items or school supplies.



With your help, we can help these families feed their kids, provide them with personal care items and help them with the required school items. Thank you for caring.

LICCDonate.org

We invite you to visit our website at www.LICCDonate.org to make convenient cash contributions so we can buy food for our guests with dietary restrictions and Feed a Family of Four. If you donate through this website, we will do all the work for you, and the ever-increasing number of our guests with special dietary needs will be able to eat.

FOR THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS

The Long Island Council of Churches is enrolled in the Thrivent Choice Program or "Choice Dollars," and is therefore eligible to receive funding from Thrivent Choice whenever a Thrivent Financial member requests it. As a Thrivent Financial member, you determine where to direct your Choice Dollars funds. Any member can designate the Long Island Council of Churches as his/her choice, designating anywhere from \$25 to \$5,000 to the LICC or other nonprofit 501 (c) (3). Here's how it works:

You have to be a Thrivent Financial member to designate "Choice Dollars" to a nonprofit. The amount you can designate depends on one or more of the following:

- The amount you pay in annual premiums for qualifying products, e.g., life, disability income and long-term care insurance.
- The total contract value of your qualifying products, e.g., annuities and life insurance.
- Whether you hold a qualifying Thrivent volunteer leadership position.

Thrivent will determine your eligible amount based on the above criteria. When you request a part or all of your Choice Dollars go to the LICC, Thrivent will send you a letter stating the amount you have available to contribute.

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This year's Share the Harvest will honor our Executive Director Emeritus, The Rev. Tom Goodhue, who retired last month after 17 years as the LICC's Executive Director. When Tom first began in 2000, he inherited a precarious financial situation that was immediately made worse by cuts in local government reimbursements for the work they asked us to do. Fortunately, many supporters stepped up to help us keep our pantry doors open. EAB even gave us a \$25,000 grant to serve our most vulnerable neighbors without our even asking.

When Tom began, we were serving less than half the number of people we do now. We expanded our fundraising capacity that now includes a wonderful group of foundations and corporations to augment our faithful base of individual and congregational supporters.

Please join us for Share the Harvest on November 3rd to celebrate Tom's tenure and become better acquainted with his successor, The Rev. Dyanne Pina. You will soon be able to purchase sponsorships, ads, tickets, and donate to support Share the Harvest on our website at www.licc-ny.org

Community Based Clinical Pastoral Education **Offered in 2017**

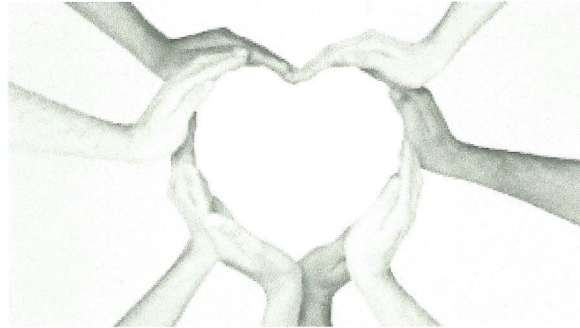
Are you interested in clinical pastoral care education and training (CPE/T) opportunities for yourself or your congregation? Community Based CPE/T explores community building through a clinical training and educational process from a pastoral care perspective in conjunction with congregational outreach and development. Clinical hours take place in the outreach ministries you are currently participating in within your faith community and/or in selected community agencies. Group sessions are held at the Mercer School of Theology, Garden City, NY. Applications are being accepted and reviewed for the 2017 Extended Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education and Training (CPE/T). Contact the Rev. Dr. Nancy Schaffer at (718) 869-7411 for more information.

WORTH QUOTING:

"You only love God as much as you love the least."

--Sign board at Wantagh Memorial Congregational

Please join us for this FREE workshop as we work together to end violence, hate, and inequality.



**Social Justice Workshop:
How We As White People Can Help End
Racism and Islamophobia**

Where is our place as White people in this movement? How do we speak up, step up, and support each other? What do we risk by standing up for what we believe in? How do we make a difference?

When: Saturday, July 23 from 10am-12pm

Where: Brookville Multifaith Campus (Fellowship Hall)
2 Brookville Road
Glen Head, NY 11545

Please email Rorri Geller-Mohamed to RSVP and with any questions at upowerchange@gmail.com

“Be the change you want to see in the world.” -Mahatma Gandhi

Rorri Geller-Mohamed, LCSW: Rorri is a white social worker and licensed therapist. She is also a member of the Brookville Multifaith Campus.

VIOLENCE IS NOT THE ANSWER

Awareness happenings — cmv

SAFETY PLAN FOR DV VICTIMS:

These suggestions are not a guarantee of safety, but they could improve your level of safety in an abusive relationship.

- If weapons are kept in your home, try to hide guns, ammunition, knives, and any other weapons, unless hiding the weapons would further jeopardize your safety. If this isn't possible, try to make them inaccessible.
- Think about your home; identify the areas that are easiest to escape from and are free of potential weapons. Try to move to those areas during an argument. Avoid going to rooms like the kitchen where there are knives and other potential weapons and the bathroom that has hard surfaces and most likely doesn't have a second exit.
- Try to have a phone accessible at all times. Consider hiding a prepaid cell phone to use in emergencies.
- Create a code word with friends and family in order to communicate to them that you need help.
- If an abusive incident seems imminent, trust your judgment. Sometimes it is best to leave; sometimes it is best to placate the abuser.
- Make a habit of backing your car into the driveway. Try to always have some gas. Keep the driver's door unlocked and lock all other doors. Have a copy of the car key made and hide one in the car.
- If leaving is not possible: Try to move into safe areas of your home. Make yourself physically smaller by curling into a ball and covering your head and face with your hands.

Safety While Preparing to Leave an Abusive Relationship

- Be aware that cellular phones can contain GPS tracking devices. If possible, plan to get a new phone and new service plan when you leave, and leave your original phone behind.
- Know that leaving an abusive relationship can be the most dangerous time for you.
- Try to set aside money, even in small amounts. Start your own savings or checking account. Use the address of a trusted friend or family member when setting up the account.
- Keep a written list of important phone numbers with you.
- Have a packed bag ready. Keep it hidden in your home or leave the bag with friends, family, or at work if possible.
- Items and documents to take: Birth and marriage certificates; ID and Social Security Cards; Keys to School and Medical Records; Passports, green cards, work permits; Protective order, divorce papers, custody orders or Bank papers and credit cards; Medicines
- Know that your computer activity can be monitored or checked without your knowledge. It is not possible to delete or clear all of the "footprints" from your computer or online activities. If you are being monitored, it may be dangerous to change your computer behaviors such as suddenly deleting your entire Internet history if that is not your regular habit.
- If you think you may be monitored on your home computer, you may want to keep using the monitored computer for non-personal activities, like looking up the weather or reading the news. Use a safer computer to research an escape plan, look for new jobs or apartments, bus tickets, or ask for help.
- Consider opening a free email account that your abuser doesn't know about. Only check it from public or otherwise safe computers (libraries, schools, a friends home).
- If you use have a cell phone, be aware that even calls that are toll-free will likely show up on your phone bill. Call your local domestic violence program and ask them about free cell phone programs. Usually these phones will allow you dial 911. Please call the 24-Hour National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or one of the numbers on this page.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NUMBERS

THE SAFE CENTER
Domestic Violence, Rape &
Sexual Assault Hotline:
516-542-0404

**L. I. AGAINST DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**
Hotline: 631-666-8833

**VICTIMS INFORMATION
BUREAU OF SUFFOLK**
Rape Hotline: 631-360-3606
24 Hour Dating Violence
Hotline: 631-360-3606

THE RETREAT
Easthampton, Southampton.
Shelter Island, Riverhead,
Southold
24 Hour Hotline: 631-329-2201

BRIGHTER TOMORROWS
Shirley area
24 Hour Hotline: 631-395-1800

**DOMESTIC HARMONY
COMMITTEE AT THE
ISLAMIC CENTER OF L. I.**
Help Line: 516-385-8292

**CIRCULO DE LA
HISPANIDAD**
24.7 Bilingual Domestic
Violence Hotline:
516-889-2849

TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE
24/7 Confidential Reporting
1-800-342-3720

**NASSAU TASK FORCE ON
FAMILY VIOLENCE**
Including dating/domestic
violence
516-542-0404



ADVERTISING IN *THE PRELUDE*

Each month we will email about 3000-4000 of the Prelude newsletter to clergy, lay leaders and volunteers. The LICC accepts paid sponsorship ads, display ads and simple listings (classifieds). **Advertising in *THE PRELUDE* is a great way to reach clergy, lay leaders, and volunteers in Long Island's congregation.** To receive a "media kit" with advertising rates, copy requirements, and copy deadlines, please call 516-565-0290. Congregations that join the LICC and groups that join the Friends of the LICC receive a free classified ad in thanks for paying their annual dues.

Let's continue to save our planet and save our trees! The LICC will be going green with total email distribution of *THE PRELUDE*. Future issues of the newsletter will be published and edited by the Hempstead office. The next and future issues of the Prelude will be disseminated via emails only. If you or your church does not have access to internet technology, please contact our office and ask to speak to the Executive Director, Rev. Dyanne Pina 516-565-0290. We thank you in this effort to become more sustainable.

ADS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:



The LICC extends a deep appreciation for the many years that Chris Veech has devoted as Editor of the LICC's monthly newsletter. Chris's 17 plus years totals about 204 issues of *THE PRELUDE*! Chris, thank you, thank you, and many more thanks for a job fabulously done!



LICC FREEPORT FOOD PANTRY CLOSED its doors June 28th due to the building's unsafe conditions. The Freeport Pantry located at 450 N. Main Street was housed in a Nassau County building. Thanks to the gracious hospitality of Reverend Ed Norman, who opened the doors of his church to temporarily accommodate our food pantry, staff, equipment and food donations. Pastor Norman, because of your immediate response, we are back in the mission and ministry of feeding the hungry and enabling the most vulnerable. On Monday, July 18th we moved into the **Freeport United Methodist Church, 46 Pine Street, Freeport**. The LICC is seeking a permanent site in Freeport.

I would like to gift a **WURLITZER ORGAN, (MODEL 580A)** in memory of my mother, a church organist for more than fifty years. This high quality instrument encompasses a third keyboard synthesizer producing solo and percussion voices (clarinet, guitar et.al) that embraces the pipe organ quality and design of this premier electronic instrument. Housed in Riverhead, NY, **the organ will be available until Dec. 31st**. For further info contact Gloria Peropat at gperopat@gmail.com.



HAVE A STOVE HOOD?

Beach United Methodist Church in Westhampton Beach is seeking an ABC Hood (chemical suppressant hood) for a Garland stove that is 60" wide and 30" deep. Please contact Rev. Jack K. King at: jacking@aol.com if you have one to donate or sell cheaply.

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BELLPORT UNITED METHODIST PARSONAGE FOR SALE:

LISTED at \$949,000 at Old Purchase Properties Realty:
PHONE 631.286.2424
FAX 631.286.0125
EMAIL INFO@OLDPURCHASE.COM
OFFICE ADDRESS: 126 S. Country Rd. Bellport NY 11713



LOCATION: BELLPORT VILLAGE SOUTH

BEDROOMS: 5
BATHROOMS 2.5 **PROPERTY SIZE:** 130 X 200
YEAR BUILT: 1920

STYLE HOME: COLONIAL:

Charming 1920 Colonial situated on quiet country lane. **FIRST FLOOR:** Living room w/wood burning fireplace, FDR, large country kitchen, den, ½ bath and laundry. **UPSTAIRS:** Four guest bedrooms and full bath, plus master suite bedroom, sitting room and bath. There is a walk up attic and partial basement. The lovely screened porch graces the southerly side of the home which is connected to the living room. There is an oversized detached two car garage and a portico. Wood floors throughout both levels. This home is centrally located in the village, within walking distance to shops, restaurants, churches, and theatre. A wonderful opportunity with beautiful sundrenched space for pool.

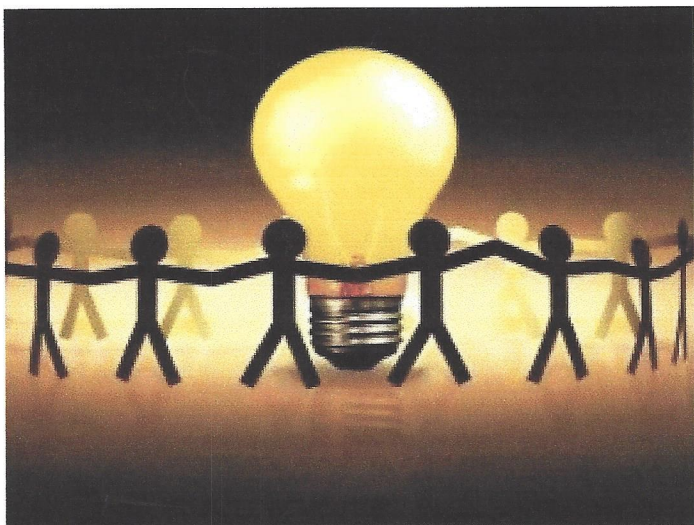
CHRISTMAS IN JULY IN WANTAGH



On Sunday, July 24 at 10:30 am, the Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church will be celebrating the birth of Jesus during our Worship Service. Come here the Christmas story in a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere. There will also be a Christmas in July Fair on the same day from 10 am to 2 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item, particularly breakfast items. All food donations will be delivered to the Long Island Council of Churches Freeport Emergency Food Pantry. **VENDORS ARE STILL NEEDED.** For Vendor information, please call the church office @516-785-1829, or send an email to wmcc1845.com

Facilitator of Spiritual Formation Sought

First Presbyterian Church of Southold is seeking someone to facilitate, coordinate, recruit and assist the leadership of faith formation for all ages. The position is part time, 17.5 hrs/wk. Applicants must be skillful at delegating tasks and building teams. Organizational and computer skills with an interest in social media a must. Please contact Ann Romeo dnaromeo@optonline.net by 7/31/16 if you feel called by this opportunity or seek additional information.



CHURCH SPACE AVAILABLE TO SHARE IN LITTLE NECK

Church with air-conditioned sanctuary and office/meeting space to share in Little Neck, near Great Neck. Contact 917.327.2119 for more information.



OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE IN GARDEN CITY

A non-profit organization on Old Country Road in Garden City has office space to share long-term with another non-profit. Available are two individual offices (230+ sq ft. each). Ample free parking and a short walk from the Nassau County Seat, Winthrop University Hospital and the Mineola LIRR train station. Also on site and available for occasional use are a conference room for meetings of up to 50 people and a large auditorium for larger events. For additional information, please visit www.ehsli.org or call [516-741-7304](tel:516-741-7304).

Please pass this along to anyone you think might like to see it

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: Sara C. Weiss, Director of Development



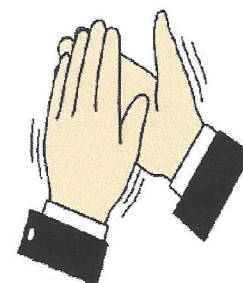
Our Website Addresses: Please visit us at www.liccdonate.org or www.licc-ny.org

We thank Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church for its generous gift of \$6,000 to support our ministry to Long Island's most vulnerable populations.

We also thank the following institutional donors for their important support:

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| Astoria Bank | \$3,000 Predatory Lending Prevention |
| Church World Service | \$3,250 Where Most Needed |
| Community Church of Little Neck | \$400 Where Most Needed |
| Congregational Church of Patchogue | \$100 Where Most Needed |
| First Congregational Church-Riverhead | \$113.91 Riverhead Food Pantry |
| Hempstead United Methodist Church | \$1,600 Where Most Needed |
| Southampton Bath & Tennis Club Charitable Fund | \$1,000 Community Thanksgiving Dinner-Riverhead |
| Thrivent Choice | \$500 Matching Gift |
| Town of Southampton Human Services Dept. | \$2,000 Riverhead Food Pantry & Family Support Programs |
| Unity Church of Hempstead | \$135 Where Most Needed |

We thank the following individuals for their gifts to support our ministry to Long Islanders in need: Bette J. Adams, Benno Ansbacher, Richard and Marcella Barnhart, Dr. Samuel S. Beeler, Dorothy Caldwell, M.M. Centabar, Ki Cheung Chu, Sandra De Long, Sherry Huber, William Cotesworth Keller, Christine Killorin, Janice Kincaid, the Rev. Jack King, Margie Ludewig, Donald W. McCalmont, Marilyn McKeown, Robert Obie, Raymond Ormand, Sr., Carol Price, Richard Rocco, Louis C. Sandberg, Elaine M. Sekreta, Norman Stanton, Larry and Marylou Swensen, and Dorothy Zondag.



Memorial/Tribute Gifts



A great way to remember a loved one, whether living or deceased, is to give a memorial or tribute gift in his/her name. In your letter accompanying such a gift, please tell us who the gift is in memory or tribute to, and who is giving the gift. We will send a thank you letter to the contributor and to the family of the loved one in accordance with your instructions. Please send your contribution to the LICC, attention Sara Weiss. If you have any questions, call Sara for further information at 516-565-0290, ext. 207. Naming and Tribute opportunities are also available for our programs. Please call Sara for a list. We also have planned giving opportunities that will sustain these programs in perpetuity.



Does your company do matching gifts? If so, please call your company's matching gift coordinator to set up a matching gift for the LICC.

YES I WANT TO HELP THE COUNCIL "CLAIM THE FUTURE!"

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CHURCH AFFILIATION _____

MY CONTRIBUTION IS _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ \$1,000 _____ OTHER

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40 Washington Street
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THE WEB:

LICC-NY.ORG



Free Training in Preventing Child Abuse

The Enough Abuse Campaign offers free training in congregations, nonprofits, and other organizations on how to prevent the sexual abuse of children. They did an excellent workshop in April for the staff of the LICC.

For more information on the campaign, please visit www.preventchildabuse.org

To request a workshop anywhere on Long Island, please contact Heather Gilmartin at hgilmartin@tscli.org or 516-465-4700.

Personal Finance Workshops

The LICC offers free workshops on how to manage your money well--and not get ripped off on loans. Each workshop usually runs an hour to 90 minutes, and we tailor it to the needs of your audience. We can do shorter programs, for example, for a college class, or for a youth group and their parents. They could be a great addition to your congregation's stewardship campaign, helping people to think faithfully about how they use their resources. We also do presentations for religious leaders on how to manage a congregation's money, reduce expenses, pay for energy conservation measures, etc.—or how clergy can find a home they can afford.

The LICC will provide speakers and educational materials—all you need to provide is coffee and noshes. Thanks to generous funding for this effort this year from Astoria Bank and Ridgewood Savings Bank, there is no charge for this program. For more information or to request a program, please e-mail tomgoodhue@optonline.net or call 516-565-0290, ext. 206.