

April 2016 Long Island Council of Churches newsletter, *The Prelude*

**FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: NOT IN MY NAME**

Jesus and Sigmund Freud both suggested that what annoys us most in other people is usually something we cannot accept in ourselves. We complain about the speck in our neighbor's eye, but have a log in our own. As the French say: "The one who accuses himself."

I have long admired the work done by the Shanti Fund but found myself annoyed by them recently, and I learned something about myself from this. The Shanti Fund recently sent out a mailing that described their efforts to promote non-violence, including disaster relief work in India and on Long Island, a gun buy-back program in Suffolk County, and an annual celebration of the life of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

These are all worthy efforts. What bothered me was the back cover of their brochure. Here there were photos of eight leaders of varied nationality race, and religion who have fallen victim to gun violence: Gandhi, JFK, Martin Luther King, Jr., John Lennon, Anwar Al-Sadat, Indira Gandhi, Yitzhak Rabin, and Benazir Bhutto. "John Lennon?" I muttered to myself. A fine musician but a world leader? They identified each victim by nation and faith: Gandhi (Hindu/India), Lennon (Agnostic/UK), which was all fine and good, emphasizes how indiscriminately lunatics kill the best and brightest among us.

What annoyed me was the way the Shanti Fund identified the assassins: was Mark David Chapman really Christian? Perhaps those who killed Indira Gandhi and Yitzhak Rabin were members respectively of Sikh and Jewish communities, but was James Earl Ray acting as a Christian when he shot MLK? Hardly. When he did this, he rejected everything Jesus taught.

And yet, we identify those who murdered Sadat and Bhutto as Muslims simply because they claimed to be followers of Islam--even if their actions went against everything the Mohammed taught. The Quran teaches that Muslims are those who do God's will, and hardly any Muslims claim these killers were following the will of the All-Merciful. Were these assassins really Muslims at all?

Christians find it easy to disavow Chapman as a mentally-ill young man who was not a member of our tribe, just as we are glad to point out that Hitler was a pagan, not a Christian, but this may be a way of pretending that our culture has no responsibility for the evil impulses of our offspring--or how easy we make it for lunatics bent on killing to get a gun. We also have a disturbing tendency to allow exceptions to "Thou shalt not kill," that my rabbi never permitted: a few collateral killings are justified if we are trying to assassinate a bad guy, a few invasions of countries that never attacked us, etc., etc., etc., ad nauseum.

Perhaps we Christians should have formally dis-fellowshipped or excommunicated James Earl Ray. Perhaps Sikhs should have disowned the bodyguards who killed Indira Gandhi. Maybe Muslims should have declared that those who killed Sadat and Bhutto are outside Islam. Perhaps there will be no peace between Israelis and Palestinians until the governments of Israel and the Palestinian Authority respond to those who foster terrorists, whether Rabin's assassin or a Hamasi suicide bomber, with equal resolve.

As Muslims know but Christians many do not know, so-called “Islamist” terrorists kill more Muslims than Christians. In the lands where religious fanatics are the most deadly, all minority communities are at risk. We heard this week about the horrific attack on Christian women and children in Pakistan who were celebrating Easter, but less about all the Muslims the suicide bombers killed in the park. In Pakistan, there terrorists slaughter not only Christians, but also Hindus, Shia Muslims, Ishamelis, Ahmaddiyas, and many Sunni Muslims. Even the past is not protected: recently a 2000-year-old Jain temple in Lahore was demolished to build a subway line.

Of course, just because we condemn religious violence does not mean that anyone will listen: Muslims I know are deeply frustrated that their neighbors keep asking them to condemn terrorism without ever noticing all the times they have already done so. But the Shanti Fund has a point. All of us, of all faiths, and even those of no faith, are called to face the violence and injustice in our communities.

Shalom/Salaam/Shanti/Pax/Jai Jinendra,

Tom

### **NEW LICC WEB SITE**

We have launched a new web site at [www.licc-ny.org](http://www.licc-ny.org) (you have to add a hyphen to the old address). Please visit and let us know what you think of it—and what you would like to see on the site.

### **DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Sara C. Weiss, Director of Development

Special thanks go to Newsday Charities for a \$60,000 grant for our emergency food and family support programs, Garden City Community Church for the \$11,259 they raised (along with 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian in Freeport) for our food pantries at their “Will Sing for Food” concerts in January, and to a Garden City Community Church member who donated \$5,000 who wishes to remain anonymous. We also extend heartfelt thanks for gifts the following institutional donors gave since our last issue:

Arrow Exterminating Company	\$800 Freeport Food Center
Bethany Congregational Church, East Rockaway	\$50 Use Where Most Needed
Community Presbyterian Church-Malverne	\$105 Freeport Food Center
Garden City Community Church	\$11,259 Emergency Food Program
Islamic Center of Long Island	\$1,000 Use Where Most Needed
Merrick United Methodist Church	\$50 Freeport Food Center
Parkway Community Church	\$200 Souper Bowl/Emergency Food
Port Washington United Methodist Church	\$300 Use Where Most Needed
Religious Society of Friends/Westbury Meeting	\$700 Use Where Most Needed
Trinity Lutheran Church-Rocky Point	\$750 Use Where Most Needed
Thrivent Choice (Matching Gift)	\$459 Use Where Most Needed
United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff	\$294 Souper Bowl/Freeport Pantry

Unity Church of Hempstead	\$350 Use Where Most Needed
Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church	\$1,643 Freeport Food Center
Westhampton Presbyterian Church	\$435 Souper Bowl/Suffolk Food Center

We thank the following individuals for their gifts to support our ministry to Long Islanders in need: Bette Adams, Joseph Arcuri, Carol Bedford, Robert & Karen Bloom, Kenneth Combs, Charles Dagostino, Kevin Eker, Ethel Gilloon, Kenneth Graham, Sherry Huber, William Cotesworth Keller, Janice Kincaid, Joyce King, Stephanie Maddalone, John Moore, Janet Moser, Wanda Nelson, Hazel Nolan, James and Anne Rowe, Edward Stack, Richard and Linda Tomppert, and Mary Ann Walling.

### ***Can You Help?***

A number of our guests are unemployed and looking for work. Because they have little or no income, they cannot afford transportation to get to job interviews or even to buy essential toiletries like shampoo, soap, toothpaste and deodorant so they can be presentable. Here's an example of a family we recently helped:

John (not his real name), 36, has a wife and two kids who are eight and 13 years old. The family is currently living in a Nassau Department of Social Services (DSS) homeless shelter. They have no income because both parents are out of work. If the shelter feeds them, it takes away their food stamps in exchange for very limited food – we're told that a typical shelter dinner is spaghetti and meat sauce, and a typical breakfast is oatmeal.

John is looking for work, his wife is looking for housing, and both kids attend school. The entire family needs transportation assistance and toiletries. John needs both so he can interview for work, his wife needs both as she searches for housing, and the kids need both to attend school and deal with the school system.

When we help families like John's, the adults have a better chance to find work and housing, and kids can more comfortably fit into the school environment without being humiliated and falling into depression. Could you please help us assist these families with donations totaling \$275.00 to buy 50 round-trip MetroCards @ \$5.50 each, and another \$250 to buy toiletries for the families who are currently seeking our help? Thank you for caring.

***Our Website Addresses:*** Please visit us at [www.liccdonate.org](http://www.liccdonate.org) or [www.licc-ny.org](http://www.licc-ny.org)  
We invite you to visit our website at [www.LICCDonate.org](http://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.

### **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.***

### **NEWSDAY CHARITIES GIVES LICC \$60,000 GRANT**

The LICC recently received a \$60,000 grant from *Newsday Charities*, a McCormick Foundation Fund, to support its emergency food and family support programs throughout Long Island. "As government funding continues to decline, *Newsday's* support is especially critical," said the Rev. Tom Goodhue, LICC's Executive Director. "There's been a dramatic increase in the number of guests coming to our Freeport and Hempstead food centers in the first two months of this year compared to last year at the same time, even though we were closed more days this year due to weather-related conditions," Goodhue added.

"Last year we fed 500 more people than we did in 2014, which was a record year for us. This year the numbers are even higher. In January and February, we fed 249 more than in the first two months of 2015," said Wally Merna, Freeport Emergency Food Center Manager. He noted that the LICC is feeding a growing number of seniors, who often have dietary restrictions, and he is stocking more healthy food items such as whole grains, whole wheat, fruit packed in light syrup, low-sodium vegetables, and brown rice, but it costs more to do so. He added that this shift also requires that we provide nutritional education to our guests so they can identify healthy foods and make better nutritional choices. "*Newsday's* generous grant makes this shift possible, Merna said. "It enables us to pay the higher prices for more nutritious, healthier food and provide the necessary education for our guests and to meet their other needs as well."

The Long Island Council of Churches, the region's largest ecumenical and interreligious organization, is a faith-based non-profit that provides emergency food and other social services that are beyond the capacity of individual congregations. For 47 years the LICC has brought together hundreds of faith communities to respond to the emergency needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. The agency collaborates with more than 50 public and private health and social service agencies to provide emergency food and essential social services to Long Islanders in crisis. In 2015 the LICC fed 22,180 hungry Long Islanders 199,620 meals and provided additional family support services to another 12,200, including housing, utilities, heat, gas, prescriptions and transportation. The total number assisted exceeded 34,000 last year.

### **APRIL 9 CONVOCATION**

#### **"BUILDING BRIDGES: UNDERSTANDING OUR NEIGHBORS OF OTHER FAITHS"**

**A Presentation by the Long Island Multi-Faith Forum**

**Sunday, April 17, noon-1:30**

St. James United Methodist Church

Forest Ave. & St James Place, Lynbrook

Moderator: Marian Hubbard (Christian)

Panelists:

Bhavani Srinivasan (Hindu)

Marion Lowenthal (Jewish)

Yousuf Syed (Muslim)

Jatinder Singh or Jaspreet Kaur (Sikh)

The Long Island Council of Churches and Auburn Theological Seminary launched the Long Island Multi-Faith Forum in 1993 to help people in our area understand their neighbors. The LIMFF unites hundreds of Islanders from eleven different faith communities and many races, nationalities, and cultures. Our volunteers include Baha'is, Brahma Kumaris, Buddhism, Christians, Hindus, Jains, Jews, Muslims, Native American Spirituality, Sikhs, and Unitarian Universalists. If you are not familiar with all these traditions or did not know that they are your neighbors, you may need a Building Bridges program! The Forum has presented more than 300 programs in schools, workplaces, and houses of worship, for audiences ranging from ten to 1100. While most of our programs are done in English, we have also been able to accommodate requests for Spanish language and bi-lingual presentations and could try other languages as well. The Forum has also developed a fun game-show format called "What's My Faith." For more information, or to request a presentation, please email Narinder Kapoor at [paljikapoor@yahoo.com](mailto:paljikapoor@yahoo.com).

Michael Fairchild, who produced the half-hour "Faiths on Long Island" video for the Long Island Multi-Faith Forum has loaded it onto YouTube. You can see the video at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ncnn5pd6Gu4>

and

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOsL0LaClgU>

ANNUAL MEETING FLYER

**DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION'S INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO  
REFLECT ITS VALUES?**

**by Richard Deam, President  
Deamoak's Planning Services Ltd.**

When best practiced, the principles of our faith guide our decisions and actions. The manner in which this applies to how we manage the gifts entrusted to our organization should be a guiding criterion in the stewardship of those resources. In the complex world of corporations and investments, how do we make thoughtful and informed choices that meet our obligations of stewardship and ensure that our values are promoted by the investments we hold?

There is a tension between maximizing profit and faith-based principles. When we invest in alignment with our values, we will use our resources to obtain the greatest benefit and allow us to extend programs to more people.

Professional investment organizations offer specialized products to meet the needs of faith-based organizations. A leader in these products is SEI. SEI offers investment products with social screens, which are specialized ways of monitoring assets to exclude securities where the underlying company does not align with your organization's values.

An important product to consider is a socially screened managed account. This product allows customization and selection to align with the specific values of your organization. Typical areas considered for social screening are:

- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Firearms
- Gambling
- Environment
- Nuclear Power
- Military
- Abortion-related products and services
- Bioethics/Stem-cell

In addition to a portfolio customized to your organization's values, SEI offers screening based on the principles of major faiths, Christianity, Judaism and Islam among them.

Some mutual funds offer similar social screening but fall short of the customization needed to align with your organization's values that would be possible with a managed account. A managed account provides professional investment research and advice, namely, the previously described social screening customization and transparency into the underlying assets, so you know exactly what companies and what proportion you own – at a stated asset-based fee.

We can increase the impact of our organization beyond our direct programs in our communities by directing how we invest in companies that also promote our values, embodied in the teaching of various religious traditions:

[Mark 8:36](#)

"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

[Buddhism: 8 Fold Path](#)

Sila Kammanta – non-harmful action (this applies to self and others)

[Saint Teresa of Avila](#)

"While the soul is in mortal sin, nothing can profit it; none of its good works merit an eternal reward, since they do not proceed from God as their first principle, and by Him alone is our virtue real virtue."

For more information on socially screened managed accounts, please contact Richard E. Deam, CEO of Deamoaks Planning Services at 29 Elm Street, Suite 203, Fishkill NY 12524 or 845-897-2034 or [rdeam@deamoaks.com](mailto:rdeam@deamoaks.com).

**REMEMBERING DICK LEHMAN**

Our former Director of Pastoral Care, who taught Clinical Pastoral Education for many years to countless seminarians, pastors, and future chaplains, and who served as the longtime pastor of the Congregational Church of Farmingville, died on Feb. 29 in Pennington, New Jersey, a merciful death after suffering from dementia for many years. Condolence messages can be sent to his daughter, Nancy Lehman, who provided much support to Dick in his illness, at 278 Wargo

Road, Pennington, NJ 08534. His memorial service will be Saturday, April 2, at 11 a.m. at the Pennington Presbyterian Church.

## **HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED THROUGH CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**

By Arlene Kallaur, CWS Liaison with the Long Island Council of Churches

Many of you may already be preparing **CWS “Gift of the Heart “ Kits** – hygiene kits, school kits and emergency clean-up buckets in your parishes or homes. For “newbies,” information about preparing and sending the kits can be found on-line at: [cwsglobal/get-involved/cws-kits](http://cwsglobal/get-involved/cws-kits). Long Island is fortunate to get a truck pick up in April this year **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Otherwise, they are to be mailed to the warehouse in Maryland. The schedule is as follows:

### **For Nassau County:**

United Methodist Church  
40 Washington Street  
Hempstead, NY 11550  
10 am – 2pm Church 516-485-6363  
Contact: Jenny Connolly  
(516) 538-0039 or (917) 453-6064

### **For Suffolk County:**

United Methodist Church  
204 East Main St.  
Riverhead, NY 11901  
10 am – 2pm Church 631-727-2327  
Contact: Ginny Fisher  
[ginstwins27@optonline.net](mailto:ginstwins27@optonline.net)

Obtain materials from CWS that tell some of the sites where the kits are distributed and who the beneficiaries are, remembering that just a couple of years ago when Hurricane Sandy struck Long Island, many people along the shore who lost or had severely damaged homes received kits. Engage the children especially. Take photos of your results for your website and that of your diocese or your national church. Send a copy to the LICC for posting. It will help us to connect more as a community.

**CWS CROP Hunger Walks (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)** are another way you can help those both near and far away. These Walks put feet on the ground in local hunger ministries (including the LICC’s food pantries) and in countries where CWS and local partners help alleviate the problems of hunger, shelter, disease, and above all, teach skills and techniques, educate, so that the indigenous people can become self-sustaining.

Here are the details on Massapequa’s CROP Walk:

Massapequa - 4/24/16

Location: St. David’s Lutheran Church on the corner of Clark & Lakeshore in Massapequa Park

Registration: 12:30 PM - Walk begins: 1:00 PM

Contact: Peggy McCalmont 516-541-2178

## **SPRING CLEANING? REMEMBER YOUR NEIGHBORS**

While doing your spring cleaning, you might take a look at the food in your cupboards and ask if someone else needs it more than you do. Most of us have food in our homes we will never eat, food our neighbors need. This is a good time to go through the canned goods and give away anything that you are not going to use that is not dented, many years old, or otherwise inedible. As the recession lingers and government cuts back funding, many local pantries are having a hard time keeping up with the need in their communities.

Do you have fruitcake tins left by the Ghost of Christmas Past? Fancy jellies and jams you received last December? A gift you received of flavored coffee that is not your cup of tea? Low-

fat or low-salt canned goods that you tried but didn't like? Anything else that is edible but needs to be cleaned out of your kitchen? Why not donate these items to your local emergency food pantry? Or did you buy low-fat or low-salt canned goods that you tried but didn't like? As Long Island's population ages and more and more seniors have trouble making ends meet, there are a steadily growing number of requests at emergency pantries for low-salt, low-fat, and dietetic food.

The LICC gladly accepts donations of food, personal care products, and small household items. These can be dropped off at our Riverhead office (220 Second Avenue #3, 631-727-2210), their Hempstead office (40 Washington Street, 516-565-0290), or our Freeport Emergency Food Center (450 North Main Street, 516-868-4989). And if you have a large quantity of food to donate, we would be glad to pick it up.

As you clean your home this spring, remember those who may need what you no longer use.

## **WORTH QUOTING**

### ***Religion & Terrorism***

"Hatred in the name of God is heresy."

--*The Amityville Record* editorial March 23, 2016, in response to the bombings in Brussels

### **Is Islam Intolerant?**

"The Quran documents the right to multiple paths to God's redemption and salvation through many faiths. Islam, as documented in the Quran, embraces a plurality of religions, the right to choose to believe or not and the equal value placed on individuals of all faiths--precisely in line with American values."

--Dr. Qanta A. Ahmed, "Toward a Plural Democracy," op-ed in *Newsday*

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **\*How Many Refugees Are Terrorists?**

According to the March issue of *Harper's*, 10 refugees have been arrested since 2001 on suspicion of supporting terrorism; 320 native-born U.S. citizens have been. Since 9/11, 93 people have been killed on U.S. by religious or political extremists, more than half of them by right-wing political extremists rather than Islamists.

### **\*Thousands of New Yorkers Are Losing Their Food Stamps**

All Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (a.k.a. "food stamp") recipients between 18 and 49 who are considered able-bodied will lose their benefits on April 1st if they are not working or volunteering 80 hours per month, enrolled in a vocational program, actively searching for a job or in an educational program. (The disabled and those with a dependent under 18 are supposed to be exempt from this rule. Island Harvest reports that an estimated 53,000 New Yorkers will lose their food benefits and thousands of additional Long Islanders are expected to turn to soup kitchens and emergency food pantries (such as those operated by the LICC) for help, even though government funding for these has declined in recent years.

## **THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT**

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a tax credit that can return as much as \$6,242 to families earning less than \$53,267. The EITC puts money in the hands of hard-working taxpayers and can



be a significant financial boost to individuals, their families and local communities. The IRS estimates four out of five eligible workers claim and get their EITC. You can help reach eligible workers who overlook the EITC. Every year, approximately one-third of the taxpayers qualifying for the EITC are newly eligible—and may not know that they can claim it. The EITC is not automatic. To get EITC, eligible workers must file a federal income tax return, even if they are not otherwise required to file, and they must specifically claim the credit. Don't guess about EITC eligibility. Use the EITC Assistant to find out. This helpful online tool will walk you through the process step-by-step. The EITC Assistant is available on IRS.gov. Also, when checking eligibility for EITC, don't overlook other tax credits related to education and other child tax benefits for which you may qualify.

### **ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHILD TAX CREDIT?**

If you're eligible for the Child Tax Credit, you could get up to \$1,000 per child. Here's what you should know about this credit.

- Amount – The Child Tax Credit may help reduce your federal income tax by up to \$1,000 for each qualifying child that you are eligible to claim on your tax return.
- Qualifications – For this credit, a qualifying child must meet several requirements. To find out more, read IRS Publication 972, Child Tax Credit.
- Limitations – The Child Tax Credit is subject to income limitations and may be reduced or eliminated depending on your filing status and income.
- Schedule 8812 – If you qualify to claim the Child Tax Credit, make sure to check whether you must complete and attach Schedule 8812, Child Tax Credit, with your tax return.
- Additional Child Tax Credit – If you qualify and get less than the full Child Tax Credit, you could receive a refund even if you don't owe any tax. However, if you file Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income, or 2555-EZ, Foreign Earned Income Exclusion, then you cannot claim the additional child tax credit. Be aware that you, and the child you're claiming, must have a Social Security number or an ITIN by the due date of your return (including extensions) or you can't claim the Child Tax Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credit on either your original return or an amended return, even if you get an SSN or ITIN at a later date.

You can use the Interactive Tax Assistant tool on IRS.gov to see if you're eligible to claim the Child Tax Credit.

### **NEEDED**

#### **\*Volunteers in Riverhead**

The LICC needs volunteers in our Riverhead office (220 Roanoke Ave. at 2<sup>nd</sup> St.) anytime 9:00 to 4:30, Monday through Friday, to help receive guests and sign them in, answer the phone, sort and shelve donations, and help with copying. We particularly could use a few extra hands while Marianita Reyes recovers from shoulder surgery. If you can help, please contact Carolyn Gumbs at [liccriverhead@optonline.net](mailto:liccriverhead@optonline.net) or 631-727-2210.

#### **\*Personal Care Items**

Besides emergency food, utility assistance, and such, our guests often need personal care items. Perhaps, like me, you often collect small bottles of shampoo from motels that you may never use yourself—and our guests would love to have them. Some items they frequently need are:

Soap

Shampoo

Hair conditioner

Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Deodorant  
Tampons  
Underwear  
Wash cloths  
Sanitary wipes  
Combs  
Brushes  
Socks

These donations can be dropped off in Hempstead (40 Washington St. @ Front Street, 516-565-0290), Riverhead (220 Roanoke Ave. #3 @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue), Freeport (450 N. Main St., 516-868-4989) or any LICC meeting.

### **LOOKING FOR A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR?**

Our *2016 Directory of Long Island Churches & Synagogues* includes a roster of spiritual directors, and here is a new addition to this list:

The Rev. Dr. Jim Barnum, pastor of Bellmore Presbyterian Church, received a Doctorate in Ministry in spirituality from Columbia Seminary, and is certified by CPSP as a clinical chaplain. You can reach him at [revjbpc@aol.com](mailto:revjbpc@aol.com) or 516-754-8056.

### **ADVERTISING IN *THE PRELUDE***

Each month we mail about 2600 copies of our newsletter *The Prelude* to the clergy leaders and lay leaders of 1450 faith organizations and email it to about 2700 religious leaders and post it on our web site: [www.licc-ny.org](http://www.licc-ny.org). Filled with timely articles, news briefs, updates and notices affecting Long Island's communities and churches and the wider world, *The Prelude* is a must read for all who would "work together to improve Long Island and promote interfaith understanding and cooperation." 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 congregations. To receive a "media kit" with advertising rates, copy requirements, and copy deadlines, please call 516-565-0290 or email [tomgoodhue@optonline.net](mailto:tomgoodhue@optonline.net). 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.

### **Ads & Announcements:**

#### **GODNET AD**

**"RAISE THE ROOF" FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> CONGREGATIONAL IN RIVERHEAD ON APRIL 24**  
LICC Board member Sean Murray has literally brought down the roof at 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church in Riverhead, so there will be a benefit concert and auction to raise it again on April 24. General admission tickets (concert & auction) are \$35, available at the Suffolk Theater box office or the website. To purchase tickets online, Click [HERE](#) or visit <https://apps.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?e=2e3480e97d4cc992d8200cf7b49a03ac&t=tix&vqitq=69f6e3f4-06ac-4c26-a982-893f2bf811e0&vqitp=ccf95cd9-949c-4684-9933->

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For VIP tickets, please call Barbara Parsons at 631-727-3106.

### **ORGANIST SOUGHT IN BALDWIN**

First Church Baldwin (United Methodist) is seeking an experienced, talented, creative, part-time organist/pianist for a diverse and growing congregation to work under the direction of the Church Choral Director.

Responsible for playing during weekly Sunday morning Worship Service. Rehearsals for adult choir held one weekday evening and Sunday morning prior to the Worship Service. Rehearsals for the youth choir follow Sunday worship. Special services and programs to include, but not limited to, those during the Advent and Lent seasons. Must have classical training, good sight-reading skills, and be able to work in various music styles. Ability to transpose music and/or compose instrumental parts is a plus. Additional opportunities to play for weddings and funerals, with fees negotiated.

The salary will be commensurate with experience and ability

Responsible for playing during weekly Sunday morning Worship Service. Rehearsals for adult To apply, email resume with references to [firstchurchbaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:firstchurchbaldwin@gmail.com). Call church office at 516-223-1168 for more information.

### **PART-TIME SEXTON SOUGHT IN NEW HYDE PARK**

First Presbyterian Church of New Hyde Park (16 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street) is seeking a part-time Sexton, up to 10 hours a week. Responsibilities include vacuuming, sweeping, cleaning bathrooms, dusting as needed, and putting out any garbage on Monday and Thursday Nights. For more information, or to apply, please call Jay Teepe at 516-695-3828 or Pat Pedley at 516-354-5385.

### **CHURCH FOR SALE IN ROCKY POINT**

2,000 sq. ft. church located at 89 Hallock Landing Road in Rocky Point, on .92 acres, with two small auxiliary buildings and frontage on three streets. There is a small parking lot, with room to expand. \$475,000. Contact John F. Hoblin, Jr. at Hunt Corporate Services, 516- 937-1000 or [jhoblin@huntcorp.com](mailto:jhoblin@huntcorp.com) or visit [www.huntcorp.com](http://www.huntcorp.com)

### **SANCTUARY SPACE AVAILABLE TO SHARE IN MIDDLE ISLAND**

Middle Island Congregational United Church of Christ would be glad to share its sanctuary on Middle County Road with another congregation. The sanctuary seats 80 and is available any time after 12:30 on Sundays. The guest congregation's share of heat, utilities and maintenance is estimated to be \$500 to \$700 a month. For more information, please contact Moderator Sue Pennenga at [aiden1322@aol.com](mailto:aiden1322@aol.com) or 631-698-6761.

### **OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE IN GARDEN CITY**

Garden City Community Church has an office space to share. The monthly maintenance cost of \$500 includes heat and electricity use. For more information call Liz Cavolo at 516-746-1700 or email [ecavolo@thegccc.org](mailto:ecavolo@thegccc.org)

### **MORE 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](http://www.ehsli.org) or call [516-741-7304](tel:516-741-7304).

### **CHURCH FOR SALE IN AMITYVILLE**

The New Apostolic Church has merged its Amityville and Westbury congregations to create a larger, more diverse church that eventually will soon move into a new location in Bethpage. The Amityville location, 890 County Line Road, right off the Southern State Parkway, is already for sale. The one-story building is about 3300 sq. ft., with a sanctuary that seats about 75, and there is an adjacent parking lot. For more information, please contact Stephen Preuss or Denise Prevete at Cushman Wakefield, 718-512-2118/2605.

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