

PRELUDE

From Thomas E. Wallace, Chair, Board of Directors
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Progress Report and Update for the LICC Family

Of this we can all be appreciative, and ready to double-down on our continuing efforts: The Long Island Council of Churches has been meeting the challenges facing our most vulnerable and needy neighbors in the Nassau-Suffolk community for four decades. Even as the needs of our neighbors has been rising in 2016 and 2017, we have risen to meet the challenge. We won't let them down now! Others may fail at the task, but we cannot because, this is the purpose that we serve

Some background for you: Despite our two counties being ranked by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2015 as among the *most affluent* in the United States -- with Nassau ranked at #13 and Suffolk ranked at #22, among the 3,144 counties in the entire nation -- there is poverty to be addressed within our 1,000 square miles of territory, from western to eastern communities large and small, urban, suburban and rural.

The Census Bureau cites these income levels (you see these references in media reports) in the following ways, the result of academic studies: Underclass; Working Poor; Working Class; Lower Middle Class; Upper Middle Class; Capitalist Class (the "1%").

The wonderful legacy of the Council is that through the years the mission of service has included offering an

important foundation of support and helping hands to people in the most vulnerable of these categories, and the fortunate.

In recent months, despite the rising income and household wealth levels that are so welcomed after the 2008 financial crisis battered so many of us, there is still rising need in our neighborhoods in Nassau and Suffolk, and the demands on LICC resources has been growing...and often, strained.

Nassau County, for example, despite being #13 in affluence in America, has more than 6% of its 1.3 million in 2016 population living in poverty. That is about 80,000 of our neighbors. Note there are almost 500,000 households within the county boundaries. Nassau is among the country's oldest counties in demographic terms (at median of 40 years of age/half are below, half above that age).

For Suffolk the data shows a 2016 population of 1.4 million, living in 500,000-plus households. Here, almost 12% of households have income below the poverty line (\$35,000). Suffolk is very close to its neighbor, Nassau, in demographic terms (almost 40 years at the median). It is ironic that Suffolk County still has hunger despite being the number one agricultural county in New York State.

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These numbers help to explain the reasons for increasing demand for our services. And that rising need places stress on the Council finances. The response to our requests for financial support is very encouraging. We are very thankful for the support of so many individuals, congregations, denominations, companies, foundations, peer social support organizations

As a board, we have had to make difficult decisions regarding our finances and the actions taken to assure the future for our staff, volunteers and especially for our neighbors-in-need, who we support every day, every week throughout the year. When there is a choice to make we must always choose to come down on the side of keeping our pantry doors open

We are embarked on a re-structuring of the organization, with steps to be announced over the coming weeks. Please be assured we have a dedicated, talented staff in place to provide the daily services in Freeport, Hempstead and Riverhead, and to provide needed chaplaincy services in our jails.

Our volunteers who are elected to serve on the Board of Directors and the Board of Mission and Ministry are dedicated to faithfully keep a steady course forward for our Council.

As you may be aware by now, one of the difficult first steps in the re-structuring was the decision to eliminate the position of executive director, based on the financial realities in late-summer. This was a difficult step but very necessary and we wish our former executive director well. We congratulated Reverend Dyanne on her accomplishments during her tenure, including the formation of a wonderful relationship with the AHRC Nassau organization, which included the addition of LICC's state-of-the-art food pantry in AHRC's Freeport facility.

Let me repeat and please remember: When there is a choice to make we must always choose to come down on the side of keeping our pantry doors open.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming annual Share the Harvest celebration on November 1st at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. That evening we will be honoring Stanford J. Perry, Executive Director of AHRC Nassau, and recognizing the important contributions that he and the organization have made to assure a brighter future for LICC.

Come join us! And, if you have questions about any of the above, please contact Hank Boerner, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors at 646-430-8230 extension 19 during regular business hours.

Thoughts & Prayers

Thoughts and prayers for all affected in Natural Disasters and the Las Vegas shooting

The Long Island Council of Churches offers its prayers for the victims and their families and we offer our prayers for our nation. Unending thanks must be given to first responders and to all those who offered their own lives to save others.

The individual acts of bravery and selflessness by the victims as they tried to help each other must stand as a tribute to the power of good over any evil that comes our way.

The Council will be posting messages from religious leaders on Long Island on our web site and social media. Please feel free to send in your thoughts and prayers for posting to LICCAnthony@optonline.net

Thank you and God Bless America

A poster for the 'Share the Harvest' event. The background is a collage of autumn-themed images: pumpkins, gourds, a lit candle, and a cross. The text is overlaid on this background. At the top, 'Share the Harvest' is in a cursive font. Below it, 'HELPING NEIGHBORS IN NEED' is in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'LONG ISLAND COUNCIL OF CHURCHES' logo is in the center, featuring a stylized cross and waves. Below the logo, the date 'NOVEMBER 1, 2017' and time '6:00 PM - 10 PM' are listed, followed by the location 'CREST HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB'. At the bottom, there is a section for music and a portrait of a man.

Share the Harvest

HELPING NEIGHBORS IN NEED

**LONG ISLAND
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

NOVEMBER 1, 2017
6:00 PM - 10 PM
CREST HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB

FOR COMPLETE EVENT INFORMATION VISIT WWW.LICC-NY.ORG

Music by:
the
Mark Elliot Combo

CREST HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB
8325 JERICHO TURNPIKE
WOODBURY, NY 11797

HONORING STANFORD J. PERRY



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AHRC NASSAU

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 1, 2017**, for our annual "Share the Harvest- Helping Neighbors in Need" event from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, New York. The event raises funds to support our emergency food and family support programs for individuals and families in crisis on Long Island.

This year's Share the Harvest event will honor **Executive Director Stanford Perry, AHRC Nassau**, who has partnered with the LICC with the opening of the Freeport Food and Services Boutique

Please visit our website www.LICC-NY.org. You are now able to purchase sponsorships, ads, tickets, and donate to support Share the Harvest.

WELCOME to the LICC

Welcome to Our Fund Development Manager

-- Kirk R. Cronk Joins the Council Staff --



The Long Island Council of Churches welcomes to our staff the new Fund Development Manager, Kirk Cronk. Kirk is a development and communications professional with more than two decades of experience in managing large fund-raising events, organization public relations and in managing large-grant solicitations.

He has extensive not-for-profit experience with such organizations as Easter Seals New York, the Boy Scouts, and Boys and Girls Club of Suffolk County. In these organizations he has served as Executive Director, Development Director, Grants and Communications Director.

Kirk's efforts are in some cases instantly recognizable; he is, for example, responsible for LICC's web site content management and for our expanding communication on social media platforms. He brings much-needed computer skills to the Council, of great assistance in such activities as our marketing, creation and management of our database resources, and in expanding our communications networks.

Our new staff member has experience in managing large projects; and, in staff training, coaching and supervision.

Welcoming Kirk, Board Chair Tom Wallace commented: "We are at a pivotal point in the Council's financial development activities and Kirk has quickly demonstrated his skill at generating new sources of revenues and financial support while cultivating former and current sources as well. He has set ambitious targets for his fund-raising and we are encouraged by his enthusiasm.

Everyone will have the opportunity to meet Kirk at this year's Share the Harvest celebration.

Members and friends of the LICC

The LICC welcomes the following as members to the LICC, East Meadow Jewish Center, Inc; Temple Chaverim of Long Island; First United Methodist Church, Amityville; Grace Cathedral; Hamptons United Methodist Church; Huntington Hebrew Congregation; North Country Reform Temple; Saint George's Church; Saint John's Episcopal Church; Saint Luke's Episcopal Church; Setauket United Methodist Church; Trinity Episcopal Church; Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook; United Methodist Church of Patchogue; Zion Cathedral Church of God in Christ.

The LICC also welcomes the following as friends of the LICC, Deborah Anastasiou; Thrivent Financial; Trinity Solar; Utopia Home Care, Inc; and Services for the Underserved, Inc.

If you are interested in becoming a member please email LICC@optonline and reference Membership in the subject line. Thank you.

SPOT LIGHTS



Special thanks to **PINKTIE.org** for supporting the LICC and our Neighbors in Need by sponsoring a fundraiser at The Main Event Restaurant and Sports Bar in Farmingdale. Anthony Achong and Kirk R. Cronk on hand to thank former **Yankee greats Jim Leyritz and Cecil Fielder.**



The AJC Global Jewish Advocacy Long Island welcomes Ambassador Anne Dorte Riggelsen, Consul General in New York. Ms. Riggelsen comes from the position as Denmark's Ambassador to France and holds Master of Law from the University of Copenhagen and a postgraduate degree in Law from the College of Europe in Bruges. She is also a proud graduate of Hewlett High School.

For more information on AJC Global Jewish Advocacy please visit www.AJC.org.



From left to right: Anthony Achong (LICC), Rev. Brenda D. Ford (LICC), Ambassador Anne Dorte Riggelsen, and Kirk R. Cronk (LICC).

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The LICC would like to thank **Family Health Centers, LIFQHC** for their gracious donation of \$200 to help our Neighbors in need. This donation was raised from the staff that does a weekly collection on Friday's in which each member donates \$5 to dress down for dress down Friday. Receiving the check from Sheri Ellis, center, for the LICC is Anthony Achong, center, and Kirk R. Cronk, 2nd from left.

The LICC would like to congratulate The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** and for all of their hard work in celebrating all those that help and support Ditmas House, a place where the recently incarcerated can be welcome to back into our community. From left to right Anthony Achong and Yolanda Murry from the LICC, and Vincent J. Strynkowski from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Interfaith Institute of the Islamic Center of Long Island presents the Second Annual Interfaith award to Keynote speaker **Professor Diana Eck**. She is the Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies; Director Pluralism Project at Harvard University, Boston, MA; and Faculty Dean of Lowell House at Harvard. Professor Eck's key note addressed "The Interfaith Infrastructure: Critical for our Common Future."

From right to left: Dr. Faroque Khan (Coordinator ICLI), Rev. Thomas Goodhue, Professor Diana Eck, Dr. Isma Chauadhry (President ICLI), Dr. Qamer Zaman (Chairman ICLI Board of Trustees), and Dr. Unni Moopan (member ICLI Board of Trustees)



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SPECIAL THANKS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES FROM OUR NEIGHBORS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS



LICC Regional Pantry Manager Yolanda Murray accepting bookbags from **Susan West** from **PSEG Long Island**.



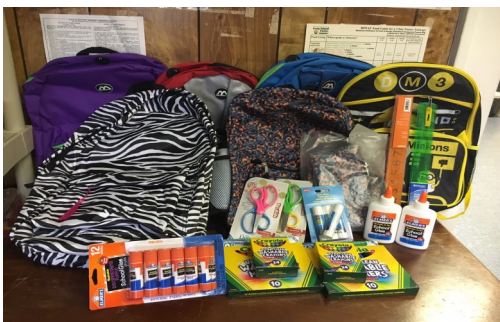
Hofstra Intern Andrew Detres preparing back bags for our Neighbors.



Thank you to **Sara Dean**.



Thank you to **Rev John Zenkewich** and the **Unity Church of Hempstead**.



Thank you to **Rev. Anton DeWet** and the **Old Steeple Church UCC**.

Also, thank you for school supplies to:

Joyce and Bill Lankenau from **Saint Marks Episcopal Church** in **Westhampton**.

Helene Denecke from **New Apostolic Church** in **Bethpage**.

Marg Bing from **Freeport U.M.C.**

John F. MacDonald Jr.

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Long Island Council of Churches partners with TheBookFairies.org on Literacy Program

The Long Island Council of Churches is proud to announce that they have formed a partnership with "TheBookFairies.org" to make available free books at its three Food and Service Boutique locations in Hempstead, Freeport and Riverhead. The three locations will be adding the books to the list of free products, i.e. food, clothing, shoes, financial training and anti-bullying and anti-domestic violence programs.

The Book Fairies was organized by local Long Island residents to provide books to people who could not afford books. They are located in Freeport, New York.

Amy Zaslansky, Founder of The Book Fairies, declared, "We are excited to partner with Long Island Council of Churches to provide books to people in need. With 1 in 4 New Yorkers growing up without learning how to read, it's important that all children and adults have access to books."

The two groups are seeking donations of books for children and adults, including foreign language editions.



Riverhead Food and Services Boutique receives the LICC's first installment of books for our Hispanic Neighbors.



Hempstead Food and Services Boutique receives the LICC's second installment of books for our youth and adult Neighbors

Thank you to TheBookFairies.org for all of your support in helping the LICC to support our Neighbors.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Tuesday November 21, 2017 at 6 PM

Riverhead High School, 600 Harrison Avenue
Riverhead, New York 11901



Sponsored by the Migrant Social Ministry of the
Long Island Council of Churches

220 Roanoke Avenue, Suite 3, Riverhead, New York 11901; Phone: 631-727-2210
A Ministry in Suffolk County for over 60 years

Donations Accepted: Turkeys, cranberry sauce, stuffing, collard greens, gravy, white and sweet potatoes, peas, butter, rolls, milk, coffee, tea, soda, cider, bottled water, salt, pepper, onions, celery, dark brown and white sugar, poultry seasoning. **We also accept financial donations.**

Volunteers needed to cook turkeys, carve turkeys, help in kitchen, serve meals, wash pots and pans. **We particularly need folks who can stay to clean up after the meal is finished!**

Contributing organizations: Church youth, Men's & Women's groups, Department of Labor, Riverhead Brownie & Girl Scouts, Riverhead Kiwanis Club, Riverhead Poultry Club, Riverhead/Mattituck Clergy, Westhampton & Southold Rotary Clubs, Southampton Bath & Tennis Club, United Church of Rockville Centre various synagogues, churches & individuals.

Please contact Olga Cortes at 631-727-2210

Before November 15 about volunteering and donations.

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Two months advance
notice for events
requiring registration.

Our appreciation and thanks to...

Emergency Food Pantry &
Family Support Programs

**Community Presbyterian Church of
Massapequa**
\$5,144

Garden City Community Church
\$3,500

**Community Church of
Douglaston**
\$870

**Wantagh Memorial
Congregational Church**
\$500

Where Most Needed

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
\$2,100

Church World Service
\$229..25

Beach UMC
\$200

Family Health Centers
\$200

West Gilgo Beach Protestant Mission
\$200

United Methodist Women, Westbury
\$100

Caroline Church of Brookhaven
\$100

Saint Paul's UMC
\$125

Medford Assembly of God
\$50

B'Nai Israel Reform Temple
\$50

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Please visit us at
www.liccdonate.org

LICC Pantry Locations and Hours

Monday - Friday
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Closed between
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

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