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**Long Island Council of Churches** [www.licc-ny.org](http://www.licc-ny.org)  
The LICC is an ecumenical organization of Christians deeply involved in multi-faith work.

# PRELUDE

From the Executive Director

## IT'S TIME FOR A FALL CHECK UP

### 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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*September is indeed here! The summer has passed us by, where did it go? Yellow school buses, back packs, red and orange leaves, and football games are sure signs that Autumn has arrived. Also indicative, is the abundant advertising for flu shots...a preventative measure that I have never missed since my first Chaplain residency. As much as I value and consume fruit and vegetables, an apple a day can't protect me from the flu bug. Preparation is the key to prevention. Preparing oneself with prevention avoids the consequence of future liabilities and mishap. When we continue to go non-stop without regular check-ups, we have unknowingly placed ourselves in a vulnerable state with symptoms that can go unnoticed. The same can happen to an organization.*

*The LICC has had an unusually busy summer. There have been staff changes, the Prelude redesign, office and pantry restructuring, the relocation and start up of the Freeport Pantry, as well as ongoing events.*

*Administratively, I have begun to check the pulse of the organization, examining what we do, identifying how we do what we do and assessing our effectiveness.*

*One step is to ensure that the staff and administrative office can better facilitate the needs of LICC's membership and of our Boards and Committees, while becoming more impactful in the mission and work of the LICC.*

*It is time for the LICC check-up: How are we fulfilling our mission? How is the LICC meeting the expectations of its membership? What should or could the LICC do better? Is the LICC connecting and partnering with its pantry communities? What are your needs that we can help you as LICC members? What are your three most important concerns as a church, mosque or synagogue? What are your major struggles?*

*Please send your answers and comments to: [licc@optonline.net](mailto:licc@optonline.net). It will be helpful to give us your name.*

*We together will build upon this rock we call the LICC and make it even stronger! I appreciate your support, your dedication and your hard work.*

*"to God who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us," Eph. 3:20*

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

# SHARE THE HARVEST

Please join us on **Thursday, November 3, 2016**, 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 our **Executive Director Emeritus, The Reverend Thomas "Tom" Goodhue**, who retired in June 2016 after

seventeen years as the Long Island Council of Churches Executive Director.



Please visit our website [www.Licc-ny.org](http://www.Licc-ny.org). You are now able to purchase sponsorships, ads, tickets, and donate to support Share the Harvest.

## LICC Pantry Locations and Hours

9:30 AM to 4:00 PM closing  
Between 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

### Hempstead Food Pantry

40 Washington Street  
Hempstead, N.Y. 11550  
516-565-0290

### Freeport Food Pantry

(Temporary Location)

46 Pine Street

Freeport, New York 11520  
516-868-4989

### Riverhead Food Pantry

220 Roanoke Avenue Suite #3  
Riverhead, New York 11901  
631-727-2210

## Riverhead Pantry Help Needed

The Riverhead Pantry needs help one day a week, 3-4 hours to assist between the hours 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday. We need assistance with general office duties, receiving our clients, and sorting and shelving donations. If you are able to volunteer, Please call Olga Cortes, the Pantry Coordinator for Riverhead at 631-727-2210 or email:

[LICCRiverhead@optonline.net](mailto:LICCRiverhead@optonline.net)

## Drivers Needed

Drivers w/vehicles are needed to pick up donations and deliver to our emergency food pantries in Hempstead, Freeport, and Riverhead locations. Please contact Wally Merna at the Freeport Pantry, Yolanda Murray at the Hempstead Pantry, and Olga at the Riverhead Pantry to be added to our drivers list.

## Fighting Hunger Together!

Christine, in her late 20's, has three kids ages two to seven, one diagnosed with autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Three years ago Christine lost her home to foreclosure. Since then she has been on public assistance and in a single motel room with her three kids, where there is no refrigeration, no cooking facilities, and no toiletries. She has a part-time job and we help her with food.

## How you can help?

Grocery store gift cards will be enormously helpful buy food for the older family members and formula and diapers for the youngest, and so she can also buy essential non-food items. A total of 20 gift cards of \$25 denominations each (\$500) will enable us to help Christine and her three kids, and up to four other families in similar straits.

Thank you for helping and caring.

## Our Hungry Neighbors Need Your Help!

## Hempstead Pantry in need of Toiletry Items

The Hempstead Pantry is in need of toiletry items for our neighbors in need. We are looking for the following donations: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, personal care items, razors, incontinence support diapers and baby diapers..

# SPOT LIGHTS



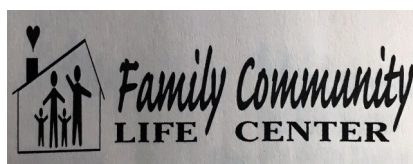
The annual Riverhead Crop Walk will take place this year **Sunday October 16, starting at 2 pm.** We will be leaving from the Riverhead United Methodist Church on 204 E. Main Street in Riverhead. This is our community response to overcome poverty. Walkers from churches and groups in Riverhead request sponsors, and the money raised will go towards the Church World Service and Riverhead food pantries. Registration for the 5K walk begins at 1 p.m. at the Riverhead United Methodist Church. We walk at a leisurely pace, and there are refreshment volunteers. Lots of comradery and visiting takes place in those 5 miles! Please contact Liz Wines at 631-722-4241 if you are joining us.

## FEEDING BODIES, MINDS AND SOULS

On September 7, The LICC, 4 Kids for Kids, Catholic Charities, UMC Hempstead, the United Way and Families & Children partnered with Feed the Children to assist 400 families in need. Each family received a 25 - pound box of food, a 15 - pound box of essentials, a 5 - pound box of Avon products, and Disney books at our Hempstead location.

## Family Community Life Center's Celebration Gala

Celebrating those who have sworn the seed and faithfully nurtured the vision for the construction of the FCLC community center and workforce housing complex. With especial thanksgiving for the life of Gwendolyn M. Branch. Gala on Friday, **September 30, 2016 at 6:00 PM** at East Wind Caterers, Inn & Spa, 5720 Route 25A, Wading River, NY. Tickets \$150 per person. The Evening includes: cocktail



reception, sit-down dinner, live music, Chinese auction, and dancing. Call 631-727-1110 for more information.

## STOP WORLD HUNGER

World Food Day is **October 16, 2016** and "Stop World Hunger, Inc." is pleased to invite you to participate in our 28th Annual World Food Day Essay Contest.



Participation can offer a valuable learning experience for your students in many areas, such as, language arts, global studies, and current events. In addition to essay contest, information has been provided about community service opportunities. Please make this information available to your teachers, students, and staff.

Please contact Matt Swift, Director for more information at 631-789-3618.



## CLERGY EVENTS

### D.A.R.T.

DART (Disaster Action Response Team) is a service of Catholic Charities Diocese of Rockville Centre developed to assist those impacted by Superstorm Sandy and who are concerned about ongoing stress they and their families continue to experience. Trained, licensed social workers, counselors and a licensed clinical social worker will be available to assist by providing support and counseling for various forms of post-disaster distress that have resulted in anxiety, depression and severe stress. Clinical therapy, trauma counseling and referral to supportive services are available, **at no cost**, to clients of all ages, **in their homes**, or at our Freeport office. Those interested in learning more about this program may call our office at 516-442-3747.

### Pastoral Care Specialist Training

It's not too late! New class forming! Class begins September 12, 2016. This two year program is designed to increase pastoral care effectiveness in clergy, lay pastoral caregivers and laity feeling called to care ministry. In this diverse, faith filled experience of community, students integrate their faith traditions with current theoretical understanding and practical counseling skills. PCS training includes lecture based teaching, case presentations, role play and peer support. For brochure, application or more information contact Penny Gadzini as soon as possible at: [pennygadzini@aol.com](mailto:pennygadzini@aol.com) or 917-287-0583.

**ITS NOT TO LATE TO JOIN**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Ted Houston Jr.'s mother

Yolanda Murray's dear friends who were killed in the L.I.E. car accident.

Maria Testaverde's Godchild Micah's surgery.

Ben Pileski, Solomon Brown who are serving our country.

## WELCOME

The Long Island Council of Churches would like to welcome the following new friend:

The Jewish Parker Institute  
277-11 76th Avenue  
New Hyde Park, NY 11040

## SPECIAL EVENT

The Holocaust Memorial & tolerance Center of Nassau County will celebrate its 24th Annual Tribute Dinner today, at the Woodbury Jewish Center, 200 South Woods Road, Woodbury. The Reception will start at 6:00 PM with Program will start at 8:00 PM and desert at 9:00 PM.

This years honorees are Andrea Bolender, - Legacy Award, Steven Dubner - Public Service Award, and David B. Samadi, M.D. - Community Leader Award.

For more information and attending, please visit

<http://www.hmtcli.org/event/24th-annual-tribute-dinner/>

## STAY TUNED

**SEPT. 26-SEPT 30**  
**WRIV-AM, RIVERHEAD**

WILL BROADCAST AN AD HONORING OUR MILITARY AND ASKING PRAYER FOR THEIR SAFETY IN WAR AND SAFE RETURN.

The AD CONCLUDES WITH THE SHARE THE HARVEST EVENT INFORMATION.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### **Job Opening for Part-Time Assistant Coordinator of Social Justice Organizing, Engagement and Advocacy**

The Conference Board of Church & Society is seeking an energetic and committed activist located within the New York City metropolitan area who can assist local congregations throughout the Conference in becoming involved with Black Lives Matter and other racial justice issues as well as initiatives to reduce gun violence.

Please forward a resume and cover letter to Rev. Paul Fleck, CBCS Chair, at [paul.fleck@nyac-umc.com](mailto:paul.fleck@nyac-umc.com).

### **Job Opening for Director of Children's & Youth Ministries Needed**

The Old Presbyterian Church in Huntington is seeking a Director of Children's & Youth Ministries. This is a part-time salaried position for 10 - 15 hours per week. Salary based on experience & training.

E-mail resume to:

[info@oldfirstchurchhuntington.org](mailto:info@oldfirstchurchhuntington.org)

Attn: Laure McKenna

Job description posted on

[www.oldfirstchurchhuntington.org](http://www.oldfirstchurchhuntington.org)

### **Protestant Campus Ministry**

Stony Brook University is seeking a new Chaplain, as our current Chaplain has received a new call. This is a 20 hour a week position, with (sadly) no benefits. But we are gradually working hard to gradually increase hours! Please let me know if you know anyone (Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Methodist, UCC, ELCA, Congregational, or American Baptist). They do not need to be ordained or otherwise authorized by their denomination.

Contact The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Whiteley below for more information, [stjamesrector@optonline.net](mailto:stjamesrector@optonline.net)

### **Central American Refugee Center**

CARECEN will be celebrating 33 years of advocacy and service to Long Island's immigrant and Latino communities at its 2016 Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at Verdi's of Westbury. For more information call 516-489-8330 or 631-273-8721 or email:

[kencarecen@yahoo.com](mailto:kencarecen@yahoo.com).

### **Protestant Campus Ministry**

Help PCM start the fall season off. The following donations are needed at this time for the Interfaith Center at Stony Brook:

-Printing Paper - White (Glossy and Copy paper)

-Assorted Color Bright Paper and Assorted Card Stock

-HP ink cartridges 951 or 951xl (Black Ink Cartridge)

-951 or 951XL (Color Combo Pack)

-Gift cards for local outings with students (Starbucks gift cards, dominos pizza cards, AMC Lowes movie cards)

-Sweets and Drinks (Box of Tootsie Roll Pops or Blow Pops, assorted snacks, small water bottles)

-Giveaways (pens, usb cards, notepads, post its items can be personalize for Protestant Campus Ministry 631.632.6563 and or highlighting your respective church or business at this time.)

If you chose to order office supplies and have mailed to the office, there is a Staples nearby the school and they do deliver.

For more information, text Reverend Brenda Ford at 718-926-1464 or e-mail:

[revbrenda.ford@stonybrook.edu](mailto:revbrenda.ford@stonybrook.edu)

# Our appreciation and thanks to...

We are profoundly grateful to The Glena E. Jagger Revocable Trust for a second bequest of \$161,294.76 to support our mission to serve Long Islanders in need. We also extend special thanks to the Nassau County Bar Association and the WE CARE ADVISORY BOARD for its generous grant of \$20,000 to support our Nassau County Emergency Food and Family Support Programs.

## Share the Harvest

**Riverhead Building Supply**  
\$5,000  
**TD Charitable Foundation**  
\$2,500  
**The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island**  
\$3,000  
**Anonymous**  
\$5,000  
**Anonymous**  
\$3,000  
**Anonymous**  
\$2,000

## Food & Basic Support

**First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin**  
\$1,000  
**Garden City Community Church**  
\$3,500

## Emergency Food Pantry & Family Support Programs

**First Presbyterian Church of Southold**  
\$100  
**Southold Presbyterian Women**  
\$100  
**TD Charitable Foundation**  
\$5,000  
**United Community Foundation**  
\$6,000

## Where Most Needed

**Capell, Barnett, Matalon & Schoenfeld LLP**  
\$1,000  
**Community Church of Douglaston**  
\$924  
**Community Church of Syosset**  
\$250  
**Congregational Church of Manhasset**  
\$1,642  
**Orient Congregational Church**  
\$200  
**Parker Jewish Institute**  
\$100  
**Port Washington United Methodist Church**  
\$175  
**Ridgewood Savings Bank**  
\$1,000  
**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**  
\$2,300  
**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
\$10  
**Westhampton Presbyterian Church**  
\$1,205

... and to the following individuals for their gifts to support our ministry to Long Islanders in need: **Bette J Adams; Margaret M. Centabar; Sarah Dean; Sherry Huber; William Keller; Charles W. Kim; Jack King; Joyce King; Cheri Kroon-Beer; Ronald Lefton; Doris g. Markham; Thomas Philipp; Karen Pohlig; Norman Roscoe; and Norman Stanton.**

We are also thankful to **Ruth Stuart** for graciously donating a Senior Executive Desk (4 piece - desk, bridge, credenza, and hutch); Canon, 4 year old like new, All-in-One Class Color Copier with cartridge; standard office desk; 2 book cases; and chair pad which are used in our Hempstead Office.

We would also thank to give a special thanks to **Pastor Jeffery Denecke Sr. and the New Apostolic Church** in Bethpage for its generous donation of 24 book bags fully stocked with school supplies for our families in need for the 2016 school year.

Please visit us at  
[www.liccdonate.org](http://www.liccdonate.org)

## PRELUDE

The newsletter of the  
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NOVEMBER 5 for Dec.  
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may be emailed to:  
**[licc@optonline.net](mailto:licc@optonline.net)**

Two months advance  
notice for events  
requiring  
registration.



## FREEPORT IS UP AND RUNNING AT ITS TEMPORARY SITE, 46 PINE ST.

The Freeport Pantry due to the unsafe and unhealthy environment of its last site at 450 N. Main Street, closed its doors and has since relocated to its temporary site at the Freeport United Methodist Church, 46 Pine Street, Freeport.

Again, we thank Pastor Ed Norman who supported our effort in securing an immediate location at his church. As of July 13, the Freeport has been serving those who had come to our previous site as well as new guests!

Wally Merna, our Freeport Manager has done an amazing job of getting operations in full gear with the numbers of households steadily returning to the numbers prior to the move!

Ted Houston Jr. and Marcia Pinkney have also been super fantastic in working above and beyond. The Freeport staff have worked hard and tirelessly in ensuring that the needs of the hungry are met.

The LICC is diligently seeking a permanent location. We are looking for some place preferably close public transportation, accessible for all clients including wheelchair, climate controlled for food items and staff, able to take delivery of food items. If you know of a location site please contact Rev. Pina.