

PRELUDE

From the Executive Director Reverend Dyanne Pina

“A time to build..” *There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under Heaven:
a time to tear down, a time to build, Ecclesiastes 3:1,3*

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.

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What an exciting and invigorating year! Indeed it has been a year of tearing down and building up! The work of the Long Island Council of Churches has been a wonderful challenge heeding to its Holy Vocation and aspiring to the same vision of Jesus Christ by feeding, clothing, welcoming and uplifting those most vulnerable. It has been a blessing working in harmony and on common ground with the many Christians and with the Multi-faith community helping our Neighbors most in need on Long Island...by eradicating poverty, racism, homelessness, domestic violence, and hunger. We have made our concerns known about the proposed American Health Care Act and rededicated our efforts to help rebuild health care for all. We have raised the age of the young incarcerated... building a path for rehabilitation and hope.

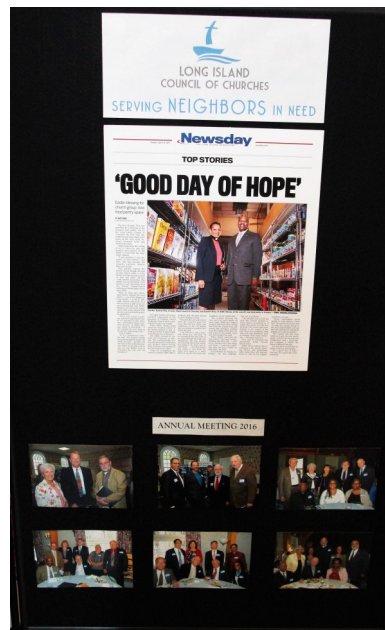
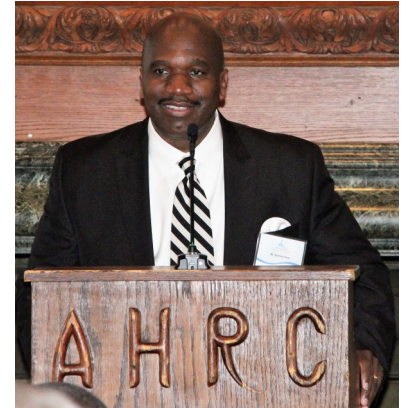
We have stood side by side with the Muslim and Jewish community to tear down the walls of hate and bias rhetoric. We have protested the inhumane “immigration ban” ... tearing down the wall of tyranny and ethnic cleansing. We have collaborated with church and community organizations to address the serious concerns about the racial, social, and economic inequalities to create a Long Island that fosters a society of shared wealth. We are shredding religious and cultural biases with the Multi-Faith Forum, Building Bridges within congregations, schools, and the workplace. We have worked together to protect our Biblical conviction and religious right of Sanctuary so that we can continue to advance safe havens where refugees are welcomed, loved, and protected.

The Long Island Council of Churches has a rich legacy and history of Ecumenical and Interfaith connectivity in its ministry and direct service programs throughout this beautiful island. This year we are pleased to communicate to you the updated LICC brand with a new logo (soon to be trade-marked).

We are building partnerships. The diligence and faithfulness of our Boards was steadfast in their pursuit of a permanent pantry location. God provided yet another miracle though Irene Goodman who connected the LICC with AHRC Nassau, resulting in a 3500-square foot shared space at 230 Hanse Avenue in Freeport...a space that is bright, brand new and beautiful...and was completely renovated at no cost to the LICC! Through this blessed connection, we have formed an exciting partnership with the AHRC Nassau, a fellow non-for-profit organization that supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our partnership provides an unparalleled opportunity for AHRC clients to learn job readiness, social and other skills to prepare for entry into the workforce.

The support of the LICC Board of Directors, the LICC Board of Mission & Ministry, the support of the LICC staff, and the support of every one of you is the WE that tears down and builds up making the lives of our most vulnerable *Neighbors* more livable. I thank you so very much for your dedication and commitment in 2017! Blessings & More Blessings to you this summer!

Scenes from the 2017 Annual Meeting



Awards Ceremony 2017 Annual Meeting



2017 Annual Meeting Awardees

The Long Island Council of Churches would like to share our congratulations to the 2017 Awardee's for their outstanding support in helping our *Neighbors* in need.

Life-Time Achievement Award

Rev. Dr. Eugene Purvis

Philanthropist of the Year

Marian S. Hubbard

Neighbor to Neighbor Award

Islamic Center of Long Island

Neighbor to Neighbor Advocacy Award

Luis Valenzuela - Healthcare Reform

Neighbor to Neighbor Partnership Award

AHRC Nassau

Neighbor to Neighbor Advocacy Award

Jobs with Justice - Immigration

Neighbor to Neighbor Hospitality Award

Freeport United Methodist Church

Neighbor to Neighbor Community Award

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Long Island

Neighbor to Neighbor Congregation of the Year Award

Garden City Community Church

Neighbor to Neighbor Denomination of the Year Award

The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

Suffolk *Neighbor to Neighbor* Congregation of the Year Award

Temple Israel of Riverhead

Nassau *Neighbor to Neighbor* Congregation of the Year Award

Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church

Neighbor to Neighbor Foundation Award

Newsday Charities, A Fund of the McCormick Foundation

Neighbor to Neighbor Event Award

"Will Sing for Food Concert" Garden City Community Church

Freeport Ribbon Cutting

On May 23, 2017 the Long Island Council of Churches in partnership with AHRC Nassau celebrated its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Long Island Council of Churches Freeport Food & Services Boutique located at 230 Hanse Avenue in Freeport. In our first two weeks of operation we served 177 families and 465 individuals.



SPOT LIGHTS



The Long Island Council of Churches are profoundly grateful to **Nassau Bar Foundation, WE CARE Fund** for its generous grant of \$15,000 to support our Nassau County Emergency Food and Family Support Programs. Reverend Dyanne Pina, LICC's Board of Directors member Reverend Lorraine De Armitt, and Mary Dewar were there to accept the donation from Co-Chairs Sarika Kapoor and Marc C. Gann.

LICC PANTRIES RENAMED

The LICC brand is also evidence in the new paradigm of serving our communities in need through our emergency food centers and pantries. We have begun first by identifying those we serve as *"Our Neighbors"* a term coined by one of our own staff. In our effort to safeguard the dignity of each and every one of our *Neighbors*, we are naming our food pantries "Food & Services Boutiques" to reduce the food pantry

stigma. Our Food & Service Boutiques will continue with the "food choice supermarket" modality while providing an atmosphere that is welcoming and warm. We are eliminating the language "intake process" and replacing with "a welcome reception". In addition to the welcome process, the boutiques will reflect an environment that is cozy and comfortable with couches, hot beverages, plants, magazines, and artwork. It is our hope and prayer to offer a piece of comfort and a peace of mind.

LICC STAFF CHANGES

Staff

Rev. Brenda D. Ford, Food & Services Boutique Manager and Lead Chaplain for the NCCC Ministry; Christine Spencer, Freeport Pantry Clerk; Wally Merna, Chaplain NCCC Ministry

Volunteers

Andrew Detres (Hofstra Intern); Eileen Bailey (Hempstead UMC); Steven Funicello (WEP); Bridgette Fraizer;

Our appreciation and thanks to...

Emergency Food Pantry &
Family Support Programs

**Community Presbyterian
Church**
\$2,000

**Beach United
Methodist Church**
\$1,404.30

**Cold Spring Harbor
Construction Corporation**
\$500

**United Methodist
Church of Seaford**
\$561

**Barry Bezner Restoration
& Contracting, Inc.**
\$200

**DiCosimo General
Contracting, Inc.**
\$200

Mazzitelli Construction Corp.
\$200

Merrick Kitchen & Bath, Ltd.
\$200

**First Presbyterian
Church of Baldwin**
\$154

B-Ten Construction, Inc.
\$150

Archer Electric
\$150

**Community United
Methodist Church**
\$106

B&B Custom Furniture
\$100

**Sterling Restoration &
Development, Inc.**
\$100

**First Congregational
Church of Riverhead**
\$80

**United Church of
Rockville Centre**
\$76.77

Golden Oak, Inc.
\$50

**Community Church
of Douglaston**
\$42

Jerry Ruperto Corporation
\$20

Where Most Needed

Church World Service
\$3,691

**The Society of Saint
Vincent de Paul**
\$3,450

**Catholic Charities Diocese of
Rockville Centre**
\$2,000

Our Lady of Peace
\$622

United Methodist, Bellmore
\$567

A to Z Foundation
\$500

Unity Church of Long Island
\$452

**Congregational Church of
South Hempstead**
\$365

**Bellmore Presbyterian
Church**
\$325

**First Presbyterian
Church of Oceanside**
\$260

Brookville Reformed Church
\$200

**Mount Sinai
Congregational Church**
\$175

**Garden City
Community Church**
\$150

Harbour Contracting
\$10

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LICC Food & Service Boutique 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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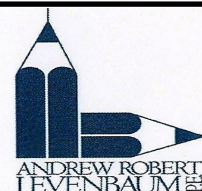
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