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FREEPORT, NY: Lindley Murray Fund of New York Yearly Meeting awarded the Long Island Council of Churches \$1,600 grant for its Long Island emergency food pantry program.

The Long Island Council of Churches (LICC) received a \$1,600 grant from the Lindley Murray Fund of New York Yearly Meeting to support its emergency food program on Long Island.

We are most grateful to the Lindley Murray Fund of New York Yearly Meeting for its generous support. The grant helped us keep up with the increased number of hungry Neighbors we are feeding in our Freeport Emergency Food Center. This allows us to feed more people and give them the food they need. We are feeding nearly 1,500 Neighbors a month in Nassau and giving them enough food for three days.

“We are extremely grateful for your continued support for our ministry to those who are in great need, those whom we see at the pantry. Facing a significant growth in demand for this kind of care in our Long Island communities, your generosity is a blessing for our ongoing work in 2019. The **Serving Our Neighbors in Need** fund demonstrates the Lindley Murray Fund’s continuing care and compassion for those that we both serve in our different ways;” said Long Island Council of Churches Administrative Board Chairperson, The Reverend A. Erik Rasmussen.

The Long Island Council of Churches, the region’s largest ecumenical and interfaith organization, is a faith-based, non-profit emergency food and social service agency. For 50 years the LICC has brought together hundreds of faith communities to respond rapidly to the emergency needs of the least fortunate. 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 2018 the LICC fed 18,916 hungry Long Islanders 170,244 meals through the Freeport Emergency Food Center.

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