



Long Island Council of Churches www.licc-ny.org
The LICC is an ecumenical organization of Christians deeply involved in multi-faith work.

PRELUDE

From the Executive Director
COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

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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Food Pantry
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Freeport, NY 11520
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LICC-FREE-PORT@optonline.net

*When upon life's billows you are
tempest tossed,*

*When you are discouraged, thinking
all is lost,*

*Count your many blessings, name
them one by one, and it will surprise
you what the Lord hath done.*

*Count your blessings, name them one
by one; Count your blessings, see
what God hath done;*

*Count your blessings, name them one
by one; Count your many blessings,
see what God hath done.*

*Johnson Oatman Jr. wrote these lyrics
in 1897 . Since that time countless
congregations have had this song rec-
orded in their hymnals. The words of
this song ring loud and true even for
today. No matter the circumstance, we
are to always count our blessings. We
never know what tomorrow brings,
therefore today we are blessed! And
today, I am counting my blessings
starting with You...YOU, the churches,
mosques, synagogues and congrega-
tions of various faiths that have sup-*

*-ported the ministry of the LICC with
a spirit of ecumenicalism and inter-
faith connectivity...YOU, the many
non-profit organizations that have
partnered with the LICC providing us
the necessary resources for our
NEIGHBORS...YOU, the business
community, and foundations, that be-
lieve in the mission of the LICC with
generous grants and in-kind dona-
tions...YOU, the faithful donors that
have given sacrificially, YOU, the
Multi-Faith Forum for your continued
effort in uniting us through our reli-
gious diversity ...and YOU, the volun-
teers, staff, boards and committee
members that are the cornerstones of
the LONG ISLAND COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES, are my countless bless-
ings...and I see what God has done! I
am grateful for all that you do, and
all that you will do as we move into
the next year!*

*~ Happy Kwanza, Happy Chanukah
And have a very merry and Blessed
Christmas!*



SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS...

For some time now, the LICC has named the people who we help, as guests and as clients.

*It has been determined that the LICC will no longer use either of those identifiers, but instead will refer to our folks as NEIGHBORS...because that is who they are.
They are our NEIGHBORS!*

Thanks to Anthony Achong, our new Executive Assistant & Administrative Office Mgr. who made this suggestion!



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

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.

Newsletter Mentions from our Communities

The Long Island Council of Churches would like to thank **The First Presbyterian Church of Freeport, Merrick United Methodist Church, Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church, and Riverhead United Methodist Church** for graciously appealing to there community's in their newsletters for outreach to help our food pantries in serving our Neighbors in need.

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

Gandhi Jayanti Celebration

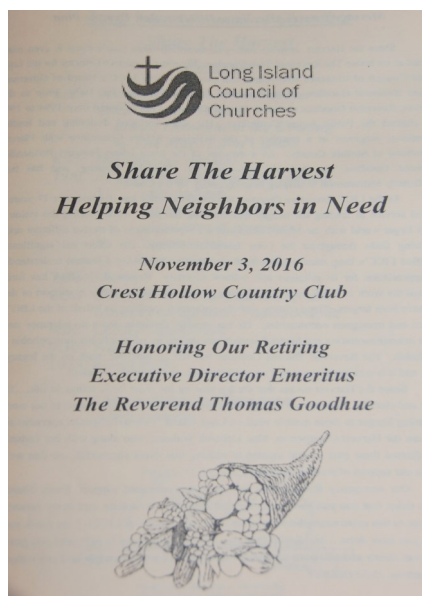


On October 2, 2016, the Volunteers of the Shanti Fund gathered for the Gandhi Jayanti Celebration which honors the birth of Mahatma Gandhi and promotes the Culture of Peace and Nonviolence. From left to right Honorees: Neela Mukherjee Lockel, Rev. Dyanne Pina, and Supervisor Anthony J. Santino. Special appreciation to Arvind Vora for coordination of the event, far right.



On Sunday October 16, the young and old, joined by a couple dogs happy to be out for a walk, met and walked about four miles to raise money and awareness for CROP (Community Response to Overcome Poverty). CROP is a Church World Services outreach program. Members of Aquebogue Old Steeple Church, Riverhead Methodist Church, Riverhead Congregational Church, Wading River Church, North Fork United Methodist Church and the House of Praise were sponsored by their churches, family and friends. Over \$2,200 was raised, of which a third will remain in Riverhead to support local food pantries and the rest will go to support missions worldwide. Last year \$13,000 was raised in last years COP Walk, of which 25% was donated to the LICC Food Bank in Freeport.

SHARE THE HARVEST 2016



SHARE THE HARVEST GALA APPRECIATION

We are grateful for all who purchased tickets and attended...Special thank you to our STH Gala Chair, Deb Wallace, who with the help of her Development Team, (Tom Wallace, Helene Denecke, Hank Boerner, Howard Capell, Esq. Rev. Thomas Schmidt, Uriel Welch and Anthony Achong) produced a successful and unforgettable evening of music, dance, and generous giving, in Honor of our Former Executive Director, the Reverend Thomas Goodhue!

Thank you also to our SPONSORS...

The Knapp/Swezey Foundation, Riverheard Building Supply, Astoria Bank, The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, Marian Hubbard, TD Bank, Tom & Deb Wallace, Howard Capell, Esq. Henry and Mary Ann Boener.

...And to those who donated to the Feed A Family meals and to who purchased silent auction items... Helene & Jeffrey Denecke, Tom Wallace, Dr. Faroque Khan, Michael Moser, Mary Dewar, Caroline MacArthur, Grace Simonette, Dorothy Stevens, Robert Festa, Mohammed Mahmoud, Rev. Thomas Schmidt, Hank Boerner, Bill Russell, Anthony Achong, James Darragh, Salvatore, Melli, Katherine Jones, Haidee Lee, Rev. James Hulse, Zubeida Lunat, Nasir Farooqui, Chunini Tang, Karen Pohlig, Margaret Frantz, Charla Apsel, Mother Ceceily Broderick, Mr. Jeffrey Pina & Rev. Dyanne Pina, Rev. Marjorie Nunez, Rev. James Schultz, Robert Silz, Rev. Larry & Marylou Swenson, Rev. Eric Rasmussen, Sheila Sussmand, Liz Burns, Rev. Tom Philipp, Larry Bing, John Weisman, and Tony Tien.



My wife and I would like to express our appreciation to everyone who planned, sponsored, and attended Share the Harvest on Nov. 3.



The Development Committee and the LICC staff did a great job and it was a wonderful evening.



We were touched by all the gifts and kind words.



Rev. Tom Goodhue



2016 MIGRANT DINNER

The Long Island Council of Churches would like to thank all of our volunteers and donors for their generous donations for the 2016 Migrant Dinner in Riverhead.



Debbie Bolder

Peter Harold

Joanne Horn

Gerry Manginelli

David Ramirez

Jim Relyea

Thomas and Deborah Wallace

Dorothy Zondag

Advent Lutheran Church Mattituck

Astor Distributor's

Briermere Farms

Bay View Farm Market

Southampton Bath & Tennis Club

Southold Presbyterian Church

United Church of Rockville Centre

Wading River Congregational Church

Wickham's Farms

...serving our Neighbors in need...



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Two months advance
notice for events
requiring
registration.

Our appreciation and thanks to...

Share the Harvest

**Garden City
Community Church
\$100**

**First Church Congregation
Society in Southold
\$220**

**Manhasset Monthly Meeting
of Religious Society of
Friends
\$500**

Migrant Dinner

**United Church of
Rockville Centre
\$500**

Food & Basic Support

**Saint John's
Lutheran Church
\$109**

Where Most Needed

**The Society of Saint
Vincent de Paul
\$1,150**

**Saint Paul's united
Methodist Church
\$125**

**West Hills United
Methodist Church
\$200**

**United Methodist Church
of Hempstead
\$600**

*... and to the following individuals for their gifts to support our ministry to Long Islanders in need: **William Keller, PhD., Janice Kincaid, Joyce King, Shirley J. Russel, and Janice Kincaid.***

*We are also thankful to **Donald Metznik** for graciously donating an Executive Desk with side drawers, a 2 drawer file console, tall computer cabinet, 3 bookshelves, Executive swivel leather chair, and 2 boxes of miscellaneous boxes of office items which are used in our Hempstead Office.*

*We would also thank to give a special thanks to **Friends Academy located at 270 Duck Pond Road in Locust Valley** for its generous donation of trick or treat bags fully stocked with healthy snacks for our families in need for the 2016 Holiday season.*

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www.liccdonate.org