



The Connector

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District Prayer Walking Team Readies Itself For Ministry

Our prayer walkers will be ministering to the churches and people of our district during the week of March 15th. Accompanied by a team of clergy and laity, including our lay leader and some of our associate lay leaders, our District Superintendent will spend the entire week visiting each of the 76 churches in the district in order to pray and seek God's protection and direction for the pastors and congregations for which she is responsible.

The prayer walk is undertaken as a serious intercessory discipline. Before setting out at the beginning of the day, the team has a time of prayer together. Each person then, as they are able, fasts throughout the day until they have prayed at the final church on that day's itinerary. They offer more intercessions before parting company.

"It is a challenging schedule," one team member has stated. "Toward the end of the day we are pretty hungry and pretty tired, but God

strengthens us for the task at hand. We all believe churches of the Long Island East District reap the benefits of our ministry to them."

Asked what prompted her to initiate the prayer walking week, Rev. Brewington responded, "Shortly after becoming Superintendent it became clear to me that our churches and our people are laboring valiantly under heavy burdens. I just decided that it was time for God's people to set foot on the land and declare on no uncertain terms that we are reclaiming God's property. We are using spiritual means to lighten the burden so people are more free to engage in vital, life changing ministries."

Although in previous years the prayer walk has taken place either Holy Week or the week prior to Holy Week, this year the team is sojourning a little earlier. They are hoping that this adjustment in the schedule will help facilitate the participation of the pastors who are part of the prayer team.



*The Port Washington
United Methodist Church*

A schedule for the walk appears on the next page. Please consider using some of your daily devotional time to intercede for the churches of the district.

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*what you think
of our new
format!*

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Clergy Retreat Rescheduled



MONTFORT SPIRITUAL CENTER - BAY SHORE, NY 11706

The district clergy retreat originally scheduled for April 15th has been rescheduled for April 9th. The shift in the calendar is due to a change in the schedule at the venue for the event.

The retreat will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Montfort Spiritual Center, 26 South Saxon Avenue in Bay Shore.

Lunch will be provided.

This year's theme is "Meeting Jesus on the Road." It is being designed

to be a time of rest, rejuvenation and reconnection with clergy colleagues. An informational flyer has already been emailed to all district clergy. More information will follow shortly.

As with previous district clergy retreats, this event is free of charge. We do need an accurate headcount for lunch, however, so please R.S.V.P. to the District office no later than April 6th.

*Look for more
articles and information
in the next regular edition
of the Connector,
coming in April.*



The Riverhead United Methodist Church, the last stop on this year's prayer walk.

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Prayer Walking Schedule

Sunday, March 15th

Westbury
Port Washington
Sea Cliff
Old Westbury
East Norwich
Bayville/Glen Cove

Monday, March 16th

Woodbury Huntington-CSH
Huntington-West Hills
Dix Hills
Dix Hills - Bible Korean
Commack/Commack Korean
Kings Park
Northport
East Northport
Centerport

Tuesday, March 17th

New Hyde Park
Albertson
South Floral Park
Franklin Square
West Hempstead
Hempstead
Uniondale
Baldwin

Freeport
Merrick
Bellmore
Massapequa
Seaford
East Meadow
Hicksville
Plainview

Wednesday, March 18th

Bethpage
Farmingdale
Amityville, First
Amityville, Simpson
Lindenhurst
Babylon
Bay Shore
Islip
Sayville
Bayport
Bellport
Patchogue

Thursday, March 19th

Hauppauge
Smithtown
Saint James
Stonybrook
Setauket

Port Jefferson
Port Jefferson Station
Coram
Wading River
Lake Ronkonkoma
Central Islip

Friday, March 20th

Center Moriches
East Moriches
West Hampton
West Hampton Beach
East Quogue
Flanders
Hampton Bays

Saturday, March 21st

Hamptons
East Hampton
Sag Harbor
Orient
Greenport
Cutchogue
Riverhead

District Youth Retreat Coming Soon

The annual LIE District youth retreat will take place April 15 to April 17 at Camp Quinipet on Shelter Island. Retreatants will arrive at 7PM on Friday and depart at 1PM on Sunday. Themed “#WorkHardPrayHard,” the event is open to all youth sixth grade and up.

The registration fee \$100 per person up until March 31st. After than, potential retreatants can only register with approval of the adult coordinators of the youth fellowship. Scholarships are available for those in need.

Housing, meals, snacks and activities are all included in the registration fee.

Churches wishing to send youth to this retreat must provide 2 adult chaperones for the first 12 youth sent, and an additional chaperone for each additional 6 youth. If you don’t have enough chaperones to meet these guidelines you can partner with another local church in order to do so.

Everyone must meet District Safe Sanctuary rules. A chaperone meeting will be held for training and aware-

ness. Dates for the chaperone meetings will be announced shortly.

To register, please send a \$25 non-refundable deposit to:

Shanna Wurth,
20 Park Circle North
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Checks should be made payable to the LIE District.

Any questions you may have can be directed to Shanna at:

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