

Get My Church To The District Mission Walk & Picnic! REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Your church is invited to the Long Island East District's Mission Walk & Picnic!

By following the checklist below, we hope to help our churches get registered, have a huge turnout, and collect funds that can be used for faithful ministry.

Mission Walk Checklist:

- □ Discuss what your mission project will be this year with your Church Council or Missions Committee along with your fundraising goal.
 - o NOTE: Mission projects may be something your church does or a cause that it supports, but should be *missional* in nature. Examples include community gardens, supporting a missionary, providing schoolbags for impoverished kids, UMCOR support, and the missional portions of your Shared Ministry Apportionments.
- ☐ Register your church at liedistrict.com/missionwalk
 - o <u>You Will Need:</u> Mission project, a short description of your ministry project, your fundraising goal (\$200 minimum), a team leader/contact.
 - After you register, you will receive an email when your church has been added to the individual registration page, and we'll tell you what your cooperative parish's designated color is for the Walk.
- ☐ Start your fundraising efforts!
 - Let people know what you're fundraising for, and encourage everyone to invite donors to give.
 - o Rather than sponsoring individuals, donors give to your church's team.
 - o Be sure to distribute the offline donation form to your team.
 - Register your individual participants at liedistrict.com/missionwalk
 - There is no cost to participate, but pre-registration as early as possible is strongly encouraged to help us ensure there is enough for lunch. It will also greatly help for a smooth check-in the morning of the Mission Walk & Picnic!
 - Talk with your cooperative parish churches about ways to work together.
 - Our staff will provide each person with a sash at check-in to represent their cooperative parish, but you can wear t-shirts, hats or something else with your color on it, too.
- ☐ Make a final push for donations!
- ☐ Arrive at the park pavilion at 9:30am, dressed for the weather.
- ☐ Email to <u>david.czeisel@nyac-umc.com</u> the TOTAL amount of any funds raised by your church by May 20th.

Common Questions:

• Do I have to walk the entire 5K?

• The route for the Walk involves two trips around the lake. We invite you to do what you can and step off if you need to do so. It's a pleasant walk in God's beautiful world.

• Do I need to walk to attend?

 Nope! We welcome those of all levels of mobility. We're happy to have everyone come together to celebrate what God is doing among us. We just ask that everyone do their best to support your church's fundraising efforts.

• Can I bring my pet?

O Yes you can! Belmont Lake State Park requires pets to be on a leash.

Can I fundraise for repairs or capital improvement projects?

 No - The District Mission Walk & Picnic is designed to help your church to *directly* serve the community in your context. Let the community see how much you love them with the love of Christ!

How do I tell you about any dietary restrictions?

o When individuals register with your team, there is a place to tell us about any dietary restrictions.

• Is there a fee for parking?

o NYS Parks charges \$8 per vehicle for parking.

• Are there other facilities nearby?

o Bathrooms, playgrounds, vending machines and paddleboat / kayak rentals are all available at Belmont Lake State Park.

• Should I bring my own water bottles?

• While we will have water for refilling water bottles, all participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to help us preserve the environment.

Still have questions?

Email Pastor David Czeisel at david.czeisel@nyac-umc.com