



Mission Walk 2019



February 25, 2019

Dear Churches of the Long Island East District,

Has your church had difficulty in meeting its ministry needs? Is there a mission project that you'd like to fundraise for?

If so, then our District Council of Ministries would like to invite your church to participate in our first Mission Walk!

The Mission Walk is a 5k Walk to support the missional work of the United Methodist Churches in our district. It's an opportunity for your congregation to fundraise for a specific mission/ministry project, while helping to spread the good news about what Jesus is doing through us. Our public witness for Jesus will surely be grand!

Mission Walk & Picnic 2019

Saturday, May 18th, 2019

Heckscher State Park, Deer Range Pavilion (near Parking Field 2)
Great River, NY

Our day together will feature a beautiful walk—sampling much of our Long Island geography—as we journey through woods, past marshland, and alongside the seashore. The road is paved, and should be accessible for all participants. Churches are encouraged to wear church tee shirts, if they have them, to further enhance our witness together.

Upon our return to the pavilion, a catered lunch will be offered to all, while we listen to the Rockabilly Gospel music of The Found Cats! We'll have an inflatable for the kids and games to play, too. This will be a fabulous day for missions and fellowship, so we hope that whole families from our churches will come for the day.

Our district will cover *all* the planning, details, etc., so that you can just focus on registering walkers and getting people to donate to your cause! The *only* cost to your participants is the \$8 per vehicle parking fee.

To get started, decide what mission of your church you'd like to fundraise for, go to liedistrict.com/MissionWalk2019 and click on "Register Your Church". Once you've registered your church and submitted the cause you're fundraising for, we'll be able to build your online donation page for you. We'll let you know when your page is ready, and give you further instructions on how to start fundraising. You'll then also be able to start signing up your participants by clicking "Register To Participate As A Walker" from the district website.

To further highlight the work of Jesus through our churches, we'd like for each church to put together a small table display of the mission project they are supporting. So, whether you're raising funds for your after school ministry, disaster relief kits, or your World Service Fund apportionments, we'll be arranging a space for you to reveal what God is doing. Please keep in mind that we will be outdoors and so it may be breezy, etc.

On behalf of our Mission Walk team, we hope that this will help you undergird the excellent work that your church is doing. We hope to have about 150-200 United Methodists participating! If you'd like to know more about our Mission Walk & Picnic, please contact Rev. David Czeisel at David.czeisel@nyac-umc.com or 631-827-6401.

SCHEDULE:

9:30am - Registration opens;
Festival of ministries tables open

10am - Opening Worship

10:30am - Opening Ceremony

11:00am - Walk begins

12:00pm - Lunch; inflatables open; live music

1pm - Games & Activities

3pm - Departure

Warm Regards,
Pastor David Czeisel