

Hope, Gratitude and *Solidarity*



Ending Hunger One Step At A Time

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world. *Ending Hunger One Step at a Time* is the official motto of the CROP Hunger Walks, community wide walk events organized by religious groups, schools and others across the nation to support Church World Service, a faith based

organization that helps communities across the globe deal with hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Twenty five percent of the funds raised are returned to the local communities that host walks.



Since 1975, Dutchess Interfaith Council has participated in the CROP Hunger Walk raising \$1,787,751.00 from teams and individuals walking 6 miles throughout the city of Poughkeepsie. Last year, 200 people walked in the pouring rain to raise \$57, 252.75. Of that extraordinary amount, \$24,000 was raised by "Team Moody" from Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church to honor the legacy of Mary Moody who passed away on March 28, 2019.

A Story Circle in RECTANGLES

Tuesday, Sept. 29 we will hold our next Zoom story circle, 7-8:30.

Theme: Transformation

To attend, please register by sending an email to:
DCICstory@optonline.net

Once you register, you will receive a Zoom link for the gathering.

Mary Law Moody was an avid supporter of the CROP Walk for 42 years. Believing that when one serves others God can multiply one's efforts, she gave many people the opportunity to alleviate hunger and poverty by sponsoring her in the Council's annual CROP Walk. From the money that was raised last year, \$14,313.19 was returned to our community and distributed to Dutchess Outreach, Dutchess Community Action Agency, Fishkill Food Bank, and Beulah Baptist Food Bank.

Mary Moody is not the only hero in our local CROP Walk. Last year, the Dutchess Interfaith Council honored Rose Marie Proctor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie. Ms. Proctor has walked every year for 40 years in

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*Shana Tova!
-a healthy, good
sweet year to
all who celebrate
Rosh Hashana, the
Jewish New Year.*



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the CROP Walk. She was inspired to start walking because she heard that there were poor women in third-world countries who walked miles and miles just to get water. "If they could walk that far to get water, the least I could do was six miles to help them."

This year, the CROP Walk will be held virtually. Teams and individuals who walk can get creative about how to raise money. People can walk six miles around their block or find a local trail. Virtual walks can be a car parade or donation drives that don't include walking. Even though the walks may be virtual, the need is REAL.

If you or your congregation would like to get involved, please visit:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/poughkeepsieny/>

or contact Taylor W. Holbrook, Chairman at taylor.w.holbrook@gmail.com.

The Dutchess County Interfaith Council is excited to welcome **JOHN McKENNA** as our new Executive Director



Recently, we conducted a virtual interview with John and asked him a few questions. Here is what he had to say....

[CLICK HERE](#) for more.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE to our CONGREGATIONS

Congregations and their members have an incredible opportunity to help the environment and local green innovation economy while also producing much-needed income, by participating in DCIC's partnership with Nexamp Community Solar. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).



SPECIAL INCENTIVE AVAILABLE TILL SEPT. 30

DUTCHESS RESPONDS FOOD CONNECTION

Dutchess Responds Food Connection provides assistance to Dutchess County families in need of food or other critical necessities. To sign up for the program [CLICK HERE](#), fill out the online form or call 845-486-3555 and select Option 5.

THE ROLLING GROCER

The Rolling Grocer provides groceries to families in need using an income-based tiered pricing system. To learn more [CLICK HERE](#).

In Memory of...

Lawrence Emerson Burger

Obituary



Our dear Rev. Gail Burger, Executive Director - Emeritus, suffered the loss of her beloved husband Emerson on September 2, 2020. If you wish to pay tribute to Lawrence Emerson Burger and respect to Rev. Gail Burger, please choose one of the following chosen by the family:

- In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be sent for the benefit of Local, National and World CROP Hunger Walk, c/o Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church, 2 Fiddlers Bridge Road, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Be sure to put "CROP Hunger Walk" on the memo portion of your check.
- To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).
- To send an online condolence from the safety of your home, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com. (Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., 4365 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY 12538.)
A Memorial Service will be held at-a-later date.



DCIC's "OPG" (Oil Purchase Group)

Petro in cooperation with the DCIC offers a great deal on heating oil to Dutchess County houses of worship and 501 C-3 non-profit organizations during the heating season.

The pricing structure for the 2020-2021 heating season starts September 1, 2020 and expires August 31, 2021.

If interested in more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

In memory of all those who have lost their lives due to Covid-19 . . .

The number of confirmed deaths due to Covid-19 has surpassed 100,000. Those who have died were mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, friends, beloved members of their community. In remembrance of those in our communities who have passed away from the virus, Dutchess Interfaith Council has established a "In Memoriam" page on our web site listing the names, ages, and a one sentence tribute of those who have died. Dutchesscountyinterfaith.org

[CLICK HERE](#) to leave the name, age and a one sentence tribute to be added to our websites "In Memoriam" page.



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