



On May 16, 2010 Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church will be sponsoring its thirtieth annual CROP Hunger Walk. Each year this walk brings neighbors together to take a stand against hunger around the world. The walkers, together with those who donate to the walk raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as fighting hunger in our local setting. Twenty percent of the funds raised will go to the Freeport Emergency Food Pantry an outreach of the Long Island Council of Churches.

This year's CROP Hunger Walk takes on special significance because it has been renamed the Grace MacMillan Memorial CROP Walk. Grace was a long time member of Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church and was a driving force behind its mission work. She was instrumental in establishing the church's Board of Christian Outreach and was particularly interested in Church World Service and the annual CROP walks hosted by WMCC. Grace was well known in local churches for her active participation in mission work and social justice issues. Grace died in September, 2009 and it was decided to rename this important mission activity after her.

"Grace was such a vital part of our church and her love for mission work is unparalleled." said Ron Garner the pastor of WMCC. "She is greatly missed but she lives on in the many mission projects that she established. In some small way, we hope that renaming the CROP Walk in her memory, will challenge us to continue focussing on mission. The CROP Walk is a way to involve the community, because Grace was well-known in our other local churches."

If you would like to walk or to donate to the walk, call 516-785-1829 for more information. You can also donate online at www.churchworldservice.org. Just click on CROP Hunger Walk and locate the Wantagh walk.

There is an alternate walk of one mile for those who do not wish to walk the entire 5 mile course. Volunteers are also needed to support the walkers. Registration begins at 1:30 PM in the municipal parking lot behind the church. The walk commences at 2:30 PM. Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church is located at 1845 Wantagh Avenue.