

Ann Arbor/Washtenaw CROP Hunger Walk

The 42nd annual Ann Arbor / Washtenaw CROP Hunger Walk, coordinated by the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ), was held on Sunday, September 25. It was a beautiful, sunny afternoon, as over 300 walkers gathered at Trinity Lutheran Church to walk in solidarity with those around the world who must walk miles each day in order to get water for their families and to raise funds to help alleviate hunger and poverty.

We began with a short send-off service, featuring music by the Trinity Lutheran choir, a welcome from the pastor, Rev. Lori Carey, and a talk by Tony Lasher, American Red Cross East Central Bay Michigan Executive Director. He shared about what the Red Cross is doing for the Flint community in the midst of the water crisis.

The funds raised by the CROP Hunger walkers will be distributed to Church World Service (75%) for global hunger and poverty relief programs and to local agencies (25%) which include:

- Avalon Housing
- Community Action Network
- Emmanuel House
- Growing Hope
- Hope Clinic
- Packard Health
- SOS Community Crisis Center
- St. Andrew's Breakfast Program

Walkers also brought non-perishable food items for donation to SOS Community Services.

AACRC had 24 walkers, ranging in age from young children to seniors. Kudos to veteran walkers Jim and Lillian Kuiper who have participated in 41 of the walks! Our walkers raised at least \$2510. Total donations have not yet been released by ICPJ as funds are still coming in. Thank you to all who participated by walking or sponsoring our walkers!



