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## JOIN US!

To register as a walker, register a team, or make a donation on line, visit

[www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny)

According to a 2022 report by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, over 800 million people worldwide are experiencing hunger. Climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, and conflict (especially the war in Ukraine) are all contributing factors. In the Capital Region, one in ten families experiences food insecurity. Some 65,000 people in our region use food pantries and soup kitchens to help make ends meet.

Out of the total funds raised by the Capital Region CROP Hunger Walks, 25% goes to local food pantries and soup kitchens. With so many people in our region using local free meal programs to provide adequate food for their families, this money is very helpful.

The remaining 75% of the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks helps support the work of Church World Service and its partners for hunger relief and development projects around the world. Visit [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org) to learn how CWS helps provide emergency food for refugees and disaster victims, improve access to clean water, and provide resources that empower and enable people to meet their own needs.

## Walk with Us VIRTUALLY or In PERSON



# SUNDAY MAY 5, 2024

## in the 44th Annual Albany CROP HUNGER WALK

## now known as the JOHN U. MILLER MEMORIAL CROP HUNGER WALK

New location!  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
21 Hackett Blvd., Albany • 12208

# TAKE STEPS TO MAKE HUNGER DISAPPEAR!



## Step One

**FIRST:** Visit the Albany CROP Hunger Walk Web Page to register as a walker and join or start a team.

[www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny)

### Team Captains (Recruiters):

Plan to attend the **Recruiters Rally and Awards Celebration on Sunday, April 7**, from **3:00-4:30pm**, at the First Church in Albany, 110 North Pearl Street, 12207. Register to attend on the web site of the Capital Area Council of Churches: [www.capareacc.org](http://www.capareacc.org)

If you are unable to attend the rally, call the CACC office at (518)462-5450 or e-mail [capareacc@gmail.com](mailto:capareacc@gmail.com) to make arrangements to pick up your materials.

At the the Rally, we will hear how CWS is helping Ukrainian refugees in Moldova as well as how our CROP Walk funds support an Albany food pantry. Presenters include Casey O'Neil, Protection Program Manager at Church World Service and Lynne Furierer, Director of the First Church Food Pantry. We will also recognize the top groups from the 2023 Walk. Honorees include the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, Bethany Reformed Church, and the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany.

## Step Two Walkers

**THEN:** Get a Walker Envelope from your team recruiter and invite your friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers to sponsor you. With the increase in reliance on local food distribution programs and the possibility of a global famine on the horizon, raising money to help vulnerable people is more needed than ever.



Our Albany CROP Hunger Walk is named after the late Rev. John U. Miller, a former CACC Executive Director who cared so much about “the least, the lost, and the last”.

**JOIN:** Members of the Miller family and others at **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**, 21 Hackett Blvd. on **Sunday, May 5**. Registration begins at 12:30 pm in the church hall. Music by the Delmariners in the sanctuary until the **Opening Ceremony at 1:15**. The Walk officially steps off at 1:30pm, with choices of a one-mile or two-mile loop..

**WALK** with us on May 5, or walk alone, with your family or in a small group in your own neighborhood or a nearby park any time during the month of May.

## Step Three

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



You can collect checks as well as on-line pledges. **Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP**. Turn your envelope in on Walk Day or give it to your Team Captain/Recruiter before the end of May.

All checks should be sent by **June 9**:

**CROP Walk c/o CACC Office  
646 State St.  
Albany, NY 12203**

Every walker will receive a CROP Walk 2024 T-shirt with the new “Nourish ‘til all can Flourish” logo (while supplies last).

### Where does the money go?

The 2023 Albany CROP Hunger Walk ranked in the top 10 out of 550 CROP Walks in the nation in terms of funds raised with a total of \$103,917. One quarter of the funds raised was distributed to 26 food pantries, soup kitchens and other meal programs in and near Albany County. Augmented by a special individual gift, the local share of the 2023 Albany CROP Hunger Walk was \$26,419. The other 75% was used by Church World Service and its partner agencies for global hunger relief and development programs, including access to clean water and assistance to refugees from Ukraine.