

CROP walk

Immanuel United Church of Christ has for many years participated in the Church world Service CROP walk held each October. Members of the congregation participate both as walkers and as sponsors of those who walk. In our local area, we are fortunate to have one of the most beautiful scenic 5K paths in which to hold the event. The trail starts at the lake community of Williams Bay, follows the Kishwaukee Nature Conservancy trail through meadows and woods, and then continues along the public walking path which follows the shores of beautiful Geneva Lake.

CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. These hunger walks are held to raise funds to support the overall ministry of Church World Service in their hunger-fighting efforts. When a community such as ours holds a CROP walk, we are also able to return up to 25 percent of the funds raised to support hunger-fighting organizations close to home, such as the food pantries spread across Walworth County.

Beyond our local community, CROP walks enable Church World Service, along with partner agencies in 80 countries, to provide the tools necessary for people to meet their own hunger-fighting needs. The funds raised through the walks provide seeds, tools, wells, water systems and loans for small enterprises.

To learn more about CROP walks, you may visit their website at <http://www.churchworldservice.org/CROP/>