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Dear Sharing Friend,

"Life is what happens when you're making other plans." *

The calendar says it's Good Friday yet every indicator within me belies that truth. As you may know, our **44th Good Friday Walk had to be canceled!** We use Plymouth River School in Hingham as our main checkpoint. Because of the high number of days lost due to snowstorms, the school committee scheduled Good Friday as a make-up day.

Ellen Donaghy (our main checkpoint majordomo ever since 1973) and I sat outside Plymouth River from 6:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. in case anyone came to walk. We experienced an unfamiliar strangeness as first teachers then students streamed into the building.

The calendar says it's Holy Week, yet every memory of the past five days or anticipatory sense of the next two presents a surreal landscape. It was a foreign experience, there was a sense of unreality as if the ground had shifted. It was a sad day.

My spirits were lifted however when I opened my computer early on Holy Saturday morning and saw a selfie of Betty Martin and Mochel Morris, soggy but smiling, on their Walk in Falls Church, Virginia. They "get" what I have long held; it doesn't matter how far or how fast, what matters is that you put one foot in front of the other **ON GOOD FRIDAY** and your efforts yield tangible results for others.

The calendar says it's Easter. Once more, due to circumstances beyond my control, my "usual" Easter Sunday celebration was precluded. There was no drive to Rockville, CT to worship with the Rockville United Methodist Church community and present some of this year's Walk awards. They have held a Good Friday Walk there ever since 1984!

The calendar says it's the day after Easter - but there is a large void, an emptiness, an absence. The external signs of Easter: lilies, tulips, and colorful baskets filled with candy are still visible. The inner signs remain to be lived into.

The calendar says the Easter Season has begun. "... A season to remember that Jesus did not pass on to a dead end but passed over to something fresh, new and fuller, making it our promised journey as well. There are no dead-ends only fresh starts, life ever fuller and new." **

As you will read below Walks were held in many of the usual locations. However our expected monies are greatly reduced. For the groups in the south we support with our Walk funds it's shaping up to be a disaster.

To each and every one who has responded so far to our "NO-WALK" appeal please accept my HEARTFELT THANKS. If you intended to but haven't yet, it's not too late.

In spite of this setback we will keep the faith. Please know that Sharing will continue striving to provide concrete opportunities for people of all beliefs to connect their faith with the realities of injustice in our world.

Awardees from the Rockville Walk

35 years	Judie Culy	Vernon CT
30 years	Don Ross	Tolland CT
600 miles	Dave Howe	Vernon CT
500 miles	Lori Thompson	Tolland CT
400 miles	Matt Yoder	Manchester CT
300 miles	June Blacksten	So. Glastonbury CT
200 miles	Jacob Gerow	Tolland CT

2015 Good Friday Walk Locations

where		how many people	how much pledged	amount for Sharing
Cheshire	CT	25	\$1,157	\$1,157
Falls Church	VA	4	\$200	\$200
Harvard	MA	285	\$21,320	\$2,135
Hingham***	MA	91?	\$25,000?	\$25,000?
Mystic	CT	75	\$4,709	\$3,535
Rockville	CT	160	\$8,600	\$5,732
So. Hadley	MA	4	\$200	\$200
Wakefield	MA	5	\$800	\$640
Locations	8	649	\$61,986	\$38,599

Shalom,



* Allen Saunders

** Eugenio Toland M.M.

*** Although there wasn't any organized Walk in Hingham there were dozens who walked there or wherever they were that day. Some even did all or part of our Walk route.