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Dear Sharing Friend,

" Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart."

Charles Wesley/John Zundel

I certainly needed that "pure unbounded love" this year. Traditionally the "feeling" portion of my post-Walk newsletter takes root on Good Friday with a good portion down on paper before Holy Saturday ends. Not so this year. For starters I was exhausted when I woke up at 5 A.M. Then, just as I was leaving Plymouth River School to begin my walk, I fell flat on my face. Fortunately my injuries were minor. Later, walking down "that" hill in the Park, distressing personal symptoms forced me to flag down the ranger for a lift to the halfway point. After devouring a delicious peanut butter and jelly sandwich, I opted not to go back up our monster hill and left the Park for the relatively flat walk to the finish.

However my energy ran out completely before I even reached the next rest stop, the First Baptist church. Before I could complete an SOS call on my cell phone, Al Donaghy, our "road-master" extraordinaire, appeared and provided a ride to the church. From there Bob Zeller drove me not only to Plymouth River to check in (more aptly check out), but all the way home. After a hot soak I went to bed and slept thru till the morning, (missing completely the traditional gathering of some of our Walk Team and some of our southern walkers at our home.)

On Saturday I was saddened to realize that our lower pledged total of \$47,000 would mean a significant reduction in how much we would be able to distribute to our projects in the south. Our big expense items, \$1,500 for police protection and \$1,000 for insurance remain the same regardless of the number of walkers.

Yet my "trembling heart" was visited by divine grace. I was shown the bright side, the sense of all those taking part this year – the individuals, the couples, the parents with children. Some families had three generations walking and/or working. Sharing's Good Friday Walk has provided this relationship-deepening experience for many over these thirty-five years.

Some have asked me over the years what would happen to the Walk when I die. My response has always been that if it is meant to continue it will. I believe the story of the Walk has been a story of the reality and the power of the Spirit of God in our time. This stanza of poetry by Carol Prejean Zippert says it more beautifully.

"Passing the torch -  
When one hand touches  
Another hand  
When one heart embraces  
Another heart  
When one vision  
Encircles another vision  
The torch is passed"

I'll be in Mississippi between May 18 and 26. I go in your name bearing the fruits of our labor.

It is with a grateful heart that I acknowledge the generosity of effort (getting sponsors) and the realization of that work by the following people.

- Austin O'Connor - \$3,650                      Rev. Rich Weisenbach - \$2,457
- \$1,000 or more - Bill Genovese, Bill Larson, Judy Larson, Ralph Paige, Robert Powers, Rev. Don Rudalevige, Sue Rudalevige, Shirley Samson, John Seavey, and Maggie Warshaw.
- Between \$450 and \$670 - Ed Bartholomew, Peregrine Bourne, Alma C. Campbell, Melinda Cerny, Lillian Colbeck, Rev. Stan Culy, Dave Dingley, Joyce Donaher, Ed Farley, Faith Fenske, Emily Harris, Rubbie Jenkins, George Kelly, George Klingman, Suzanne McAllister, Jean O'Neill, George Paris, Sherry Pearson, Regenia Pickens, Linda Sylvester, Jodie Toberer, Nancy Thurson, Kitty Whitley and John Zippert

## Thanks and Congratulations to our 2006 Special Award Winners

### 500 miles

George Klingman	Ellington	CT
Karen Moran	Twin Mountain	NH
<b>total to date 21</b>		

### 300 miles

Betty MacDonald	Abington	MA
Ruth Roberts	Willington	CT
Rev Rich Weisenbach	Wakefield	MA
<b>total to date 52</b>		

### 400 miles

Marge Libby	Abington	MA
Sherry Pearson	Tolland	CT
Kathy Scolley	Rockland	MA
<b>total to date 37</b>		

### 200 miles

George Paris	Tuskegee Inst.	AL
<b>total to date 99</b>		

### 30 year commitment

Al Donaghy	Abington	MA
Lois Goughan	Duxbury	MA
Dave Hamblen	Lexington	MA
Anne Manna	Hanover	MA
Sue Rudalevige	Cape Elizabeth	ME
John Seavey	Cohasset	MA
Mary B. Worrick	Quincy	MA
<b>total to date 19</b>		

### 10 year commitment

Lenny Aronson	Manchester	CT
Ina Bellefleur	Lebanon	CT
Tom Bierbaum	Hingham	MA
Sandy Bogan	W Willington	CT
Nancy Brissette	Melrose	MA
Melaina Genovese	Hingham	MA
Lisa Gregus	Rockville	CT
Amos Kentfield	Ellington	CT
Kathy Kentfield	Ellington	CT
Paul Marshall	Cambridge	MA
Bob Mattern	Vernon	CT
Gwen Morgan	Scituate	MA
Joy Pikor	Coventry	CT
Skip Russell	Glastonbury	CT
Sandy Spivey	Rockville	CT
Bob White	Vernon	CT
<b>total to date 258</b>		

### 20 year commitment

Donna Austin	Hingham	MA
Sandy Blout	Springfield	MA
Michelle Gerow	Coventry	CT
Rita Messina	Wakefield	MA
Barbara Morin	Plymouth	MA
Dorris Pizzotti	Norwell	MA
Margaret Small	Melrose	MA
Barbara Stone	Abington	MA
Bud Watts	Hingham	MA
Phil Worrick	Quincy	MA
<b>total to date 76</b>		

## 2006 Good Friday Walks

<u>where</u>		<u>how many</u>	<u>pledged</u>	<u>for Sharing</u>
Bonita Springs	FL	1	\$120	\$120
Beverly	MA	460	\$50,000	
Blowing Rock	NC	3	\$130	\$130
Boston	MA	500	\$11,000	
Bridgewater	MA	49	\$2,100	\$700
Cambridge	MA	5	\$500	\$500
Casco/Raymond	ME	35	\$2,000	
Central Falls	RI	225	\$11,000	
Cohasset	MA	1	\$1,000	\$1,000
Concord	NH	1	\$1,200	\$1,200
Coventry	RI	106	\$3,700	
Cumberland	ME	191	\$33,000	
E. Bridgewater	MA	8	\$50	\$50
Falls Church	VA	3	\$207	\$207
Hardwick	VT	3	\$600	\$130
Harvard	MA	332	\$24,290	\$8,030
<b>Hingham</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>\$48,500</b>	<b>\$48,500</b>
Mystic	CT	81	\$8,400	\$6,300
Newport	RI	1	\$30	\$30
Newtown	PA	1	\$20	\$20
Peabody	MA	60	\$6,000	
Providence	RI	1,100	\$40,000	
North Quincy	MA	50	\$2,155	
Rockville	CT	171	\$10,600	\$7,067
Stevens Point	WI	60	\$282	
Wakefield	MA	85	\$5,850	\$3,900
Westford	MA	317	\$34,000	\$1,000?
Wollaston	MA	2	\$140	\$140
<b>locations</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4,201</b>	<b>\$296,874</b>	<b>\$79,024</b>