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Dear Sharing Friend,

"God is a verb, and that verb is LOVE..."

So reads, in part, the printed purple foot award that many workers and walkers receive each year. That sentence has not changed since 1981. However, for more than half of those years, the "toe" design has been unique. Sharing Walk Team member, Anne Manna, comes up with a clever graphic yearly that reveals the year as well as the number Walk it is (i.e., 2017 and 46th).

This year's toe has a group of smiling walkers. I observed quite a few such groups on Good Friday, along with some who preferred a solitary journey. My own walk was a combination of both. I enjoyed sharing my walk at times and I enjoyed walking alone. I also spent some time at the two rest stops in Wompatuck State Park, (even joining Steve Waynen's sing-a-long).

As someone would join me, they would walk a short distance and then would move on. There was one, however, who would not move on. His name was Darren Rainey and his presence filled me with sorrow, then rage, then more sorrow.

As reported by RootsAction.org:

"On June 23, 2012, Darren Rainey, a mentally ill black man serving a two-year prison sentence for drug possession, was killed by four prison guards at Dade Correctional Institution in Florida...The Florida guards kept Darren Rainey **locked in a shower for two hours** with the water turned up to a scalding **160 degrees or higher** - even though Florida state law mandates 120 degrees as the highest available temperature allowed.

According to the assigned medical examiner, when Mr. Rainey was removed from the shower, his **skin was falling off of his body**. Darren Rainey entered the shower around 7:30 p.m. and was pronounced dead around 10:00 p.m."

[Jesus was on the cross for three hours.]

"One prisoner said he heard Rainey **screaming, begging to be let out**. Another stated that he helped clean up the **chunks of Rainey's skin** from the shower the following morning...**no charges will be filed** against the four prison guards... [they] will be allowed to keep their jobs."

The full text of the Purple Foot Award reads as follows:

The Spirit-filled Purple Foot Award is presented to _____ for [walking or working] on Good Friday with my thanks for witnessing to the world that God is a verb and that verb is Love!

Let us go forth and continue to witness each day.

Kay Doherty

2017 Special Award Recipients

<p style="text-align: center;">800 miles</p> <p>Faith Fenske Lexington, MA total to date 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">40 years</p> <p>Sue Rudalevige Cape Elizabeth, ME total to date 11</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">700 miles</p> <p>Karen Moran Twin Mountain, NH Bob Pickett Melrose, MA Don Rudalevige Cape Elizabeth, ME total to date 12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">35 years</p> <p>John Zippert Eutaw, AL total to date 6</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">400 miles</p> <p>Claudia Steele Vernon, CT total to date 40</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30 years</p> <p>Barbara Stone Abington, MA total to date 18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">300 miles</p> <p>Andrew Hakey Rockville, CT Leigh Hayden Middletown, CT total to date 63</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20 years</p> <p>Emily Harris Mound Bayou, MS Gary Ludwig Braintree, MA Betty Martin Falls Church, VA total to date 46</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">200 miles</p> <p>Brendan Day Sutton, MA Susan Fonseca Vernon, CT Terri Goldich Rockville, CT Heather McPeck Andover, CT Kathleen McGonagle Hingham, MA Sarah Russell Abington, MA total to date 107</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 years</p> <p>Gladys Nolan Enfield, CT Kelsey Waterman N. Andover, MA Matty Waterman N. Andover, MA Doug Whitmarsh Abington, MA total to date 302</p>

2017 Good Friday Walk Locations

where	how many people	how much pledged	amount for Sharing
Bridgewater, MA	5	\$101	\$101
Cheshire, CT	30?	\$1,376	\$1,376
Falls Church, VA	4	\$250	\$250
Harvard, MA	219	\$13,892	\$1,389
Hingham, MA	179	\$44,600	\$44,600
Holbrook, MA	1	\$500	\$500
Lynn, MA	1	\$700	\$700
Mystic, CT	50?	\$5,472	\$4,105
Mound Bayou, MS	1	\$700	\$700
Rockville, CT	179	\$10,005	\$6,670
Wakefield	1	\$360	\$360
Waterbury VT	2	\$2,900	\$2,900
Totals	686	\$80,856	\$63,651

SOLO WALKER LOCATIONS:

In Massachusetts: Bridgewater, Cambridge, Harwich Port, Hingham, Lakeville, Lexington, Lynn, Melrose, Middleton, Milton, Rehoboth, Scituate, Stoneham, Wakefield, Waltham, Weymouth, Winchester, Whitman and

Atlanta, GA; Cranston, RI; Estero, FL; Iowa City, IA; Mound Bayou, MS; Vero Beach, FL; Waterbury, VT.