



Intergenerational Activity: Where You Go, I Will Go. Literally.

This activity will require a coordinator and a few weeks of preparation.

In the weeks leading up to the Week of Compassion offering, as you promote the offering, encourage the congregation to participate in a community walk to raise awareness for refugees as well. Call the walk the “We Go Together” or the “Solidarity Stride.”

Map out one (or several) one mile routes through your church’s neighborhood or your broader community. After worship on Week of Compassion Sunday, as a congregation (in one group or several), walk the route. As you go, plan to offer some kind of service to the community: pick up trash along the road, pass out information about refugee relief, distribute water bottles or popsicles or hot chocolate to every person you meet on the way, give blankets or hats or gloves to the homeless. If you can, wear matching shirts, bracelets, or bandanas to demonstrate your solidarity. When people ask what you’re doing say, “We are walking with our community, in solidarity with the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the refugees, because Jesus asked us to love our neighbors—near and far.” An alternative option is to ask parishioners to do the same thing on their own time during the week as small groups or families, with the addition of inviting folks to come to church on Sunday.

At the end of the walk, host a simple meal at the church to celebrate. Charge a certain dollar amount per person or ask for a donation and add what is collected to the offering. Over sandwiches or hotdogs, share stories from the walk and discuss the personal impact of serving the community in solidarity with each other. Make sure to talk about the things we can learn from those we serve.