

Congregational Church of Topsfield

BOMO Announcement- RIM WALK 2020

RIM Northshore Cluster is hosting its annual alternative RIM Fundraiser Walk.

Folks are encouraged to "walk for RIM" anytime by September 15th on your own using the recommended meditation below or join folks on Sunday September 13th at 4pm at the bike path [parking near St. Rose's in Topsfield.

Please consider participating by

- 1) contributing and walking this 3 mile meditative walk(details below)
- 2) sponsoring walker Cathy Imboden at cbimboden@gmail.com or
- 3) make a direct online donation via the link below.

Suggested 3 mile walk route in Topsfield.

Begin near the bike path by St Rose. Turn left onto S.Main and turn right up Prospect St. At the end fork, turn right,continuing on River Rd. Follow River Rd past Trinity Church and then take a right into Washington St. Washington St eventually takes a 90 degree turn right, stay on Washington St. cross Main Street passing the Congregation Church on your left. Stay on High St. pass the fire station on your right. Take your first right into Summer St and proceed until you reach Park St. Turn right, you are back at the start.

RIM North Shore Cluster Guided Meditation as you walk:

Mile 1: Consider what it cost you to walk today. How did you prepare? What did you bring with you? Reflect on the notion of walking a mile in someone's shoes. Imagine an asylum seeker. Consider what they fled. What did they leave behind? What did it cost them personally, professionally? What did they bring with them? (client arriving to Boston in Jan. With one pair of shoes, in house shoes.)

Mile 2: The Journey- what do you see around you. How are you feeling after a decent hill? Imagine a less beautiful route. What if you were asked to walk through a different unfamiliar route. Imagine what you might feel. Put self in our clients shoes. You can't legally work. You do not have a community and contacts. George Floyd was just killed. As you walk this mile, consider a former client, a surgeon. It took 10 years to regain his ability to do surgery here. Or the high school principal who became a certified nursing assistant and still hasn't met his daughter who now is at least 6. What is this journey asylum seekers face when they chose to flee their homeland?

Mile 3: Hopes for the Future: How do you hope you and your family and friends will be after Covid? What changes would you expect to stick? What are your hopes for your future? Consider our clients - what do they hope for in this new country? What freedoms should they expect to enjoy?

*Read Matt:15:21-28 and reflect as you walk

RIM link: https://r-i-m.giv.sh/fundraisers/fnd_2860d6acc22f8bdc

Thank you for your consideration of continuing to support our mission partner RIM.Pamela Warren

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