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RE: **2010 Ecumenical Walk of the Stations of the Cross**

Greater Rochester Community of Churches in collaboration with the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and churches and residents of the Beechwood neighborhood will present ***In Solidarity Against Violence and Social Injustice—An Ecumenical Walk of the Stations of the Cross*** on Good Friday, April 2nd.

People are asked to gather at 9:00 a.m. at Covenant United Methodist Church, 1124 Culver Rd. Some parking is available in the church lot and there is parking on the side streets. After a short prayer it is estimated the walk will begin at 9:15 a.m., led by area religious leaders. Episcopal Bishop Prince Singh, American Baptist Executive Reverend Alan Newton, Bishop Matthew Clark, and Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Marie Jerge are just a few of those who will participate.

The purpose of the walk is to “**make holy**” through prayer and recognition, the places where there has been violence, and to lift up in thankfulness those community groups bringing hope and healing through their work. As there are 14 “stations of the cross” there will be 14 stops along the route that will wind its way from the corner of Culver and Parsells to Garson, Webster Avenue, and back to Culver Road, ending the nearly 2 mile walk at Covenant United Methodist Church.

People of all faith or no faith are welcome, including neighbors and businesses along the route who may want to join and/or recognize the pilgrimage as it passes by. Those who cannot walk the whole distance are encouraged to participate at any point in the walk.

A common cross will be shared that day with two other groups that will be walking in other Rochester neighborhoods:

1. **The House of Mercy and St. Joseph House of Hospitality** begin their Stations of the Cross at Kodak Administrative Offices at 11:00 am and moves through downtown ending up the Federal Building. For more information contact Dr. Harry Murray (586-2525) or Sister Grace Miller (259-9580).
2. **Our Lady of Angels Parish** begins its bi-lingual Stations of the Cross at 1:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1089 Joseph Avenue and ends at St. Michael's Church, 869 N. Clinton. For more information contact Deacon Dan Hurley (467-2725).

To learn more about the Stations of the Cross visit:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stations_of_the_Cross

More information and photos of last year's walk can be found at: <http://www.grcc.org/>