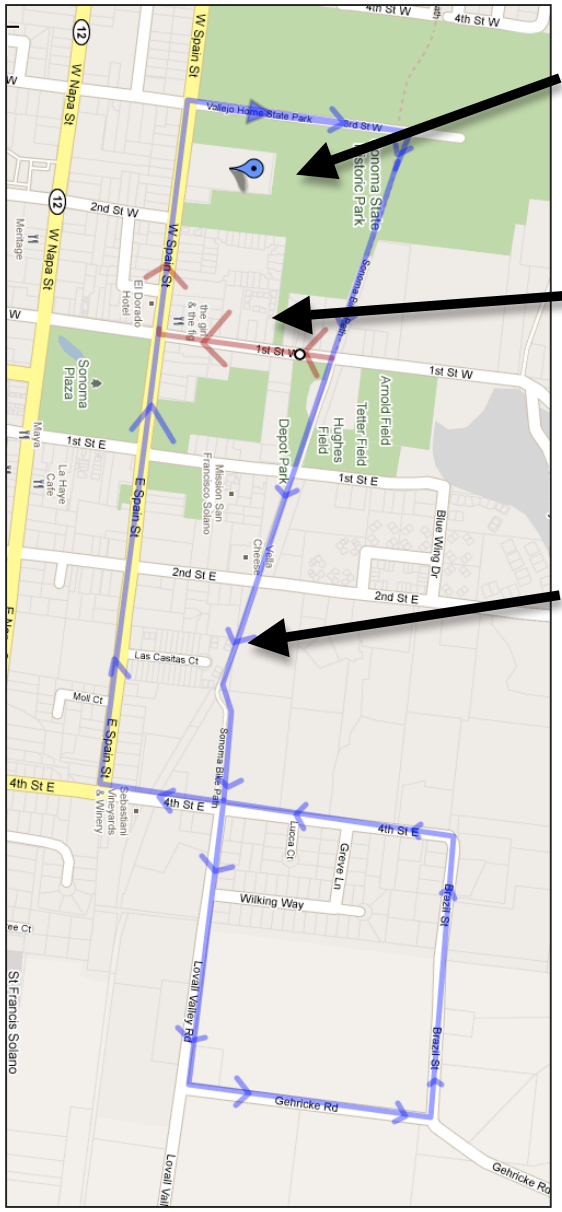
The 2010 Sonoma CROP Hunger WALK Route



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Sonoma CROP Hunger WALK

ENOUGH for all
CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, April 25, 2010
Registration @ First Congregational
252 W Spain St
Registration – 1:30 pm, Walk – 2:00 pm

Website: www.crophungerwalks.org/sonoma

What is the CROP WALK?

This is the **first** Sonoma CROP Hunger WALK event organized by local interfaith groups and other organizations. Held in nearly 2,000 communities in the U.S., the CROP WALK has two purposes: (1) to raise awareness about people around the world who must walk to find food, water, firewood, freedom and other necessities of life; and (2) to raise funds to help stop hunger wherever it exists.

Through the CROP WALKS last year over $15 million was raised making a difference in the lives of people in the United States and in more than 80 countries worldwide.

Who Sponsors the CROP WALK?

The Sonoma CROP Hunger Walk is organized by caring people in Sonoma and by Church World Service (CWS), celebrating its 62nd anniversary as the disaster response, refugee assistance and development program of 36 member denominations.

HOW DO CROP WALK FUNDS HELP LOCALLY?

25% of the funds address hunger in **Sonoma**. The 2010 funds will go to Friends In Sonoma Helping (FISH) and the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

HOW DO CROP WALKS HELP FIGHT HUNGER GLOBALLY?

75% of the funds aid in the work of **Church World Service** to:

- **Support sustainable self-help development projects** – digging wells, providing tools and seeds, rebuilding homes, teaching a trade through micro-enterprise loans;
- **Meet emergency needs** – such as the earthquake in Haiti with pre-positioned hygiene and baby kits and blankets provided relief in the first 24 hours plus shipments of tents and medicine boxes and food are continuing, after U.S. winter storms, Darfur(Sudan) humanitarian response.
- **Aid refugees** – providing hope for those from the Balkans, Afghanistan, Iran, Burma, Somalia, Sudan, Ukraine, Russia, Laos and Vietnam and other countries – resettling them in the U.S. through our regional affiliate offices.
- **Address the root causes** of poverty and powerlessness.
- **Designations** may be made by sponsors to other international relief agencies under USAID: www.usaid.gov.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

- **WALK 5 K (3.1 miles**) through Sonoma. You need a sponsor envelope from your recruiter, or call to sign up as an individual walker. Secure as many sponsors as possible, listing each person and pledge on your form or online at: www.crophungerwalks.org/sonoma. Checks should be made payable to: CWS/CROP, and sponsor forms (and money collected) should be turned in to the recruiter on WALK Day, or send to First Congregational Church, attn: CROP, no later than May 15th.
- **RECRUIT MORE WALKERS!** Invite and encourage your friends, neighbors, co-workers to walk with you. Many people walk to help and will appreciate the chance to participate.
- **SPONSOR A WALKER!** If you are unable to walk, sponsor other people who are walking or get your employer to match your gift! Please be as generous as possible for this annual event for the hungry.
- **Volunteer** on the WALK Committee! We can always use more hands, feet and energy; contact us for the upcoming meetings.
- Have your **employer/corporation sponsor** the event! We accept matching gifts, in-kind donations, and sponsor donations to make this event possible.
- **WALK Day, meet at 1:30 p.m.** at First Congregational Church in Sonoma for registration. The route map is shown on the back. **We'll WALK, Rain or Shine on Sunday, April 25 2010.**

WE WALK BECAUSE THEY WALK!