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MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR CROPWALK 2007



Many of our member congregations will participate in the **2007 CROPWALK on March 3rd & 4th**, at Roy Guerrero Colorado River Park. The Austin CROP Hunger Walk is in its 29th year of raising funds for both international and local organizations which address hunger needs of people. 75% of the proceeds go to provide food and other relief supplies, refugee assistance, preventive health care, improvements in food production, development of safe water resources and more. Church World Service sponsors this event in partnership with Austin Area Interreligious Ministries (AAIM) and the Capital Area Food Bank. 25% of the proceeds stay in Central Texas to help fight local hunger. Micah 6 of Austin has, in previous years, been one of the local agencies to receive funds. You may also want to check the website at <http://www.main.org/cropwalk/> for more information.

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Congratulations and thanks to our new Officers of the Board for Micah 6 of Austin!

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| ✚ President | ... Beth Kelley |
| ✚ Vice President | ... Gretchen Olson |
| ✚ Secretary | ... Harriett Choffel |
| ✚ Treasurer | ... Michael Cummings |

We also congratulate and thank **Craig Bell**, who will be serving as University Christian Church's representative on the board.

Micah 6 of Austin in the Community and in the News ...

Charles Locklin and **Harriett Choffel** were guest speakers at the annual Caritas Poverty Roundtable held on January 31st at the Carver Museum. About 150 people from various faith communities participated. The pair conducted a breakout session, talking about Micah 6 and the process involved in getting twelve faith communities to join forces to streamline services to those in need in the West Campus area.

Micah 6 of Austin was profiled in an article in the **Capital Area Food Bank's** latest quarterly newsletter.

Want to make a donation to Micah 6 of Austin? Go to our website to make your donation online! It is a quick, easy, and - with the PayPal system - secure way to make your donation.

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UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOSTS MICAH 6 OF AUSTIN ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

On January 21st, University Christian Church was host to the Micah 6 of Austin volunteer luncheon, annual meeting and worship service. The Micah 6 volunteers and supporters represented over twelve area congregations from the University area and surrounding community.

The volunteers were greeted with a luncheon hosted by UCC's Outreach and Membership councils. The annual meeting took place following the luncheon. Volunteers from all areas of the Micah 6 Food Pantry were recognized for contributions, including drivers, pantry stockers, greeters, computer workers, safety control, and clean-up.

In addition, Micah 6 formally announced changes to the board membership from the member congregations. Board members whose terms were ending were thanked individually for the unique contributions to Micah 6 of Austin. In addition to welcoming the incoming boardmembers, the three new member congregations - **Hyde Park Presbyterian Church**, **Central Christian Church** and **Southwest Family Fellowship** - were also welcomed. While boardmember **Perry Nite** continues to recover from recent surgery, **Charles Locklin** will serve in Perry's stead as the board representative from University Baptist Church. As the annual meeting closed, **Jo Dawn Noble** was the highest bidder in the silent auction and received the quilt donated by **Pat Thomas**.

Following the annual meeting, volunteers and supporters gathered in the sanctuary to praise God, to celebrate our contributions of the previous year; to strengthen ourselves for the year ahead; and to dedicate and commit ourselves to the ongoing service of Micah 6 of Austin. Senior ministers from the congregations, joined by some Micah 6 volunteers, led the congregation in worship. A combined church choir, with representatives from each of the member churches, gave a beautiful 'Offertory' of music. In addition, an offering of food and monetary contributions was received and dedicated to the Micah 6 of Austin food pantry.

Our thanks to UCC for hosting the event this year, to everyone who helped make the day a success and to **Bert Crowson** for providing photographs!



2007 Boardmembers
(two are not pictured)



Volunteer & Future Volunteer

Member Churches

All Saints' Episcopal Church
Central Christian Church
Congregational Church of Austin
First English Lutheran Church
Hyde Park Presbyterian Church
Saint Austin Catholic Parish
Southwest Family Fellowship
University Avenue Church of Christ
University Baptist Church
University Christian Church
University United Methodist Church
University Presbyterian Church

The mission of Micah 6 of Austin is to work together to identify and meet the needs of the homeless and the impoverished in the University of Texas campus area.

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The Micah 6 Food Pantry is at
University Baptist Church
2107 San Antonio St. (at 22nd street)
Thurs 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. &
Sat 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

What does the Lord require of you?