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ROCK HILL, S.C. – Continuing a tradition began in 2011, participants in this year’s Eastern York County CROP Walk on Oct. 21 will have the opportunity to both line dance and walk to combat hunger locally and around the world.

Registration for the CROP Walk will begin at 2 p.m. on the Dinkins lawn at Winthrop University. At 2:45 p.m. participants will be shown how to do the Electric Slide line dance. Then the participants will dance the Electric Slide as a fun way to kick off the CROP Walk at 3 p.m.

This 35th anniversary event in Rock Hill is South Carolina’s oldest CROP Walk to raise money to feed the hungry. York County’s CROP Walk has raised nearly $600,000 in 34 years, with $150,000 remaining with local agencies. Last year the York County Walk raised the eighth largest amount of any walk in the Southeast Region, ranking 71st out of 1,500 walks held all over the country.

The walk will start and end at Dinkins Hall on the Winthrop University campus. Organizers will go through Winthrop’s main gates, around Byrnes Auditorium, down Scholars Walk, and then travel throughout downtown Rock Hill.

CROP Walk is the community hunger appeal of Church World Service. The organization represents 36 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican churches in the United States working with indigenous churches and organizations in more than 80 countries.

Admission to the walk is a canned food item, which will be divided among area food pantries.

The Western York County CROP Walk will take place Sunday, Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. starting at Trinity United Methodist Church in York. Registration starts at 2 p.m. Participants are asked to bring non-perishable/canned food items. The route will lead walkers through downtown York.

For more information, contact the Wesley Foundation at 803/327-5640 or e-mail Walk Coordinator Ricky Howell at winthropwesley@gmail.com.