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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – South Carolina’s oldest CROP Walk will take place this weekend in what is the 37th anniversary of the event.

Rev. Ricky Howell, organizer and a United Methodist Campus Minister with the Winthrop Wesley Foundation, said this year’s Eastern York County CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 12 and will feature the same 3.5 mile route used for last year’s walk. Participants will go through Winthrop’s main gates, around Byrnes Auditorium, down Scholars Walk, and then travel throughout downtown Rock Hill.

Registration for the CROP Walk will begin at 2 p.m. on the Dinkins lawn at Winthrop University. The walk kicks off at 3 p.m.

York County’s CROP Walks have raised nearly $700,000 in 36 years, with around $175,000 remaining with local agencies.

This year’s CROP Walk will also feature the return of CanStruction, a competition encouraging groups to create sculptures out of canned food items. Participants in the CROP Walk will view the creations and vote on their favorite. Afterwards, the canned food items will be donated to local food pantries. For more information, contact Val Kenney at vkenney@stjohnsrh.org or at 803-327-3113 ext. #230.

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.

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