

- 1. When? Saturday October 7th from 9am to 2pm. Final registration and T-shirt pick up will start at 9am. The bike ride will start at 9:30am, and we expect to arrive back at the church for the brunch at noon.
- 2. What is the bike ride like? The 13-mile leisurely paced ride will take us through Babylon Village and will start and end at Christ Church Babylon, 12 Prospect Street. Local code enforcement vehicles will provide traffic control for safety. The entry fee for the bike ride is \$25, and children 12 and under are free. There is a package price of \$40 per person and \$65 per family for both the bike and the brunch. Each biker gets a free T-shirt.
- 3. What about the brunch? Everyone is invited to join us at the brunch, whether you bike or not! The shared meal is just as much fun as the bike ride. The brunch fee is \$25, and \$15 for children 12 and under. There is a package price of \$40 per person and \$65 per family for both the bike and the brunch.
- 4. What will we be fundraising for? We will be raising money to support Nourish Babylon, a non-profit weekly community meal serving the most vulnerable in our community. Nourish Babylon offers services that aim to improve the lives of our neighbors who are struggling with basic needs such as clothing, food, and housing. The goal of this fundraiser is to secure its future operations and to expand its services by providing employment opportunities at its community garden.
- 5. How will we raise the money? Bikers can seek sponsors to pay per mile or pay a lump sum. Those not riding can seek sponsors or donations to Nourish Babylon also. We accept checks (written out to Nourish Babylon), cash or <u>online credit card payment</u> (select Nourish Babylon in the Give To drop-down menu.)
- 6. How can I win Prizes? The top two participants that submit the greatest amount of sponsorship and/or donation money will win prizes. The prizes will be awarded on the day of the event based upon collections submitted by noon on that day. If someone sponsors you with an online payment, please note their information on your sponsor sheet, so we can cross check.
- 7. What about the T-shirts? We have customized shirts in neon green to help us with biker safety. Shirts are free to all bikers. Anyone not biking may purchase a T-shirt for \$15. Available sizes are children's S,M,L and Adult S,M,L,XL, and 2XL.
- 8. How do I register for this event? You can register <u>online</u>, by emailing <u>christepiscopalbabylon@gmail.com</u> or by calling 631-661-5757. Online registration will include credit card payment. Due to the limitations of our online payment software, you will have to register for the Bike Ride and Brunch separately if you are not selecting the package price. Other forms of registration will require payment by mail or in person on the morning of the event. Sponsor forms, solicitation templates, and more detailed information about Nourish Babylon will be sent to all registrants.
- 9. What if I can't ride 13 miles or have a mechanical difficulty with my bicycle? We will have support vehicles accompanying us who can offer rides to bikers who need a break and can help with minor repairs. There will be water stops approximately every 4 miles.

- 10. Is this event appropriate for children? Definitely yes! This event is not a race and is designed to be a leisurely paced, fun event with built-in water breaks. Participants who would like to participate but question their ability to complete the ride are invited to do what feels doable to them. The support vehicles can transport bikes and riders for part of the route if need be. Children under age 18 will have to have a waiver signed by a parent. Children under age 12 will have to accompanied by an adult.
- 11. How can we help? There are many ways to help! We will need a registration team at Christ Church to sign in the riders and distribute T-shirts. We would love for you to tell your friends and invite them to join you! We can use help with set up, clean up, and food preparation at the brunch. And, we request that everyone make this a successful fundraiser by soliciting donations for Nourish Babylon.
- 12. Dos and Don'ts of Bicycling Safety on the road: Ride within the shoulder whenever possible, single file if necessary. **B**ike helmets are required for children and strongly recommended for all riders. Local code enforcement vehicles will provide traffic control for safety.
- 13. What if we have more questions? Please forward any questions to Diane Gaidon, Nourish Babylon and event coordinator, at dianegaidon@gmail.com.