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From the President. . .

Some thoughts on World Peace...

One of my favorite memories dates back to the 1960's when I sat transfixed in an overstuffed chair watching the moon landing on TV. For the first time in human history, man was on the moon. When they turned the camera back towards earth, it was amazing to see it floating alone in the sky with a backdrop of stars. The earth was covered with clouds and rich with color. The thing that most impressed me about that picture was, there were no lines of separation on the earth. It wasn't like a map at all, but somehow all interconnected and interdependent.



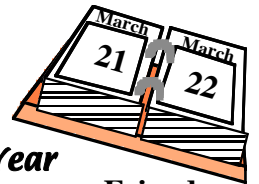
It seems no matter how hard we try to own, control, and separate the earth, we are doomed to failure. We are simply visitors here, and in a few years back we go into the great void of time and space. If the earth cannot be separated by our intention, speech or action, what leads us to believe the human family can be separated by city, state or nation? Why do humans still see war as an option? Are we not killing ourselves in some way, when we pull the trigger or drop a bomb? Our enemy is not to be found in Iraq, North Korea, or the Middle East. Our enemy is need, hatred and delusion; our friend is generosity, compassion and wisdom! Why is it human beings constantly seek to change the world, when all they need to do is change themselves? It's like trying to cover the earth with leather, when all that's required is a pair of shoes.



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May we all find peace and happiness in this very lifetime?

Peace . . . Rev. Kusala



Feb. 1st **Tet – Happy New Year**
to our Chinese and Vietnamese Friends

Feb. 4th **IFC Board Meeting**
St. Polycarp Catholic Church
5:15 p.m. All are welcome.

Feb. 6th **Monthly Meeting**
First Baptist Church of Garden Grove
Rev. Wade Whitcomb hosting
Andrew Wells presenting
Note change of location for this meetin
only.

Feb. 15th **FSC Yard Sale**
St. Polycarp

Feb. 17th **Taxation Class**

Feb. 20th **Mayors Prayer Breakfast**

Feb. 22nd **Religious Diversity Faire**
Interfaith Cafe 949-661-3087

Feb. 26th **Read Across America**

Mar. 6th **Monthly Meeting**

May 9th **Unity Banquet**
Note: This is a Friday night.

Food for Thought . . .

*Save us from the compulsion to follow our
adversaries in all that we most hate,
confirming them in their hatred and suspicion
of us.*

Thomas Merton (1962)

Miscellaneous . . .

Rest in Peace. . .

Our condolences to Gisella Gentsch, the office manager at St. Polycarp, on the loss of her mother, Emma Garcia who died 1/24/03. Gisella has been a representative of St. Polycarp to the Interfaith Council and is always willing to lend a hand when there is work to be done. May our prayers and thoughts bring her consolation at this time.

Spirit in Action Award . . .

Time for nominations for community recognition awards. As usual your input is absolutely necessary. You may be the only one in our group aware of their outstanding contributions.. It would be a shame for their good work to go unreported because of your silence. Everyone should be able to celebrate their achievements!!!



Taxation Class . . .

Need help with EZ form to file your taxes? Peter Nguyen will assist you. Bring your W2's to Rm #14 at St. Polycarp School at 7:00 p.m., Monday, Feb 17 Pre registration is required — All are welcome. Call to reserve a space: 890-5203

Web Site . . .

If you haven't checked it, what are you waiting for?

The newsletter will be posted here soon for all to see. Upcoming events calendar and other useful stuff can be found or posted.

The web site host updated its servers and the Interfaith Council now has a new address.

Change your favorites to:

interfaith.urbandharma.org — or —
<http://interfaith.urbandharma.org>
(Note: no www.)

email: interfaith@www.urbandharma.org

Read Across America . . .

The Focus Collaborative will be sponsoring a reading program for the family in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. It is a wonderful program with refreshments and prizes for all ages. Invite the whole family.

The Keynote Speaker will be Suni Paz. Mc Laughlin Hall — St. Polycarp Feb. 26th — 7:00 to 8:30 Contact Ann or Evelyn: 714-890-5203

Tamale. . .

Tamale sales have started. One Dozen for \$10. (Chicken, pork, beef, cheese or sweet) Proceeds for Family Support Center and 6th Grade Science Camp
Contact Ann or Evelyn: 714-890-5203

FSC Yard Sale . . .

Gently loved items greatly appreciated. Drop off at McLaughlin Hall— 8100 Chapman Ave.— or stop by on Feb 15th and adopt any of these treasures. For more info call: 890-5203

Seventh Annual Unity Banquet . . .

Our speaker this year will be Dr. Ananda Guruge from the Buddhist Community. This promises to be an exciting evening as always. We will be gathering again at the Garden Grove Community Center at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2003. Tickets will be available at the Feb. meeting for \$15.00. Each faith community is asked to buy a block of tickets for its own community. This is a great help for our planning and early expenses. Buy now and avoid the rush!!!

This Month's Speaker . . .

Andrew Wells will be coming to us from the "Life Foundation." They use body, mind, heart & medicine to treat people in war zones and/or suffering from stress and emotional burnout. They carry a lit torch as a symbol of hope.

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Next Meeting: Feb. 6th

First Baptist of Garden Grove
12761 Euclid St.
Andrew Wells from the Life Foundation is speaking.

See you there! ! !