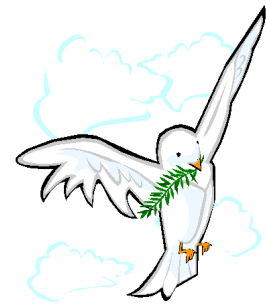




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## **From the President . . .**

### **These are difficult . . .**

times for people of differing faith communities. Violence, confrontation, discord, and strife seem the norm for how our communities relate to one another on a world wide scale. We read and see disturbing caricatures of Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist icons of faith and we are troubled. We are troubled at the virulence of the protests to depictions of a faith, because we want to act with charity, kindness, and understanding. At the same time we live in a pluralistic world, which does not share our belief system, and criticizes our inconsistencies.

The question recurs over and over: how can we live together in community with peace, harmony, and justice. The examples of such a diverse community at peace in the history of the world have been few and short-lived.



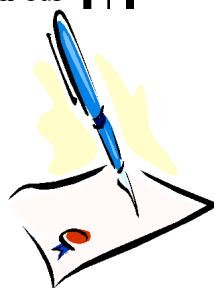
The events of the past month are discouraging. *Is there any hope that our relationships with one another might be better? Why do we think that we can do any better at maintaining the peace among ourselves than anyone else has done? And yet, what choice do we have?*

We have formed friendships, and are making other friendships, which cross the difficult barriers between us. We cannot give up on our friends. So, we meet with our friends. We try to understand one another a bit better. Most of the world - most of our own faith communities - do not share a sympathy for our efforts or any optimism for a positive result. So there is an added urgency to our Interfaith gatherings and greetings. *We do not have solutions other than simple, basic friendship that listens with compassion, struggles to understand, and hopes to provide better alternatives to each of our own faith communities rather than the cycles of violence and discord we share.*

Peace . . .  
Doug Johnstone



- Feb. 24th **Child Abuse**
- Feb. 25th **FSC – Swap Meet**
- Feb. 28th Losar (Bahai New Year)**
- Mar. 1st **Lent Begins**
- Mar. 2nd **Monthly Meeting**  
**Sherrel Johnstone**  
**– Women in Islam**
- Mar. 11th **YWCA Encore Plus**  
**Free Mammograms**
- Mar. 15th **Human Trafficking Awareness**  
**St. Columban Church See Flyer**
- Apr. 6th **Monthly Meeting**
- May 6th **Tenth Annual Interfaith Unity Banquet**



## **Food for Thought . . .**

**“I the other really became my brother could I question the faith that makes him live?” . . .**

*Archbishop, Vincent Landel of Rabat*

# Miscellaneous . . .

## Tenth Annual Unity Banquet . . . . . . Tickets Available Now! ! !

Experience our diversity in person. An opportunity to meet and break bread with your neighbor — too good to miss. **Make our tenth banquet the best ever. Faith Communities are urged to by a block of tickets and resell or give them to their own communities. Tickets (only \$20.00)at the Mar. 2nd meeting. Start now and save the day — Saturday, May 6th 2006. Bring 10 or 20 of your closest friends!!!**  
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## Membership Renewal . . .

*Is your name on this list? Act now!*  
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## Silent Auction . . .

*Have received a few items. Get them to me as soon as possible. Hope to be able to organize this ahead of time this year.*

*All donations are appreciated*

**Call: Ann — 890-5203 or Barbara — 943-2290**  
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## Swap Meet . . .

Support Center will be hosting its Swap Meet on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 8am to 3pm. Please drop by if you have a chance. If you would like to donate any of your small gently loved items (jewelry, trinkets, kitchen items, plants, videos, linen) we will gratefully accept it. Just call us to arrange a time to drop off. If you know anyone else who would like to give up those gently loved items, please tell them to call us at 890-5203  
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## Art Contest . . .

This year's topic will be *“Creating Peace”—through the eyes of a child.* Entries accepted for all children in 3rd through 8th grades.

**Call for Info: Barbara 943-2290**  
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## Human Trafficking . . .

See the Attached Flyer for info. *Evening of Awareness* will be held on Wednesday, March 15th — St. Columban. — 6:00p.m. — *Together we can make a difference in our community.* Light refreshments will be served. We invite you to bring some finger food for sharing. Please advertise in your community.  
Call: Barbara — 943-2290



**See you there!!!**  
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## Banquet Display Tables. .

*The faith community displays are always fascinating, especially, to the new attendees. It is usually their first experience of the diversity that is ours. Reserve your space now. Show us the breath of your outreach or community activities or beliefs.*  
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## Unity Table . . .

Remember to bring your item for the *“Unity Table”* and be prepared to give a 1 minute or less explanation of the object and it's significance. **This is always a special part of this evening.**  
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## Tamale Sales . . .

Sponsored by Family Support Center for 6th grade science camp. Available in Chicken, beef, pork, cheese & sweet raisin, pineapple, cinnamon @ \$10 per dozen.

**Great food!** Last day to order — March 17

Pick up on Mar. 23. See Flyer

Call Ann or Evelyn at 890-5203  
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## Many Thanks to . . .

**Bob Jones from the Cross Cultural Center at St. Anselms** for his presentation of the issues surrounding the human trafficking situation in Orange County.  
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## Child Abuse Awareness . . .

*See the flyer*

**Feb. 24, Turtle Rock Community Center, Irvine**

**714-630-5027**  
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## Welcome home . . .

Pat Casey is back home and still in recuperation. It has been a long 6 months!!! Thanks for your thoughts, prayers, visits, cards and good wishes  
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## Essay Contest . . .

**Contest for high school students!**

*“Our Hope for the World”*

**In prose or poetry expand this idea and express your view of our future. (500 words or less)**

**For more info: Ann — 890-5203**  
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## Next Meeting: Feb. 2nd

Garden Grove Community Center

11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, 714-741-5262.

12:00 — Bring your own lunch & meet new friends.

Meeting 12:30 — 1:30 p.m.

**Women in Islam — What is the actual religious and/or cultural reality?**

**See you there! ! !**