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## Thousands of Feet Below You

Thousands of feet  
Below you  
There is a small  
Boy  
Running from  
Your bombs.

If he were  
To show up  
At your mother's House  
On a green  
Sea island  
Off the coast  
Of Georgia

He'd be invited in  
For dinner.

Now, driven,  
You have shattered  
His bones.

He lies steaming  
In the desert  
In fifty or sixty  
Or maybe one hundred  
Oily, slimy  
Bits

If you survive  
& return  
To your island  
Home  
& your mother's  
Gracious  
Table  
Where the lovingkindness  
Overflows  
The brim  
(&  
From which  
No one  
In memory  
Was ever  
Turned)

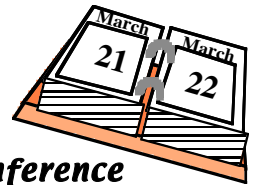


## Gather Yourself

Set a place  
For him.

*Alice Walker*  
*Absolute Trust in the Goodness of the Earth*

*The Violence of war, even if just,  
must never become ordinary.  
If we are to maintain our own humanity, WE MUST  
be touched by it.*



Mar. 29th **Parenting Conference**  
Call Ann: (714) 890-5203

Apr. 3rd **Monthly Meeting**  
Gay Irons from the Wellness Community's  
Cancer Outreach Programs

Apr. 6th **Family Day**  
St. Polycarp — McLaughlin Hall

Apr. 8th **IFC Board Meeting**  
St. Polycarp Catholic Church  
5:15 p.m. All are welcome.

Apr 26th **Interfaith Cafe**  
For info: 949-661-3087 or  
www.religiousdiversityfaire.org

May 6th **Monthly Meeting**

May 9th **Unity Banquet**  
Note: This is a Friday night.  
Get your Tickets now!!!

## Food for Thought . . .

*Let there be peace on earth  
...and let it begin with me.*

# Miscellaneous . . .

## Banquet Keynote Speaker

Dr. Ananda Guruge from the Buddhist Community will bring his experience as an ambassador and scholar to enlighten and entertain and challenge us.

## Seventh Annual Unity Banquet

The Banquet will be held at the Garden Grove Community Center this year on FRIDAY, May 9th. Starting time will be 6:00 p.m. and the tickets (presale only) will be \$15.00.

Buy now avoid the rush!!!

Many thank to St. Anselms and St. Columban for the pre-purchase of tickets. This has been a great help to us. Tickets available at April meeting or by calling:

Ann at 890-5203 or Barbara at 537-2936

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## Art Contest . . .

“Peace and Understanding through the eyes of a child” .....

What is more needed.....  
The Children are our future!



Have your children complete their work, bring it to the next meeting or call Barbara at 714-537-2936

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## Membership Renewals . . .

Memberships for 2003 are now due.

Kudos to those who have already responded. St. Columban, First Presbyterian, The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, The Bahai Community of Garden Grove and Westminster, Calvary Chapel, Pat Casey, J Tilman Williams, the Nguyen Family, Helen Brown, Doug Johnstone are among the early responders.

If you are considering a new membership and would like to know more please contact

Ann at 890-5203 or Barbara at 537-2936

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## Your Announcement Here . . .

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## Parenting Conference . . .

Saturday March 29th at St. Polycarp Church. Learn how to be supportive of your student, how to be of help with homework and many other effective methods for parent-child interactions. Call Ann or Evelyn: 714-890-5203

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## 3rd Annual Family Day . . .

Child Abuse Prevention Month Program Crafts, Prizes, Food and Fun for the entire family. Parents must bring a child to participate.

(Contact Ann or Evelyn: 714-890-5203

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## Banquet Display Tables. .

Please reserve you tables now. The faith community displays are always fascinating, especially, to the new attendees. It is usually their first experience of the diversity that is ours.

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## Silent Auction . . .

We are now looking for items for our silent auction. In the past aboriginal art, unusual objects from different places around the world have been popular. Items need not be expensive. If you have items that would be appropriate, please contact: Ann at 890-5203 or Barbara at 537-2936

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## Unity Table . . .

Each Faith Community is asked to bring an item of significance to share with us. It will be placed on a specially prepared table during the Unity Ritual The presenter should be designated by the Faith Community and be prepared to give a 1 minute explanation of the object and it's significance.

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## Board of Directors — 2002

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  - Rev. Ed Poettgen
  - Steve LaFond
  - Ann Nguyen
  - Pat Casey
  - Rev. Doug Johnstone
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## Next Meeting: Apr. 3rd

Gay Irons, Ph.D, MFT, Program Director for the Wellness Community, will inform us about the free services available to cancer patients and their families. These include social, educational, stress and support to name a few.

# See you there! ! !