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From the President . . .

Our Tenth Annual Banquet . . .



is set to take place on May 6. From the first banquet we have included "A Ritual of Unity." It gives a brief opportunity for all the Faith Communities present at the banquet to share a bit about themselves. At the same time it affords the whole assembly the opportunity to learn and to affirm the reasons why we think it is important for us to gather as people with very diverse Faith commitments.

Some of the key thoughts in the "Ritual of Unity" are:

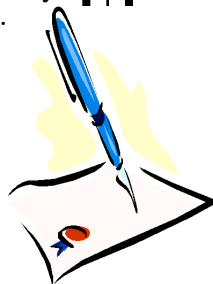
1. We are grateful for the sharing of love and wisdom.
2. We share the wisdom of our own Faith in order to build bridges.
3. We have a vision not to be blinded by hatred, bigotry, or prejudice.
4. We are a people of freedom moved to share a message of morality, love, and compassion.
5. We seek to build rather than to destroy by curbing the forces of hatred and prejudice.
6. We respect one another for the good will, honor, & ethical principles practiced in our communities.
7. We recognize our diversity and search for ways to celebrate our rich variety.
8. We celebrate meaning and joy in our friendship
9. We work for the healing of divisions.
10. We serve in order to elevate the dignity, freedom and honor of all.

Our "Ritual of Unity" might be more distinguished by what we are unable to say, than by what we do say.

The ideas may be expressed more eloquently elsewhere. But for a few brief moments we try to celebrate a dream of what our community, our nation, our world might resemble. In the company of others who share at least a portion of our vision, it is inspiring and comfortable to repeat such thoughts.

The aim of our evening together is to encourage one another to persist in this task, and to invite others to learn with us. It is to dream for a couple hours of our neighbors and friends recognizing that we do not all think and believe alike, but honoring the possibility of living together in peace.

Peace . . . Doug Johnstone



- Apr. 6th **Monthly Meeting**
CERT – Disaster Response
- Apr. 11th **AIDS Walk Kickoff Breakfast**
(See flyer)
- Apr. 12-13th **Passover**
- Apr. 14th **Good Friday – Walk of the Cross**
- Apr. 16th **Easter Sunday**
- Apr. 23rd **Orthodox Easter**
- Apr. 22nd **FSC – Swap Meet**

- Apr. 26th **Human Trafficking**
Brainstorming Session

- Apr. 29th **YWCA Encore Plus**
Free Mammograms
- Apr. 28 - 30th **Ahimsa Quality of Life**
Conference (See Flyer)
- May 3rd **Joint Service Org Luncheon Garden**
Grove 50th Anniversary (See: Steve LaFond)
- May 4th **Monthly Meeting**

- May 6th **Tenth Annual**
Interfaith Unity Banquet
- Jun. 4th **AIDS Walk**

Food for Thought . . .

The large house in which we
live demands
that we transform this
worldwide neighborhood
into a worldwide brotherhood.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Miscellaneous . . .

Tenth Annual Unity Banquet Tickets Available Now !!!

Meet the “other” We can dare to reach out and dream of peace. Make our tenth banquet the best ever. *Faith Communities are urged to buy a block of tickets and resell or give them to their own communities.*

Tickets (only \$20.00) Call Ann: 890-5203
Start now and save the day — Saturday, May 6th 2006. Bring 10 or 20 of your closest friends!!!

Keynote Speaker . . .

Lissa Coffey appears frequently on television and radio and contributes to many national publications with her insightful and compassionate approach to modern-day issues. As an author she has explored “Getting There with Grace: Simple Exercises for Experiencing Joy.” She will share her insights with us. This promises to be an exciting evening.

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

Swap Meet . . .

Rent a space — \$20.00 a booth

Support Center will be hosting its Swap Meet on Saturday, Apr.22 from 8 to 3 p.m. 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

Interfaith Walk of the Cross . . .

Good Friday — 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

—Participating: St. Anselm’s Episcopal, St. Columban Catholic, Garden Grove Methodist, & GG First Presbyterian. We begin with a service at noon at St. Anselms and then walk to each of the other locations for a prayerful remembrance of the events of the passion and death of Jesus, 2000 years ago.
Call for Info: Barbara 943-2290



Human Trafficking . . .

Great event — over 100 in attendance. Thanks to the presenters Aaron Cohen and Tammy Tran for their insight and information. Join a brainstorming session on Apr. 26, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Called to make a difference. *We can do something.* St. Columban Catholic Community, 10801 Stanford Ave. GG
Call: Barbara : 943-2290 — See you there!!!

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.

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.



Free Mammograms . . .

YWCA sponsored — free to women 40+ with no insurance. Tell your community... spread the word. Call Ann or Evelyn at 890-5203 — By appointment

Many Thanks to . . .

Sherrel Johnson from the Islamic Community for her presentation on the position of women in the Koran and the effect of culture on that understanding.

Executive Director Position . . .

St. Anselm’s Cross Cultural Community Center is seeking a motivated visionary to oversee the work of the Center. MSW Preferred, second language (Vietnamese or Spanish) is desirable. Resume to Mr. Guy Talbet: 13091 Galway Street, Garden Grove, CA. 92844, or: egtalbott@yahoo.com.

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: Apr. 6th

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.

Avian Flu — Earthquake —Fire . . .
CERT Response to Disaster —PREPAREDNESS

See you there!!!