

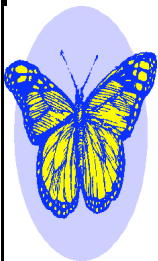
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From the President . . .

For those celebrating . . .

Holy Week and Easter, I wish you a special blessing. Holy Week for many Christians, both Catholic & Protestant is the time in the Christian calendar when the passion of Jesus Christ is remembered beginning with Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week, leading many Christians into the mystery of the Crucifixion, and culminating with the celebration of His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Many of our interfaith friends might ask: how does the Easter bunny fit into all of this? The truth is that it doesn't. Just like Christmas is commercialized, so too is Easter. Easter is a time of joy and hence a joyful and happy Easter bunny for the consumer.

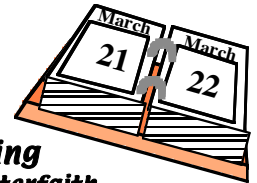


On a more serious note, Holy week marks the passage from death to life; it is an affirmation of the power of Life over death. This is a symbolism we can all relate to regardless of our religious tradition. On Easter Sunday Christians will celebrate life, but not without first having going through the darkness of death, observed on Good Friday.

For those who would like to join us there will be an ecumenical Cross Walk on Good Friday, beginning at noon, at St. Anselm of Canterbury Church, and proceeding from here to St. Columban Catholic Church, the United Methodist Church on Main Street, and concluding at the First Presbyterian Church on Euclid. All are welcome.

Wishing you endless blessings and peace,
In Peace,

Wilfredo Benitez



Apr. 5th **Monthly Meeting**
Life After Death, an Interfaith Perspective

Apr. 2-10th **Passover**

Apr. 5th **Maundy Thursday**

Apr. 6th **Good Friday**
Interfaith Walk of the Cross

Apr. 7th **Easter Vigil/Holy Saturday**

Apr. 8th **Easter Sunday**

Apr. 16th **Yaqui Deer Dance**

Apr. 20-21st **Festival of Ridvan Bahai**

May 3rd **Monthly Meeting**

May 5th
Eleventh Annual Interfaith Banquet

May 12th **Stanton Resource Fair**

Food for Thought . . .

"Each of us is the only person
who can give the other
what each of us
wants to have."

Ugo Betti

Miscellaneous . . .

Eleventh Annual Unity Banquet . . .

in May with Dr. Amir Hussain as our keynote speaker. He is a scholar with expertise in the area of interfaith relations between Christians and Muslims. This is an event not to be missed. Please publicize our banquet in your house of worship, we need your support and we need to sell tickets!!!! Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Besides our speaker Amir Hussain we will have the pleasure of entertainment by Milele an African Musical Group on tour. They have rearranged their schedule and this should be an unique opportunity to see something really extraordinary.



Banquet Tickets Available Now . . .

Get your banquet tickets (only \$20)at the next meeting. May 5 is approaching fast. Don't miss this opportunity. Bring your friends Call Ann — 714- 638-5569 or Barbara — 714-943-2290

Membership . . .

Continue to make a difference. It is time to renew membership and reach out to all the communities of faith. Our diversity is a gift but only if we share it, treasure it and nourish it.

Letters for renewal will be in the mail shortly. Thanks for your years of presence and support.

Spirit in Action . . .

Award winners are being notified. Stay tuned! Amazing work by amazing people.

Coming Thursday . . .

we begin our series on "Life After Death, an Interfaith Perspective." We will have two speakers, one from the Buddhist tradition and one from the Jewish tradition. It will be very interesting to hear from both our presenters and ask questions. This will be an opportunity to ponder these questions in openness, without having to give-up our own particular beliefs. Please join us at our Interfaith Council meeting and spread the word.

J. Tilman Williams . . .

Long time member from the Universal House of Love and advocate of the use of a universally understood language to bring us together has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. A card or letter or phone call might brighten his day as well. 11241 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-534-3552

Silent Auction . . .

Bring your auction items to the meeting this Thursday.

All donations are appreciated

Objects from all categories welcomed

Call: Joyce — 898-6112 or Barbara — 943-2290

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.

Art Contest . . .

If you have any artwork from your communities please bring it to the monthly meeting.

If anyone has a divider/display panel for the artwork display at the banquet please notify Barbara. 943-2290

Stanton Resource Fair . . .

is offering our group the opportunity to have a display booth at their upcoming Healthy Living Resource Fair. The spiritual outreach and the diversity of our organization can offer a living model of the kind of cooperation that is possible. We can offer in our world (or at least our corner of it) —hope that animosity does not have to control our interactions.

This should be a wonderful opportunity for our group to have a number of different faith representatives working together to show the community what the future can be.

Call Esther for more info: (714) 898-6030

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Next Meeting: Apr. 5th

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.

Life After Death, an Interfaith Perspective
Learn the beliefs and traditions of our ,amy faith traditions.

See you there! ! !