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Vacations are upon us . . .

Last month was a vacation month and as you may have noticed the usual newsletter didn't materialize. Well, it's back...

The Message from the president will reappear in the August issue.

By September we

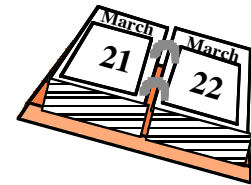
should all be back in the saddle.



Just a few thoughts. . .

- * We have been meeting for 8 years. No one has changed religion or faith community.
- * Each of us has been enriched by the other.
- * We have a greater understanding and a friendship with many we would not have met without this opportunity.
- * Information and ideas are are freely exchanged.
- * As differing beliefs are presented and explained we discover the many things we have in common.
- * We discover that in spite of our sometime significant differences we have more in common with each other than with those who hold no belief in anyone or anything greater than they.

This is why we come back



Aug. 7th *Monthly Meeting*

CERT — Disaster Preparedness —
Who to call? — What to do?

Aug. 16th *F.S.C. Yard Sale*
— St. Polycarp

Aug. 16th *Health Fair & Bike Rodeo*
Mc Laughlin Hall — St. Polycarp

Aug. 22nd — 24th *Nurturing Interfaith Activities* — Interfaith Retreat

Sept. 20th *Walk for Hope*

Jan. 22nd *Mayors Prayer Breakfast* —



Food for Thought . . .

*We don't have to believe that what we are doing will have a significant impact
or
even make a tiny difference.*

All we need to do is act— to begin and watch what happens."

Miscellaneous . . .

Family Support Center . . .

YARD SALE

Gently loved items needed. People to adopt them will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds support outreach to the poor.

August 16th from 8:30 to 3:00 p.m. at St. Polycarp
Call Ann at 890-5203

Health Fair & Bike Rodeo . . .

Focus Collaborative is sponsoring this event at McLaughlin Hall, St. Polycarp from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m., Saturday August 16th. Come, bring your friends and stop by the garage sale too!!!

Walk for Hope . . .

This is the 2nd annual *Walk for Hope*. The walk will be 5K (3 miles) on September 20th from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Huntington State Beach (corner of PCH and Warner)

Help raise funds for charities in Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa, India and Southern California. The walk is designed to build inspiration around the anniversary of 9/11. This is about progress — a 5K journey into Kindness.

Call: Be the Cause: 714-636-3067 to register.

Interfaith Potluck — St. Anselms. .

The potluck was a great time for relaxation and conversation. The food was wonderful and the weather was very accommodating. Even the mosquitoes were reasonably well behaved! Many thanks to Fr. Wilfredo for the gracious use of his garden and the hospitality.

Nurturing Interfaith Opportunities: From Southern California to the World . . .



An Interfaith Retreat

Hsi Lai University

This is a regional interfaith retreat designed by a team of people from Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside and Ventura Counties as part of a global preparation for the *4th Parliament of the World's Religions* in Barcelona, Spain in 2004.

This retreat will incorporate opportunities to experience sacred practices from diverse faith traditions, engage in discovering the tremendous vitality, diversity, strength and depth of interfaith work in our region, and to dream and design together the possibilities for the future of interfaith

in our region and globally.

August 22 - 24th

This is an incredible opportunity.

Registration form enclosed

Contact:

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Note: The New Board. .

The New Interfaith Board is listed below. A hearty thanks to our outgoing officers. And a heartfelt welcome to the new members.

If you have any suggestions for the upcoming year please contact one of the members or come to the board meeting to offer your input.

The next board meeting will be announced at the upcoming meeting on August 7th.

Your participation is necessary. Everyone adds to the whole. Contrary to the laws of mathematics here the whole here IS greater than sum of its parts!!!



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Next Meeting: August 7th

CERTain you know what to do in emergency / disaster situations. Come and hear about preparedness (How to contact proper agencies etc.)

See you there! ! !