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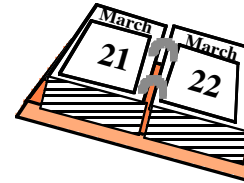
Opportunity knocks . . .

My husband will return from Vietnam this Sunday after 4 weeks of traveling the country working with families and communities who are in great need. I am always grateful for his trips, as they allow me to reflect on the fact that each of us has the ability to do something positive in our world. Thanh always brings back stories of the courage and perseverance of people who live in very difficult situations. He always comes home more inspired, and more determined to do what he can to make a difference in the world. His selfless efforts over the past 9 years only encourage me to become more committed to being of service.

In September there are many opportunities for us to make a difference. On September 2nd, we will have the chance to gather together as an Interfaith community to celebrate the dedication of the Peace Pole at St. Anselm's Episcopal church. Our gathering together gives hope for peace in all parts of the world. On September 10th, we can give a little of our time to participate in a service project at the Family Support Center. Compassion and Service should be our focus not just on one day, but on every day. On Saturday, September 11th we can join hundreds of others in the Walk for Hope at Bolsa Chica Beach. This walk allows us to raise funds for 9/11 children's fund, the Afghanistan Relief Organization and Hokisa. Once you make this walk, you will be changed forever. On September 17, the Garden Grove Mosque is holding an evening to raise funds for Sudan. Once again, we are invited not just to hear the news of our brothers and sisters in Africa, but to actually contribute to saving their lives.

As I think of all the opportunities available to us to be of service, I can do two things. I can just block them out of my mind, and continue on with day to day life, or I can embrace them and try to contribute in whatever way possible to participate. I would invite you this September to participate in one new activity that could change your life and the life of someone else

Peace . . . Ann



Aug. 28th Opening of Irvine Mosque

Sept. 2nd Monthly Meeting
Dedication of the Peace Pole at St. Anselm Episcopal Church. Meeting will not be at the Community Center!!!

Peace Pole is in place in the Rose Bush at the front of the church. The dedication which will be on Thursday September 2nd at 12:30 pm. On that day we will have a short "Remembrance" of the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks. The Interfaith Council of Garden Grove, Westminster and Stanton will be present. "May Peace Prevail on Earth" is written on the pole in eight languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese, Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic. Please spread the word and join us.

Sept. 10th Service Opportunity
See Flyer — St. Polycarp —

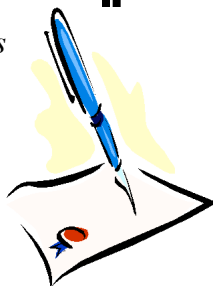
Sept. 11th Walk for Hope
Be the Cause

Sept. 17th Benefit for Sudan
Garden Grove Mosque

Oct. 7th Monthly Meeting

Oct. 23rd Caring for Creation
Conference

Nov. 24th Celebration of Thanks —



Miscellaneous . . .

Congratulations & Welcome. . .

Rev. Robert Rohdenburg, new pastor of Garden Grove Methodist Church,
Rabbi Nancy Meyers, new Rabbi of Temple Beth David — Westminster
Rev. Quang Vinh Chu, new pastor of St. Polycarp Catholic Church — Stanton
Welcome to our community our prayers are with you as you begin your new assignments.

Peace Pole . . .

At the last meeting we reached a consensus. The Sept. 2nd meeting would be held at the regular time but at a different location in order to allow more to attend the dedication of the Peace Pole at St. Anselms. It was felt that the change in location would facilitate the process and allow us to meet as usual without a second meeting to add to our busy schedules. So see you at St. Anselms 13091 Galway, GG. 12:00 as usual.
Call: Fr. Wilfredo (714)-535-3592

Walk for Hope . . .

This is the 3rd annual *Walk for Hope*. Help raise funds for charities — Children’s 9-11 Fund, Afghanistan and Hokisa. The walk is designed to build inspiration around the anniversary of 9/11. Register Now: <http://www.bethecause.org/walk/>
Bolsa Chica State Beach (5 miles north of Huntington Beach)
Saturday, September 11 | 10 am - 2 pm
Food and T-shirt included with registration (Breyer's is bringing their ice cream truck!)
Cost: \$20 Preregistration (\$25 on the day of the event)
Please be aware of parking costs at the beach! Try to carpool!

Caring for Creation Conference

The Orange County Interfaith Coalition for the Environment (OCICE) needs volunteers. We need volunteers who can help the day of the Caring for Creation Conference, October 23, 2004 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1201 Irvine Blvd., Tustin, CA 92780. We need approximately 6 volunteers for each of the following: attendee registration; lunch setup and cleanup. We also have volunteer needs throughout the year, including letter mailing (stuffing envelopes) and database maintenance. If you would like to volunteer, please call Sherri Loveland at (714) 552-0333 - cell. or visit our website at www.ocice.org.

Aid for Sudan . .

One of the largest Islamic Relief Organizations worldwide, authorized by the United Nations and authorized by the Sudanese government to work in their country, is also having a local event at the Garden Grove Mosque. This would not only be an opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in Sudan, but also an opportunity for the Interfaith communities to visit the largest mosque in the Western United States and perhaps make some new friends.

Emergency Fund-raiser for Victims of Crisis in Darfur, Sudan

Friday, September 17, 2004 — 6:00pm

Islamic Society of Orange County
Conference Room

9752 W. 13th St.— Garden Grove, CA 92644



Opening of the Irvine Mosque . . .

After years of praying in a tent the Muslims of Irvine will be getting a real mosque. A bazaar, prayers and dinner will mark the opening. Opening 6:00 p.m. Prayer 7:45 followed by dinner Tickets \$15.00
Call: Islamic Center of Irvine or www.icoi.net

Kudos . . .

**Kudos to Garden Grove City for inviting a panel of the Interfaith Council to present the tenets of faith of various religions as well as an overview of Interfaith happenings to the supervisors.

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Next Meeting:

SEPTEMBER 2nd

Dedication of the Peace Pole at St. Anselms
Bring Lunch, regular meeting and dedication

See you there! ! !

