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From the Vice President . . .

The war on terrorism . . .

may turn out to be wishful thinking. After much reflection on the war, I have come to the conclusion terror does not exist in the world. True terror is alive only in the minds of men and women. No matter how many bombs we drop, armies we send, or regime changes we facilitate, the issues of terror, fear, anxiety will not be remedied.



Only through a disciplined mind and open heart are we likely to end terror. Any life lived in these uncertain times requires great courage and confidence. Courage to face the unknown and confidence in our innate resourcefulness as human beings to find a wise and compassionate answer. Our faith, religion, or spiritual practice appears to be our best refuge in these uncertain times, not CNN or FOX News.

Peace . . . Rev. Kusala

It is with regret that I announce to you . . .

Our president, Rev. Doug Johnstone, has just found that he will be unable to attend the meetings for Oct. and Dec. and Nov. doesn't look promising. It seems that God is making his schedule without consulting our calendar. At this time, he has asked us to accept his resignation to enable someone who can be more present and active to assume those duties for the coming year. It is with sadness that we do so.



- Sept. 29th **Healing Service**
S.A.R.A.H. -
- Oct. 2nd **Monthly Meeting**
- Oct. 9th **St. Columban**
50th Anniversary Liturgy
- Oct. 10-12th **St. Polycarp - fiesta**
Fun - Rides - Food.
- Oct. 6th **Budgeting Class**
4 weeks— St. Polycarp —
Call to register — 890-5203
- Sept. 17th **Family Night**
Light the World
- Oct. 25th **Caring for Creation**
Conference
- Nov. 6th **Monthly Meeting**
- Nov. 14 —16th **Change of Heart Weekend**
— Homelessness & Poverty Awareness
- Nov. 26th **Celebration of Thanks**
- Jan. 22nd **Mayors Prayer Breakfast -**

Food for Thought . . .

*May God bless us all with Love, because
only Love can deliver Peace & Freedom*

Sufi Prayer

Miscellaneous . . .

Thoughts . . .

True social work is that in which there is no self interest, in which you always work for the benefit of others.

Actually all the prophet were social workers. the Prophet Muhammad had no selfish motives. People threw stones at him, but in his pure love he never backed from distributing the blessings of Allah.

Look at Jesus. he did not abandon his inner inclination for social work even when they crucified him. From the cross, he said, "Oh Father, forgive them all." Look at Mahavir, Buddha, Moses, Guru Gobind Singh. All the prophets were social workers

Now we have left the true dharam. Therefore, we are embroiled in disputes, for we do not understand what the prophets have said. We speak of it but it is not within us. Social work will arise from within us when the light within us emerges. Peace will come throughout the world if we tell what the prophets have said.

Rightly understood, Dharam is social work. No religion teaches us to fight, no religion teaches divisiveness, no religion teaches hatred of others. They all teach us love

Baba Virsa Singh Ji

Alzheimer's Association . . .

Our speakers are ready to give workshops and provide support to families in your congregation. They offer free support group leader training with the goal of developing faith-based support groups. They have expert professional trainers on the topics of "Older Adults" and on "Dementia" for volunteers in your home visitation program. They can assist in developing special worship services just for people with dementia.

Call 714-283-1111 ext. 302 or visit the web site at www.alzoc.org



St. Columban 50th Anniversary . .

In October 2003 St. Columban Catholic Community will celebrate 50 years in Garden Grove. There will be a celebration of a Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Thursday Oct. 9, at 7:00 p.m. to culminate the year of celebration.

Caring for Creation Conference

Orange County Interfaith Coalition for the Environment. Renewable energy, drought tolerant plants, a new world vision — workshops for care of the earth.

October 25th —8:30 am to 3:00 pm

*St. Wilfrid's Episcopal Church
18631 Chapel Lane, Huntington Beach*

Web Address: www.ocice.org

Change of Heart Weekend . . .

Sponsored by the Family Support Center to raise awareness and understanding of homelessness and poverty in America. We are working to raise funds for the Catholic Worker, a shelter for the homeless located in Santa Ana. Catholic Worker provides food and shelter for approximately 300 people

every day.

November 14-16th at St. Polycarp field behind the church. Live in a cardboard city from 6:00 pm Friday till 6:00 pm Sunday.

Food — Discussions — Speakers — Projects.

S.A.R.A.H . . .

*Spiritual and Religious Alliance for Hope
A healing experience of heart, mind, and soul.*

Healing service led by Debbie Friedmann together with the Members of the Interfaith Community

Monday, Sept. 29th, at 7:00 pm

Hosted by Temple Beth Sholom

2625 North Tustin Ave., Santa Ana(949) 635-0279

Tutors Needed



The learning center will be opening again at St. Polycarp Family Support Center. If you love children and could commit to one afternoon a week, please call: Ann or Evelyn at 890-5203

Mormon Temple Redlands . . .

A small group of us carpooled to Redlands where we experienced the wonderful hospitality of all we met. Inside the temple we were able to visit each of the rooms and the baptistry where rites of the church are performed. The architecture and furnishings were truly inspiring. For those who didn't make it this time there will be another opportunity when the Orange County Temple opens.

United in Faith — Fiesta . . .

St. Polycarp annual fiesta. Fun for the entire family Rides! — Games! —Food!

October 10 to 12th at St. Polycarp

8100 Chapman Ave., Stanton

Everyone welcome!!!

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Next Meeting: October 2nd

See you there!!!