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From the President . . .

I often feel frustrated . . .



about the lack of involvement I see from Faith Leaders and their faith communities in Interfaith matters. Finding time may be difficult, however, I believe faith communities can grow stronger by being part of the broader community.

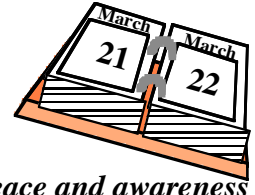
Why be involved in the Interfaith movement?

Here is my list of reasons —

You can:

1. **learn** a lot about yourself when you are in a room with people of other faith communities/cultural backgrounds
2. **help dispel** the myths/stereotypes/fallacies about your own faith when you are present to other people
3. **come to understand** and appreciate the values we all share, and the particular ingredients that make up the various faith groups
4. **come to understand** the ways in which faith groups can become involved in a particular project without jeopardizing one's own beliefs
5. **make real friendships** with other faith groups, and cultivate exchange programs that allow both groups to broaden their horizons
6. **grow as a person** both spiritually and mentally
7. **speak out** when other faith communities are being mistreated.
8. **see yourself** as part of a bigger community than just your own faith/ethnic group.
9. **help transform your community** into one where all faiths, all ethnic groups are respected and celebrated.
10. **help break down the barriers** that prevent you from extending yourself outside your own faith community.

Peace . . . Ann



Ramadan

May the practice bring peace and awareness

Nov. 4th **Monthly Meeting**

Nov. 5-7th **Festival of Champions**
St. Columban—Rides —Food—Fun
Extreme Wheels Demonstration!!!

Nov. 7th **Conflict Resolution**
Role of Religion & Spirituality

Nov. 8th **ISS Brainstorm Meeting**

Nov. 12-14th **CHANGE of Heart**

Nov. 15 **ISS Planning Meeting**
for Dec Presentation

Nov. 24th **Celebration of Thanks —**
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Reception Following

Nov. 20st **Crisis in Sudan — Panel**
St. Polycarp

Nov. 21st **Blood Drive — St. Polycarp**

Dec. 2nd **Monthly Meeting**

Food for Thought . . .

For our World

. . .

*And now let us pray,
Differently, yet together,
Before there is no earth, no life,
No chance for peace.*

Mattie Stepanek



Miscellaneous . . .

Newsletter by e-mail . . .

This is month 2 of newsletter by e-mail and snail mail. (If we have your correct e-mail address, that is). I received some replies. Many have not responded. Did you get it? Could you open it? Do you want the e-mail only version? It will save greatly on postage and paper copying etc.— To say nothing of energy (mine). Reply to: barbarageorge@highstream.net

Interfaith Social Service Agency. . .

A meeting was held to continue the exploration of the dream to serve the community as an Interfaith outreach program. The plan (hopefully to start soon and modestly) is being fleshed out. We are scheduling 2 meetings on Nov. 8 & 15 with the goal of bringing a viable program to the Dec. 2nd monthly meeting. We need your input. Plan to sign for a 2 meeting commitment to flesh out and brainstorm the possibilities. St. Olaf Lutheran Church — 7:00 p.m. 12432 Ninth St., Garden Grove

Change of Heart Weekend . . .

The Third Annual Change of Heart Weekend will be held on Nov. 12-14 in the field behind St. Polycarp Church. Come and join us for a weekend where we try to raise awareness of sensitivity to the problems of homelessness and poverty locally and globally. We will also be looking at the world Aids Crisis. If you don't want to spend the weekend sleeping in Cardboard boxes, think about sponsoring someone else. The recipients of the funds are Catholic Worker shelter in Santa Ana, Family Support Center (emergency outreach) and Howick Hospice in South Africa. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000. (If we have 100 sponsors at 100 dollars each we will reach our goal. 200 sponsors at \$50 each or 400 sponsors at \$25 each. Please help us reach this goal.)

Celebration of Thanks . . .

The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints has offered their space for the upcoming **Celebration of Thanks**.

Be ready for a wonderful evening to celebrate our National Holiday by giving thanks with a community of thankful people.

Donations of Food (non perishable) or financial will be given to Interfaith Social Services

Wednesday, November 24, 2004 — 7:00 pm

Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints

10212 Stanford Ave.— Garden Grove, CA 92840

Thanks . . .

Kudos to Hector Quintanna for his unique prospective of the shoah survivors' oral history. This personal and emotionally moving experience touched us all.

Blood Drive . . .

November 21, 8 am to 2 pm Blood Drive at St. Polycarp (McLaughlin Hall) for St. Jude's Hospital. Donors to be 17 and over in good health and more than 110 pounds. St. Jude's will make a donation of \$2 to the Family Support Center for each pint of blood given.

Please call Ann or Evelyn at 890-5203 if you would like to donate blood.

Conflict Resolution . . .

The Role of Religion and Spirituality

Keynote Speakers:

Elias Chacour, Muhammad Hourani, Ron Kronish



See Flyer

Humanitarian Crisis in Sudan . . .

Be the Cause & the Family Support Center are sponsoring an information evening on the humanitarian crisis in Sudan. We will have speakers from Islamic Relief, Catholic Relief and the International Rescue committee, as well as 2 young gentlemen who are Sudanese refugees. This is an evening of education, compassion and inspiration. Light refreshments will be served, and music from the region will be enjoyed. There will be no charge for the event but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to the work of the organizations represented.

Nov. 20st at 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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Next Meeting:

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.

November 4th

Speaker to be announced. Last minute Thanksgiving planning.

See you there! ! !