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## From the President . . .

### Many people of faith . . .

reject participation in Interfaith excursions. The criticism of being “*Interfaithy*” is that many in our society suggest that the faith communities are really all one and the same, but with different names and different markings. Many people of faith do not want to be seen as the same, when, like everyone else, they are different and they want that difference to be clear.

After more than 45 years of involvement in the arena of Inter-religious conversation and conflict, I am convinced of how deeply grounded most people of faith are, and how little satisfied or motivated they can be when the call is to sameness, superficiality, and the “*we are all in different boats heading for the same shore*” ethos.



Today we confront new questions. Most of us involved in inter-faith activities want to move beyond mere ceremony, niceness, and ritual display to education, mutual understanding, common action for justice and peace, respect for one another, and the like.

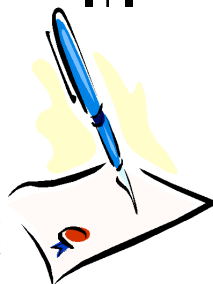
Martin Marty in a recent speech to the NCCJ sighted two “*alases*” to this desire. The first “*alas*” is that there are significant portions of

the faith communities who shun participation in interfaith activities. They don’t want to be seen as “*the same*”, when, like everyone else, they are “*different*.”

The second “*alas*” is to note the modest investment in interfaith efforts compared with the huge expenditures devoted to religious hate, conflict, exclusiveness, competition, and even lethal ventures.

Most of us can tell why hate inspires more devotion than love, but all of our faiths in their various ways teach that love should have a hearing.

Peace,  
Pastor Doug Johnstone



## Nov. 23rd Celebration of Thanks

### Dec. 1st Monthly Meeting

*Interaction of Faith & Psychology*

### Dec. 1st World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil

### Dec. 4th Blood Drive

### Dec. 8th Bodhi Day

### Dec. 10th Mammograms

*St. Polycarp*

### Dec. 10th Swap Meet

### Dec. 12th Family Support Fundraiser

*Dinner Hometown Buffet*

### Dec. 25th Christmas

### Dec. 26th— Jan 2nd

*Chanukah*

### Jan. 5th Monthly Meeting

### Mar. 15th Human Trafficking Awareness

### May 6th Tenth Annual Interfaith Banquet

## Food for Thought . . .

*...the obligation of the church  
to question the state repeatedly whether  
its actions could be justified, i.e.  
as actions in which law and order are  
created, not lawlessness and disorder.”  
Many audience members left the hall in  
irritation.*

—60 years ago—  
bonhoffer

# Miscellaneous . . .

## **Kudos . . . to First Presbyterian for hosting the – Ninth Annual Celebration of Thanks . . .**

Always an uplifting experience of our diversity focused in a spirit of thankfulness. A great opportunity to join your neighbors and express our mutual appreciation of life in new ways. First Presbyterian Church 11832 Euclid (just north of Chapman Ave.), Garden Grove Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

## **New Domain Name . . .**

We have a really easy name: InterfaithCouncil.info Check it out!— Add your group’s web site to the mix. Make this a place to learn about the *other’s* programs, locations. and events Send the info to Rev. Kusala kusala@kusala.org

## **Mammograms . . .**

YWCA Encore Plus will be hosting a free mammogram screening for women 40 and over not covered by insurance on Dec. 10. Please inform your faith communities that this is available. St. Polycarp Catholic Church, McLaughlin Hall Call for Appointment: Ann or Evelyn 890-9203

## **Blood Drive . . .**

St. Jude’s Hospital will be holding a blood drive at McLaughlin Hall on Sunday, December 4. If you are 17 or older and in good health consider making a blood donation. What a great way to show your appreciation for life by giving the gift of life. Call: Ann or Evelyn — 890-5203

## **Swap Meet . . .**

Family Support Center will be hosting its Swap Meet on Saturday, December 10 from 8 am to 3 pm at St. Polycarp. Come and do your Christmas shopping there. If you would like to rent a space it is just \$20. Call: Ann or Evelyn at 890-5203 for more info

## **World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil . . .**

Thurs., Dec. 1, 6:30 to 7:30 at the Plaza of the Artists at the corner of Sycamore and Second St. in Santa Ana. Despite silence AIDS has not gone away Call: Ty Rose (949-809-8762) • www.ocasf.org

## **Be the Cause . . .**

Do you need a gift for a birthday, Kwanzaa, retirement, Christmas or for any other celebration? Think about purchasing the Gift of Giving Certificates from Be the Cause (www.bethecause.org) The Gift of Giving Certificates allow you to contribute to



a worthy cause in honor of someone you love. There are 7 different organizations you can choose from. 100% of what you give goes directly to the organization you select.

Visit the web site or Call Ann or Evelyn: 890-5203

## **Human Trafficking . . .**

The number one problem of the 21st century www.lifetimetv.com/movies/originals/humantrafficking.html Evening of Awareness will be held on March 15th at St. Columban. Stay Tuned.

## **Interfaith Calendars . . .**

Beautiful illustrated presentation of 14 major religions and celebrations or feasts throughout the year. Check with Ann Nguyen for availability at the next meeting or call at 890-5203!

## **Family Support Fund Raiser . . .**

Great opportunity for an evening out. Take your family to Hometown Buffet on Monday Dec. 12. If you are interested in supporting this event, let Ann or Evelyn know so that they make sure you have a flyer. Each meal sold with the fundraising flyer gives FSC one dollar.



## **Pat Casey . . .**

Is now in Coventry Court 2040 S. Euclid on Euclid (between Orangewood and Katella. ) She still needs to increase her strength and endurance. Luckily she is a lot closer and visits will be a lot easier. The phone numbers are for cell phones that are brought to the room when calls come in. There are no phones in the room! Phone: 714-636-7077 or 636-9055. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

## **Many Thanks to . . .**

Ty Rose for his informative presentation on AIDS in Orange County at our Nov. monthly meeting.

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## **Next Meeting: Dec. 1st**

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.

**Do/if/how faiths recognize psychology and why they do or don't.**

# See you there! ! !