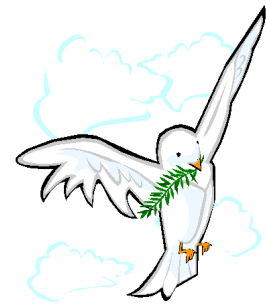




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As we begin . . .

a new year, there is always an impulse to reflect. Too often we are lost in the context of the world we live in. We exist as a fish in the “water” — oblivious to it for all practical purposes while we continue our busy daily journey. If the water heats up or pollutes gradually it is certainly easy to accept or ignore. It is far more alarming that often we *don't even notice* — even while contributing to that gradual degradation!

Unfortunately, we do this to our own peril. Like the frog placed in a pot of cold water and set over the fire, we too can be cooked before our own natural protective instincts cause us to jump out of that soon to boil water.

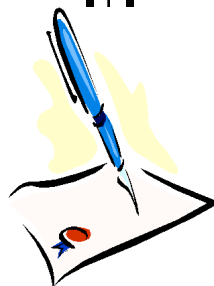


If we learn to accept the unacceptable, blame the convenient, and ignore the signs before and in us . . . I suppose we too could easily become part of a not so tasty soup.

My hope is that with reflection, insight, & meditation our “water” can be gradually filtered so that the light of peace and justice and love within us can become visible, tangible and pervasive.

Peace . . .

Happy New Year



- Jan 1st Happy New Year**
- Jan. 5th Monthly Meeting**
Rev. Alexia Salvatierra from CLUE – Economic Justice
- Jan. 9th Family Support Fundraiser**
Dinner Hometown Buffet
- Jan 10th Eid ul-Adha –The Great Feast**
End of main portion of Hajj
- Jan. 14th FSC – Swap Meet**
- Jan. 15th United Nations Sunday Brunch**
Santa Ana
- Jan. 18-25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**
- Jan. 29th Tet – Vietnamese New Year**
- Jan. 30th Islamic New Year**
- Feb. 2nd Monthly Meeting**
- Mar. 15th Human Trafficking Awareness**
- May 6th Tenth Annual Interfaith Unity Banquet**

Food for Thought . . .

“The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a Heaven of Hell, or a Hell of Heaven.”

John Milton, Paradise Lost

Miscellaneous . . .

Tenth Annual Unity Banquet . . .

Experience of our diversity in person. An opportunity to meet and break bread with your neighbor — too good to miss. Make our tenth banquet the best ever. Tickets on sale (only \$20.00) at the Feb. 2nd meeting. Start now and save the day — Saturday, May 6th 2006. Bring 10 or 20 of your closest friends!!!

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

Membership Renewal . . .

A new year — It's that time again. We come to you who have been so much a part of our vision for the last 10 years with grateful hearts. Your help and support have brought us together and kept us going. We ask you to once again send your membership renewal.

If we dare to dream our world can be a better place for our children. Thank you!

Silent Auction . . .

Start looking for those special items. Art, decorative items, toys, electronic stuff and etc.

They need not be expensive

Call: Ann — 890-5203 or Barbara — 943-2290

Swap Meet . . .

Family Support Center will be hosting its Swap Meet on Saturday, January 14, from 8 am to 3 pm at St.

Polycarp. Bring your lightly used items or rescue one of ours. If you would like to rent a space it is just \$20.

Call: Ann or Evelyn at 890-5203 for more info

Nominations for Spirit in Action Award . . .

Only you may know of the wonderful work done by many in our midst. Take the time to nominate someone so the rest of us may come to know and celebrate them as you do. Bring your nomination to the next meeting.

Human Trafficking . . .

Did you know?

Trafficking in persons is a form of modern-day slavery. It is the illegal trade in human beings through force, fraud, coercion, or violence for purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, and other slavery-like practices.

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 — Only a few left.

Family Support Fund Raiser . . .

Great opportunity for an evening out. Take your family to Hometown Buffet on Monday Jan. 9th. 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.) Still recovering slowly. Drop by if you are able. She loves visitors. There are no phones in the room They bring it to her when you call! Phone: 714-636-7077 or 636-9055. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.



Many Thanks to . . .

Our panel discussion participants. It is always good to hear about our differing approaches and bring better understanding and appreciation for those differences when they do occur.

United Nations Brunch . . .

Entertainment — Door prizes — Silent Auction
1725 N College Ave, Santa Ana — Noon Jan 15, 2006
Reservation Required: 714-542-9743

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Next Meeting: Jan. 5th

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.

Rev. Alexia Salvatierra from Clergy and Laity

United for Economic Justice will be our speaker.

See you there! ! !