

# INTERFAITH EXPLORER

## SAN FRANCISCO INTERFAITH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2008

OUR MONTHLY GATHERING - ALL ARE WELCOME

THURSDAY, April 10, 2008, 8:00-9:30 A.M.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Franklin & O'Farrell

Parking at St. Mary's Cathedral across the street

Continental Breakfast hosted by John Dellar

SPEAKER: Sheila Chung Hagen, Immigrant Rights Administrator

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Sheila Chung Hagen recently joined the City and County of San Francisco as the City's first Immigrant Rights Administrator. She helps City departments comply with the Sanctuary Ordinance, a 1989 law that prohibits City employees from assisting in the enforcement of federal immigration law unless required to by federal or state law. Sheila is also working with the County Clerk's office to launch San Francisco's municipal identification card program. Prior to joining the City, Sheila worked as Director of the Bay Area Immigrant Rights Coalition. She also served as Vice President of the San Francisco Elections Commission and board member of the Partnership for Immigrant Leadership and Action.

### *Sanctuary Ordinance*

Passed in 1989, San Francisco's Sanctuary Ordinance prohibits City employees from helping Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with immigration investigations or arrests unless federal or state law or a warrant requires such help. The Ordinance is rooted in the Sanctuary Movement of the 1980's, when churches across the country provided refuge to Central Americans fleeing civil wars in their countries. In providing such assistance, faith communities were responding to the difficulties immigrants faced in obtaining refugee status from the U.S. government.

In recent years, the Sanctuary Movement has experienced a rebirth, as grassroots organizations, faith communities, and local government have stood firmly against repressive immigration proposals in Congress. In February 2007, Mayor Gavin Newsom reaffirmed San Francisco's commitment to immigrant communities by issuing an Executive Order that called on City departments to develop protocol and training on the Sanctuary Ordinance. At the end of March, the City will also launch a public education campaign on its sanctuary status.

### *Municipal Identification Card Program*

On November 20, 2007, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance authorizing the County Clerk's office to issue municipal identification cards to all residents of the City and

County of San Francisco, regardless of immigration status. The program aims to increase community trust in accessing public services and reporting crimes and emergencies. City departments will accept the card as a person's proof of identity and residency. The County Clerk's office will begin issuing the cards in August 2008.

FAITH JOURNEY: Fr. Evan Ardley  
Hospice by the Bay  
<http://www.hospicebythebay.org/>

#### SAN FRANCISCO INTERFAITH COUNCIL PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

#### SAN FRANCISCO INTERFAITH COUNCIL LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

You are cordially invited to visit the newly launched San Francisco Interfaith Council website: [sf-interfaith.org](http://sf-interfaith.org). Like all of us, this website is a work in progress; it tells our story, informs and engages. As GOOGLE has yet to detect us, please bookmark the site. You are also encouraged to forward it to friends in your email address book who would be interested in and benefit from our important work. Congregations, judicatories, agencies, FBO,s, non profits and all other organizations with websites are kindly asked to

add us to your links! PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!!!

#### SPIRITUAL WOUNDS OF WAR: CLERGY AS FIRST RESPONDERS TO RETURNING VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES

The SFIC, in partnership with *Swords to Plowshares*, and the Interfaith Center at the Presidio is sponsoring a sensitivity training seminar for San Francisco area clergy to the complex and multifaceted needs of returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families. The seminar, which will be both didactic and interactive, will take place at the Interfaith Center at the Presidio on April 16, 2008 from 9:00am – noon. All clergy are invited and encouraged to attend. There is no cost for the seminar.

Please visit: <http://swords-to-plowshares.org/> <<http://swords-to-plowshares.org/>> to learn more about the important work being undertaken by *Swords to Plowshares*.

A *Swords to Plowshares* YouTube segment can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpdfOZgVnTI>

## CREATING A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CONGREGATIONS WORKSHOP

Since the devastating Loma Prieta earthquake of 1989, the San Francisco Interfaith Council (SFIC) has been an instrumental stakeholder in the City's disaster preparedness equation. SFIC Board leadership and staff regularly attend and represent the SFIC at civic, foundation and agency meetings related to disaster preparedness. In its capacity as liaison to interfaith congregations, the SFIC is recognized as a vital participant in the City's coordinated preparedness and response plan.

Thanks to the generosity of the Walter and Elise Haas Foundation, in May of 2006, the SFIC was able to host a highly successful Disaster Preparedness Workshop for congregations. 107 congregations were represented.

In the past two years much progress and many developments have been made in this critical area. The SFIC, at its February 2008 Board of Directors meeting, voted to sponsor a follow-up half day workshop to be entitled, "Creating a Culture of Preparedness." **This event is scheduled to take place on May 9, 2008, at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco.**

In addition to congregation clergy, lay leadership, clerical and facility staff, invitees will include organizations and agencies constituting the San Francisco Disaster Preparedness and Response System.

The half-day Workshop will be comprised of five elements: 1) Self-Preparation; 2) Staff Preparation; 3) Facility Preparation; 4) Managing the Immediate Aftermath; and 5) Managing the Long-term Aftermath.

There is no cost for the workshop. Congregation clergy, staff and lay leadership are urged to attend. For more information please contact Michael Pappas, [michael@sf-interfaith.org](mailto:michael@sf-interfaith.org).  
PLEASE PUT THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS.

SFIC TO CO-SPONSOR COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CA PROGRAM

The Commonwealth Club of California has graciously invited the SFIC to co-sponsor a lecture entitled, "Imaging Islam," given by Munir Jiwa, PhD, M.Phil, MTS on May 12, 2008, at 6:00pm at the Commonwealth Club (595 Market Street, San Francisco CA 94105 Next to Montgomery BART). Munir Jiwa, is the founding director of the Center for Islamic Studies, at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Reduced ticket price is available for those affiliated with the

SFIC by making advanced online reservations ([www.commonwealthclub.org](http://www.commonwealthclub.org)) or by calling (415) 597 6700.

## WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM

The San Francisco Interfaith Council has, for 20 years, co-coordinated winter shelter for 60-90 men from mid November to the end of February. Congregations that offered their facilities as shelter sites, as well as the many faith communities and agencies that provided and served meals, will be recognized and honored at a special observance on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church (8:00am-9:30am).

## PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT IN BAYVIEW HUNTER'S POINT

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Partnering with the San Francisco Interfaith Council

Join the faith-based community and Project Homeless Connect in providing access to needed services for people experiencing homelessness in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood. The community of congregations will provide much needed volunteers, choirs for entertainment, staff for the spiritual area, and bible donations for the Book Area. Services offered at PHC include medical and dental, employment, legal assistance, DMV IDs, and much more. PHC clients can access, in one day, what may otherwise take eight months to achieve.

Location is along Keith Street between Armstrong and Carroll Streets, including: SF Community Health Center, BVHP Foundation & Bayview Playground.

To volunteer, please register at: "<http://www.ProjectHomelessConnect.com>> or call 415.255.3674

*"I've been homeless for five years, and I've never seen anything like this in my life...Project Homeless Connect must be serious."* Red B, PHC Client

## INTERFAITH FAIR TRADE COFFEE UPDATE

An important effort of the SFIC is promotion of the partnership between Thanksgiving Coffee Company and the 705 Jewish, Christian, and Muslim farmers of the "Delicious Peace" Mirembe Kawomera Cooperative in Uganda.

The Tufts Institute for Global Leadership announced the presentation of the Dr. Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award to the Peace Kawomera Fair Trade Coffee Cooperative in Mbale, Uganda. This award was established "...To honor Jean Mayer, by challenging and inspiring our

students and the University community, by bringing to Tufts distinguished scholars and practitioners whose moral courage, personal integrity, and passion for scholarship resonated his dictum that ‘Scholarship, research and teaching must be dedicated to solving the most pressing problems facing the world.’” Sherman Teichman, the Director of the Institute wrote, “On behalf of the Institute, its 2008 EPIIC (Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship) program on ”Global Poverty and Inequality,” Tufts University, and the Dr. Jean Mayer family, I want to convey our deep satisfaction at being able to acknowledge and assist your wonderful innovative and powerful efforts on behalf of alleviating poverty, creating accountable and sustainable trade practices, encouraging community peace and promoting interfaith harmony. Past recipients of the Dr. Jean Mayer Award include Nobel Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dr. Paul Farmer, author Samantha Power, and economist John Kenneth Galbraith. The award ceremony and presentation took place at Tufts University on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 8:00 PM at Cabot Auditorium. A delegation from the Peace Kawomera Cooperative including representatives from the Muslim, Jewish, Anglican and Catholic community, as well as Ben Corey-Moran and Holly Moskowitz of the Thanksgiving Coffee Company were present to speak about the work of the cooperative and to receive the award.

Special thanks is extended to the congregations which hosted the delegation of interfaith farmers of Mirembe Kawomera Cooperative in Uganda and representatives of Thanksgiving Coffee during their recent visit to San Francisco.

To learn more about the good works being undertaken by THANKSGIVING COFFEE point your browser to: <http://www.mirembekawomera.com/blog/2008/01/03/interfaith-youth-group-launches-in-sf/>

Or view an informative YouTube segment at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rw4QcFtWio>

Please contact Rita Semel (rrsemel@gmail.com) or Ben Corey Moran (bcm@thanksgivingcoffee.co) if are you are interested in joining the faith communities and organizations currently purchasing and providing fair trade coffee from this unique interfaith cooperative.

<http://www.sfconnect.org/AboutUs/index.php/docs/BVHPVolFlyer.pdf>

#### PROGRESS ON FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR THE SFIC:

The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Interfaith Council has set a goal to raise \$100,000 in each of the next three years to support the Executive Director position and administrative/operational costs of the organization. Since beginning the effort in November, \$54,900 has been raised for 2008, with an additional \$13,100 in committed pledges. This brings us to 68% of the projected goal. We urge congregations and agencies to include the SFIC in their 2008 budgets. Individual contributions are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE:

**SFIC ANNUAL MEETING / HONOR WINTER SHELTER SITE & MEAL PROVIDERS**

June 12th 8:00-9:30am

Urban Life Center / Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

1031 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

**SFIC MAYOR'S INTERFAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

Cathedral Hill Hotel

1101 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, CA 94109

**SFIC THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE**

Thursday, November 27, 2008

First Unitarian Church

1187 Franklin St, San Francisco, CA 94109

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR TIBET  
WITH ARCHBISHOP DESUMUD TUTU AND RICHARD GERE  
HOSTS HISTORIC RALLY AND CANDLIGHT VIGIL FOR TIBET**

The aforementioned hosts invite you to participate in a rally and vigil for the Tibetan people. Over the last many weeks in Tibet, hundreds of Buddhist monks and thousands of Tibetans have taken to the streets and raised their voices of concern despite severe repercussions from Chinese troops and armed police.

As China prepares to host the Olympics in August 2008, the government is conducting the worst crackdown in Tibet since the 1960's Cultural Revolution. In less than three months, China plans to take the Olympic torch through Tibet to Lhasa – a city torn with violence since March 10, 2008, as Chinese tanks and armed police recently roamed the streets and violently suppressed peaceful protests. In the last four weeks 100 people have been killed and thousands arrested.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Richard Gere, Tibetan Leaders, and other special guests will gather for a historic rally and vigil in support of the Tibetan people and their struggle for basic human rights and religious freedom. People of faith are invited to join them on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at the UN Plaza (1150 Market Street / Civic Center BART)

6:00pm Rally and Speeches

7:15pm Culture / Music

8:00pm Candlelight Vigil

**ARCHBISHOP TUTU TO RECEIVE OUTSPOKEN AWARD IN SF**

On Tuesday, April 8th, Archbishop Desmond Tutu will receive the OUTSPOKEN award from the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC), at San Francisco's Grace Cathedral.

Archbishop Tutu has said: "If God, as they say, is homophobic, I wouldn't worship that God." The Archbishop, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient for his struggle against apartheid, has persistently challenged discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. In a 2004 article that appeared in The Times (London), he condemned "the persecution of people because of their sexual orientation, which is every bit as unjust as that crime against humanity, apartheid." The Archbishop further wrote, "We struggled against apartheid in South Africa, supported by people the world over, because black people were being blamed and made to suffer for something we could do nothing about—our very skins. It is the same with sexual orientation. It is a given. I could not have fought against the discrimination of apartheid and not also fight against the discrimination that homosexuals endure, even in our churches and faith groups."

The OUTSPOKEN Award recognizes the leadership of a global ally to the LGBT community whose outspokenness has contributed substantially to advancing the rights and understanding of LGBTI people everywhere. IGLHRC presented its first OUTSPOKEN Award in 2005 to the Honorable Mary Robinson, whose leadership as President of Ireland and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights tangibly advanced LGBT rights. Archbishop Tutu will be the second ever recipient of IGLHRC's OUTSPOKEN Award.

All are invited to Grace Cathedral from 6:30 - 8:30 on Tuesday, April 8. For more information on the event please visit [www.iglhrc.org](http://www.iglhrc.org) and click on "Invitation to A CELEBRATION OF COURAGE 2008." or call (Tim: 415-867-2324; Niels 415-351-8833).

#### PEACE WALK FOR BURMA ACROSS THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

Sponsored by the Buddhist Peace Fellowship, Burmese American Democratic Alliance, Int. Monks Org.Inc (Sasana Moli),US Campaign for Burma, Burmese Youth Assoc. & Global Exchange.

- Wednesday, April 9 / Gather 9:30 at Vista Point (Marin side) / Walk at 10am (rain or shine)
- Led by Burmese monks and Buddhist clergy,including Jack Kornfield and other senior teachers.
- Why April 9? This day San Francisco hosts the Olympic Torch Relay, which is making its way to Beijing to start the 2008 Summer Games. SF is the only North American city to host the Relay.
- Why China & the Olympics? The August 2008 Beijing Olympics are a key opportunity to draw attention to China's role in the suffering of the Burmese people. China is a major trading partner with Burma, in oil, natural gas and arms. Further, China is blocking any significant movement on Burma in the United Nations.
- Why Burma? The monks of Burma are engaged in one of the most visible, potent, non-violent revolutions in our time. The people in Burma take great strength from our

actions and knowing that the international community supports their struggle for basic human rights and democracy.

- Details: This is a permitted walk. Parking is limited in bridge areas and we will have shuttles running from the SF side to Vista Point so that people only have to walk one way. Wear red! The Bridge has strict rules. All signs must be hand held by one person and must be 3 ft. by 2 ft. at most. No sticks, musical instruments, banners, or flags.
- Schedule: 8:30: Park at Battery Park gravel parking lot on Lincoln St. This is at last SF exit going north. Shuttles will take people across bridge 8:30 - 9:30. Walk begins at Vista Point on Marin side in front of flagpole.
- Call 707-360-8452 or 510-220-1323 for more information or go to [www.bpf.org](http://www.bpf.org).

#### INTERFAITH CENTER TO CONVENE BAY AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL MINI-SUMMIT

(Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 5:30-8:00PM/Interfaith Center at the Presidio)

Guest speakers from Bay Area Interfaith Councils will address the topic, "*Interfaith Work In the SF Bay Area.*" Attendees will be informed of the vision and work of interfaith councils in the Bay Area, as well as the Interfaith Center at the Presidio and its connection to local interfaith councils.

Web: : <http://www.interfaith-presidio.org/>

#### GLOBAL DAY FOR DARFUR

April 13: Join with communities around the world to bring awareness to the genocide in Darfur, Sudan

see [www.darfursf.org](http://www.darfursf.org) <<http://www.darfursf.org/>> for information about the local response at the Olympic torch relay on April 9, 10:00 am

for more information see [www.dreamfordarfur.org](http://www.dreamfordarfur.org) <<http://www.dreamfordarfur.org/>> and [www.savedarfur.org](http://www.savedarfur.org) <<http://www.savedarfur.org/>>

In San Francisco on April 13 students, educators and adults are invited to Day of Learning about the Holocaust and genocide.

The Holocaust Center of Northern California is hosting the annual 'Day of Learning', an opportunity for students, educators and adults to participate in interactive workshops about the Holocaust and genocide. A special workshop 'Taking Action for Darfur, Sudan' is presented for students in grades 8 -12. see [hnc.org/dol](http://hnc.org/dol) Admission is free, registration required--see [hnc.org/dol](http://hnc.org/dol). For more information contact Morgan Blum 415.777.9060 x203 or [mblum@hnc.org](mailto:mblum@hnc.org)

#### HOSPICE BY THE BAY TO HOST APRIL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE IN SF:

Hospice By The Bay (*formerly Hospice of Marin*) will host an interfaith, memorial Service of Remembrance for all community members on April 13th, at 4:00pm at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 101 Gold Mine Dr. Come together in spirit through music, prayers, readings, and the ritual of flowers to offer comfort and healing for those who are grieving. A social gathering will

follow. Contact HBTB Spiritual Support Services Manager Evan Ardley, (415) 526-5638, for more information.

Web: [www.hospicebythebay.org](http://www.hospicebythebay.org)

#### "CARING FOR THE CAREGIVERS:

Support UCSF Medical Center Low-wage Workers"

April 18, 2008, 8:00am-9:30am - Luncheon and Briefing for SF religious leaders about the plight of low-wage workers at UCSF Medical Center. We will meet at St. John of God Catholic Church at 1290 5th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122. Hear the stories of the workers and an update about the campaign from Jane McDonald, top statewide leader of the American Federation of State, Country, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). To RSVP for these events, please call Noel Andersen at 510-334-0431 or email him at [noelsy79va@yahoo.com](mailto:noelsy79va@yahoo.com)

#### FRANCESCO ROCKS

Among his many labors of love, St. Francis preserved and restored a small ancient chapel called the Porziuncola in Assisi in 1206. This is where he lived, created the Franciscan order, and died. He loved the Porziuncola very much. The National Shrine of St. Francis in San Francisco is in the process of building the only replica in the world of that chapel at the corner of Columbus Avenue and Vallejo Street. In August of 2006, Provincial Minister General Massimo Reschiglian and Frate Gianpaolo Masotti of Santa Maria Degli Angeli in Porziuncola, Assisi, very graciously offered to give the San Francisco Porziuncola a "rock" that Saint Francis himself used to rebuild the original Porziuncola. After the earthquake of 1997, the "rock" was taken from the Porziuncola during their retrofit of 1998. This important Franciscan relic symbolizes global peace, love for the environment, love for the sick and the poor, and, of course, love for all animals.

A delegation of Franciscan Friars will be presenting this relic to Mayor Gavin Newsom, Archbishop Niederauer and Project Chair Angela Alioto. A Cocktail Reception celebrating this event will take place on April 24, 2008 from 6:30- 9:30PM at the De Young Museum, Wilsey Court

For ticket information, please call 415-614-5551 or email [shrinesf@sfarchdiocese.org](mailto:shrinesf@sfarchdiocese.org)

#### 12th ANNUAL PASSOVER FREEDOM SEDER

*Liberation for the Impoverished*

Friday April 25th, 2008 6:30pm

Jewish Community Center of San Francisco

\$30.00 per person

Tickets can be purchased by calling 415-292-1233 or going to [www.jccsf.org](http://www.jccsf.org)

<<http://www.jccsf.org>>

*Experience an innovative Seder and delicious holiday meal. Special guest speakers address various aspects of social and economic justice through moving personal stories.* A program of the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco Co-sponsored by: Progressive Jewish Alliance, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, Jewish Labor Committee, Be'chol Lashon, and Jewish Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa (JIMENA).

HOTEL WORKERS' DINNER RECEPTION FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS  
MAY 6, 2008, 6:30PM

UNITE HERE Local 2 and CLUE-SF (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice) will host a Dinner Reception for religious leaders on May 6, 2008. Venue will be announced soon. This event seeks to build closer fellowship between the faith community and San Francisco's hotel, restaurant, and entertainment workers. To RSVP and for details, please contact Rev. Israel Alvaran at 415-864-8770 ext. 757 or email [ialvaran@clueca.org](mailto:ialvaran@clueca.org)

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY  
"God's Wisdom Inspires Hospitality"  
Saturday May 24, 10am to noon  
Grace Cathedral  
Chapter House Dining Room  
1100 California St., San Francisco

May Friendship Day is an annual celebration by Church Women United. The event unites Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian Women in a common worship experience building and strengthening friendly relationships within our community. Church Women United was formed in 1941 to strengthen the vision of Christian unity and prayerful action.

see [www.churchwomen.org](http://www.churchwomen.org)

Program includes luncheon, donation requested  
for directions to Grace Cathedral see [www.gracecathedral.org](http://www.gracecathedral.org)

THE NONVIOLENT VIGIL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE: Every Thursday, Noon-1:00 p.m. at the Federal Building, Larkin and Golden Gate. The vigil is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, the Buddhist Peace Fellowship, the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and the San Francisco Friends (Quaker) Meeting. This group has held vigil for nonviolence every Thursday since September 11, 2001. [INFOSFVIGIL@mac.com](mailto:INFOSFVIGIL@mac.com). All are welcome to join them.

CONTRIBUTING ARTICLES/HOMILIES/STATEMENTS OF NOTE:

PRAYERS FOR THE FALLEN/ Grace Cathedral Iraq War Five Year Memorial Vigil

Hundreds of mourners attend interfaith services for war victims

MARCH 20, 2008 2:23 PM

<http://xpress.sfsu.edu/archives/news/010651.html>

WAR IN IRAQ

4,000 flickering reminders

SF Chronicle: Tuesday, March 25, 2008

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2008/03/25/MNQVVPV0M.DTL>

The Mayor's Office of Communications has posted a statement on immigration issued by the Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus of the Episcopal Diocese of CA on their website: [http://www.sfgov.org/site/mayor\\_index.asp?id=43504](http://www.sfgov.org/site/mayor_index.asp?id=43504).

OPEN FORUM submitted by the Rev. Amos Brown of Third Baptist Church

“The Message From The Black Pulpit In 1963 And Now”

Appeared in the SF Chronicle on Friday, April 4, 2008

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/04/04/EDKGVVD7G.DTL&hw=rev+amos+brown+op+ed&sn=001&sc=1000>

THE MUSLIM VOTE/ SAN MATEO TIMES

Iftexhar Hai, President of the United Muslims of American Interfaith Alliance in South San Francisco and Member of the SFIC Board of Directors

[http://www.insidebayarea.com/search/ci\\_8638464](http://www.insidebayarea.com/search/ci_8638464)

INTERNATIONAL / REGIONAL / IOCAL INTERFAITH WEBSITES:

San Francisco Interfaith Council: [sf-interfaith.org](http://sf-interfaith.org)

United Religions International: <http://www.uri.org/>

Interfaith Center at the Presidio: <http://www.interfaith-presidio.org/>

Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County: <http://www.interfaithcouncilofccc.net/>

Marin Interfaith Council: <http://www.marinifc.org/>

Peninsula Clergy Network: [www.peninsulaclergy-network.org](http://www.peninsulaclergy-network.org)

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

The INTERFAITH EXPLORER, the monthly newsletter of the SFIC, keeps over 700 members on our email list informed of interfaith activities in San Francisco. Please include any of the information found in the INTERFAITH EXPLORER in your congregation's weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter. You are encouraged to forward this newsletter to interested persons on your email list. Feel free to forward the email addresses of prospective readers and noteworthy news items to my attention at: [michael@sf-interfaith.org](mailto:michael@sf-interfaith.org). Deadline for submission is the first day of each month.

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