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“News, comments and events of concern to the religious community”

The Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County
February 2009

Coming Events

♦ Welcoming the Stranger
   Wednesday, February 4, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
   St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
   756 Mission St., San Francisco

   This FAITHS Program event will highlight the latest immigration issues and how faith communities can support immigrant communities. Ana Perez and Antonio Cube will provide the keynote address. Attendance is free and breakfast will be served. For more information, or to register, contact Kristi Laughlin at Kristi@workingeastbay.org or 510-893-7106 ext. 314.

♦ Workshop on Religion and Human Rights
   Thursday, February 5, 7:30 p.m.
   Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology
   2301 Vine St., Berkeley

   Panelists will include Judge John T. Noonan, Imam Fathah Shuaib, Rabbi Menachem Creditor, Rev. Hilary Martin and Dr. Ria Maran. For more information, contact mfarina@dspt.edu. The Interfaith Council is a co-sponsor of this event.

♦ Gaza: Myths vs. Facts
   Sunday, February 8, 2:30 p.m.
   Orinda Community Church
   10 Irwin Way, Orinda

   Speakers will be Prof. Hisham Ahmed of St. Mary’s College and Dr. Paul Larudee of the Free Gaza Movement. The is sponsored by the Middle East Study Group. For more information, contact 925-228-5746.

♦ Interfaith Council Benefit Concert
   Sunday, February 22, 3:00 p.m.
   St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church
   3351 Contra Loma Blvd., Antioch

   Come to enjoy music offered by individuals and choirs, as well as Sufi Dances of Universal Peace, in celebration of our diversity and unity in faith. There will be a free-will offering. For more information, or if your choir would like to participate, contact Brian Stein-Webber at eyefree@aol.com or 925-285-7256.

♦ Relevant Ecumenism: Input from Earliest Christianity
   Monday, February 23, 6:00 p.m.
   University of San Francisco, Xavier Hall
   Parker and Golden Gate Aves., San Francisco

   Dr. Elsa Tamez of the Latin American Biblical University in Costa Rica will be the presenter for this year’s Paul Watson Lecture. The public is cordially invited. There is no charge, but donations toward the support of the program will be accepted. More information is available at 415-422-5200.

♦ Health Care Activist Training
   Friday (7:00 to 9:30 p.m.)
   to Saturday (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), March 6-7
   Hillside Community Church
   1422 Navellier St., El Cerrito

   The West County Health Care for All and the Green Party of El Cerrito invite you to this two-day training for those who want to become informed activists for healthcare change. A $5 donation is requested. Snacks, Saturday lunch and handouts are provided. To register, or for more information, contact 510-526-0972.

♦ Update on the Middle East
   Sunday, March 1, 2:00 p.m.
   Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church
   1578 Kirker Pass, Clayton

   Carol Dolezal Ng will make a presentation on the politics of the Middle East. Dessert and discussion will follow. For more information, contact normadelcia@comcast.com.

♦ World Day of Prayer
   Friday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.
   Hillcrest Congregational Church
   404 Gregory Ln., Pleasant Hill

   Church Women United invites all men and women of faith to observe World Day of Prayer. The prayer service was written by women of Papua New Guinea and will allow us to learn about their many cultures and social challenges, including worsening violence against women and children and the HIV/AIDS pandemic. For childcare or other information, please call Evelyn Tempstrom at (925) 279-4301.