



# M inistering Together

“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](mailto: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 Faheem Shuaibe, Rabbi Menachem Creditor, Rev. Hilary Martin and Dr. Rita Maran. For more information, contact [mfarina@dspt.edu](mailto: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 [eye4cee@aol.com](mailto:eye4cee@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 Wattson 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](mailto: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 epidemic. For childcare or other information, please call Evelyn Ternstrom at (925) 279-4301.