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DETAILS

January

A Season for Nonviolence, January - April

The Gandhi King Season for Nonviolence is a grassroots awareness campaign growing out of the passion and creative expression of spiritual and civic-minded individuals and communities worldwide. Our vision is of a world that works for everyone, carried forth by the proactive, life enhancing philosophy of nonviolent action as demonstrated by Mohandas K. Gandhi, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Cesar E. Chavez.

The Season for Nonviolence project has now evolved through our collective, exemplary leadership in more than 900 cities in all U.S. States and 67 countries during the past fifteen years. The bookend memorial anniversaries of Gandhi (Jan 30) and Martin Luther King Jr. (April 4), and birthday of Cesar Chavez (March 31), bring us to the halfway point in our second decade of "Perennial Season," in which unwavering nonviolence in thought, emotion, word, and action has become our chosen way of life.

A Season for Nonviolence was co-founded by Arun and Sunanda Gandhi of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence and a group of ten ministers forming the Leadership Council of The Association for Global New Thought, the organization that convenes A Season for Nonviolence on an annual basis. Its purpose, to focus educational and media attention on the philosophy of attaining peace through nonviolent action.

The Objectives

Our objective each year has been to create an awareness of nonviolent principles and practice as a powerful way to heal, transform and empower our lives and communities. Through an educational and community action campaign, we have recognized those who are using nonviolence to build a community that honors the dignity and worth of every human being. By identifying "what works" in these new models for reconciliation and human harmony, we are demonstrating that every person can move the world in the direction of peace through their daily nonviolent choice and action.

<http://www.agnt.org/seasons>

Anglican-Roman Catholic Day of Dialogue

If you have any questions, please contact the Rev. [Eleanor Ellsworth](#), ecumenical and interreligious officer for the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego.

Blessing of the Animals

Old Town State Park, usually the 3rd Sunday, 12:30 to 1:30

The time has come again to celebrate the animals that make our everyday lives so special. What better way to start the New Year than to show our animals how much we appreciate them? The blessing is usually led by Monsignor Mark Campbell, but all faiths and convictions are welcome to celebrate the animals that make our lives so special. The blessings will take place between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. There may be a pet expo with treats for pets and owners as well as activities for kids.. In San Diego the annual Benediction of the Beasts celebrates St. Anthony of the Desert, the Patron Saint of Animals. Activities for both animals and families make this celebration both unique and very moving to all who participate.

<http://www.facebook.com/fiestadereyes>
619-297-3100

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day All Peoples Celebration

The All Peoples Celebration is held on the morning of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday each year and brings together business leaders, educators, public officials, students, labor organizers, and social justice advocates as we renew our commitment to Dr. King's legacy and to a better San Diego. The celebration includes a Community Space that provides free access for the public and features information about local social justice organizations.

<http://www.alliancesd.org/all-peoples-celebration/>
Equality Alliance, (619) 269-1823

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Breakfast - UAAMAC

United African American Ministerial Action Council

<http://www.uaamac.org/>
619-264-1213

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Interfaith Service

Join diverse San Diego faith communities in hands-on volunteer service in Balboa Park. Make it a day on, not a day off!

<http://www.fumcsd.org/get-connected/missions-service/social-action-justice/mlk-jr-day-2014/>
Rev. Jessica Stryko, 619-297-4366 x 131

Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Dignity Award Breakfast at Jackie Robinson Y

<http://www.jackierobinson.ymca.org/events/mlk-breakfast.html>
(619) 264-0144

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

At least once a year, many Christians become aware of the great diversity of ways of adoring God. Hearts are touched, and people realize that their neighbors' ways are not so strange.

The event that touches off this special experience is something called the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Traditionally celebrated between 18-25 January (in the northern hemisphere) or at Pentecost (in the southern hemisphere), the Week of Prayer enters into congregations and parishes all over the world. Pulpits are exchanged, and special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services are arranged.

Ecumenical partners in a particular region are asked to prepare a basic text on a biblical theme. Then an international group with WCC-sponsored (Protestant and Orthodox) and

Roman Catholic participants edit this text and ensure that it is linked with the search for the unity of the church.

The text is jointly published by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches, through the WCC's Commission on Faith and Order, which also accompanies the entire production process of the text. The final material is sent to member churches and Roman Catholic dioceses, and they are invited to translate the text and contextualize it for their own use.

<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/week-of-prayer>

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/

February

Bridging the Hearts & Minds of Youth Conference

Each year Bridging the Hearts and Minds of Youth brings together parents and professionals from around the globe interested in creating a better world for youth.

Presented by UCSD Center for Mindfulness. <http://cme.ucsd.edu/bridging/index.html>.

Jewish Film Festival

The Jewish Film Festival is one of a wide variety of multi-disciplinary artistic programs that explore cultural identities and perspectives, promote cross cultural understanding and highlight human themes of family, tolerance, compassion and hope, offered by the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture.

The Center is housed at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, Jacobs Family Campus. The CJC provides a wide array of multi-disciplined offerings and is the largest local institution solely dedicated to exploring the Jewish experience through the arts.

<http://www.sdcjc.org/sdjff/>

World Interfaith Harmony Week

The World Interfaith Harmony Week is based on the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/65/PV.34 for a worldwide week of interfaith harmony. It was proposed in 2010 by HM King Abdullah II and HRH Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad of Jordan. The World Interfaith Harmony Week will fall on the first week of February of every year and aims to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith.

<http://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/>

March

New Thought Day

1st Sunday in March

New Thought religious centers around the world celebrate their legacy on the first Sunday of March each year with prayer sessions, guest speakers, parties, pot-lucks and overall singing and dancing. The New Thought faith embraces positive thinking, listening to one's inner voice, affirmative prayer, meditation, and other ways of realizing the presence of God within.

The branches celebrating together include: The Association for Global New Thought, Unity Worldwide Ministries, Centers for Spiritual Living, Affiliated New Thought Network, Agape International Spiritual Center, Hillside International Truth Center, Center of Truth, and Universal Foundation for Spiritual Living.

Attend a Center near you. For a list of centers go to:

<http://allfaithcenter.org/category/events/new-thought-day/>

April

A Season for the Earth, April - June

Season for the Earth is devoted to focusing our consciousness-in-action so we are better able to heal, nurture and transform the environment-- an undertaking now vital beyond description.

See the list of Programs and Resources for the environmental awareness organizations that AGNT partners with that share our vision of spiritually motivated, caring choices toward a thriving, healthy planet.

<http://www.agnt.org/seasons>

Community Helping Hands Day of Service

The annual Community Helping Hands Day of Service, with volunteers from throughout the county, state and nation joining forces, is part of a larger effort to bring neighbors together to serve and improve communities.

In Poway, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints joins forces with I Love a Clean San Diego and the Poway Interfaith Team to clean Lake Poway.

In addition to the Lake Poway event, numerous other projects throughout San Diego County will take place, including ones at a half-dozen middle school campuses, several cemeteries, the Mataguay Boy Scout Ranch near Warner Springs, and a painting project at a police station in Mira Mesa.

For more information on the Lake Poway project, go to sdhelpinghands.org or call Dennis Humberstone at (858) 485-9031. For service opportunities in other locations, go to the California Helping Hands site (mhhcalifornia.org) and click on the "Projects" link.

Jewish Food Festival

The San Diego Jewish Food Festival™ is a unique gathering featuring a wide array of ethnic Jewish cuisine and culture open to the entire community, featuring food from around the world based on time-honored family recipes. Numerous food booths provide traditional Jewish cooking from Israel, the Middle East, Spain, Eastern Europe, and American delicatessens and bakeries. Bagels, lox, knishes, kugels and so much more.

Enjoy a fabulous day of dining, entertainment and shopping. Wander among the many booths Enjoy mouth-watering delights from Jewish cultures around the world including Israeli and middle eastern cuisine, tantalizing corned beef sandwiches, a wide array of traditional holiday food such as latkes, blintzes, kugels and popular deli menu items including knishes, chopped liver, brisket, falafel, and, plenty of bakery delights like rugalach, strudel, and New York cheese cakes.

In addition to tasty treats, you will be entertained by some of the most talented singers and musicians in Southern California performing a variety of traditional and contemporary Jewish music, ranging from top vocalists, duets and musical groups to an exciting Klezmer band playing all your favorite jewish tunes.

Enjoy superb shopping for many items ranging from jewelry and judaica, crafts and linens to photography services and resources for Bar/Bat mitzvah and wedding party planning.

Temple Adat Shalom, 15905 Pomerado Rd. Poway, CA 92064

<http://www.sdjewishfoodfest.com/>

May

Blessing of the Animals

Ecumenical/Interfaith blessing. Rancho Coastal Humane Society, 389 Requeza St., Encinitas, CA 92024.

<https://rhumanesociety.org/>
760-753-6413.

Encinitas Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Brandi Lewis at blewis@encinitasca.gov
760-633-2618.

Military Service Providers Conference

Organized by the San Diego Military Family Collaborative and The Armed Services YMCA San Diego.

<http://militaryymca.org/>
858.751.5755

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". Each year since its inception, the president has signed a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. The modern law formalizing its annual observance was enacted in 1952.

<http://www.ndpsandiego.org/tiki-index.php>

Pluralism Sunday – First Sunday in May

On the first Sunday in May churches dedicate their worship to a celebration of our interfaith world. Progressive Christians thank God for religious diversity! We don't claim that our religion is superior to all others. We recognize that other religions can be as good for others as ours is for us. We can grow closer to God and deeper in compassion—and we can understand our own traditions better—through a more intimate awareness of the world's religions.

On Pluralism Sunday, churches celebrate elements of other world faiths in their sermons, litanies, and music; many feature speakers and singers from other faith traditions. Some congregations have exchanges with other faith communities, going to each other's houses of worship.

<http://pluralismsunday.org/>

June

A Season for Humane Service, June - August

A Season for Humane Service is all about compassionate service and giving, and your participation in these humanitarian projects will contribute to "A World of Good". The Association for Global New Thought is cultivating a Season dedicated to promoting the heart of global healing: Humane Service.

<http://www.agnt.org/seasons>

Global Day of Prayer

The Global Day of Prayer is a call to encounter God in repentance and prayer for the glory of Christ and the blessing of the nations. In meetings large and small, Christians will gather as a united people to worship Him and to seek His face for the transformation of our cities and the nations.

The Global Day of Prayer is ten Days of constant prayer; one Global Day of Prayer; and, ninety days of blessing.

<http://gdopusa.com/>

Safe Church Sunday

Pilgrim UCC, Carlsbad
<http://pilgrimucc.org/>
760-729-6311

July

Dharma Bum Life Program

Six Paramitas, eight weeks, twelve Dharma Bums, and a summer's vow to explore how to weave Dharma practice into our everyday lives.

For more information on the Dharma Bum Life Program, you can visit the [Dharma Bum Life Blog](#) or the Dharma Bum Temple website at www.thedharmabums.org.

Interfaith Summer Nights

Poway Interfaith Team conducts its annual Interfaith Summer Nights in July and August. The gatherings take place at the Community Church of Poway, 13501 Community Road. Spiritual leaders, two per evening, from different faiths give a presentation on their faith related to the chosen theme.

Interfaith Summer Nights allow participants to interact with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship which will increase community awareness and understanding of different faith traditions. Enjoy music, compassionate video clips, free gifts as well as speakers and dialogue.

For more information, call Dr. Albert at 858-487-8885.

Veterans StandDown

Veteran's Village of San Diego sponsors Standdown every year to help hundreds of homeless Veterans get a Hand Up.

<http://www.vvvd.net/standdown.htm>

August

Labor in the Pulpit: Labor Day Worship Resources

The ICWJ works with congregations to facilitate exciting, meaningful, and engaging Labor Day Worship services to celebrate the sacred link between faith and work. We are happy to provide liturgical resources and worship materials and coordinate speakers that highlight the sacred work of all people and lift up local struggles for justice. Call Elizabeth right away to include your congregation in our 2014 Labor in the Pulpits Program!

Elizabeth Maldonado Robinson: 619-573-4654 or Elizabeth@ICWJ.org
Interfaith Center for Worker Justice of San Diego County.
www.ICWJ.org

September

9/11 Remembrance Interfaith Prayer Service

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice.
http://www.sandiego.edu/about/news_center/events/events_detail.php?focus=45702

A Season for Interfaith-Intercultural Celebration, September – December

Join hundreds of task forces around the world in prayer gatherings and workshops focusing on interfaith communication and harmony.

<http://www.agnt.org/seasons>

Celestial Nights

Annual fundraising event in September for the Interfaith Shelter Network that features gourmet wines and microbrews, specially chosen food pairings, raffle, live and silent auctions.

interfaith@interfaithshelter.org, www.interfaithshelter.org
619-702-5399

Interfaith Shelter Network: Annual Volunteer Training

www.interfaithshelter.org 619-702-5399

International Day of Peace, September 21

Each year on Sept. 21, the United Nations marks the International Day of Peace. Passed by the U.N. General Assembly in 2001, the day is to be "devoted to

strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples." Beginning in 2004, the World Council of Churches has marked the day with an International Day of Prayer for Peace. A spiritually-based, multifaith 24-hour vigil for peace has taken place each year around the world.

For San Diego dates and times, call the Church of the Brethren
619-262-1988

Muslims for Life Blood Drive

In remembrance of the lives lost on September 11, 2001, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA has launched a nationwide "Muslims for Life" campaign across its 71 chapters in about 50 cities across the nation to collect 12,000 units of blood and help save up to 36,000 lives. San Diego Chapter of Ahmadiyya Muslim community with the help of San Diego Blood Bank & San Diego State University (SDSU) sponsors the San Diego event.

<http://www.muslimsforpeace.org/events/muslims-for-life-blood-drive-at-aztec-walk-sdsu/>

951-526-6075

World Day of Prayer Observance and Celebration

Interfaith celebration for World Prayer Day

Unity of Carlsbad

catalystchristy@gmail.com

<http://unitycarlsbad.org/tp40/Default.asp?ID=313996>

760-580-0116

October

Earth Care Week

First week in October

<http://www.oneearthsangha.org/articles/earth-care-week/>

Kindred Spirit Animal Ministry, Holistic Animal Fair, Adoptathon & Blessing

Receive an non-denominational blessing along with a beautiful blessing certificate with your pets name on it to celebrate the joy they bring into the world and your life.

http://www.sandiegopetsmagazine.com/pages/business_details/listing_details/details/47587721-fifth-annual-holistic-animal-fair-adopt-a-thon-and-blessing

(619) 573-5615

Restorative Justice & Detention Ministry Conference

jwalsh@diocese-sdiego.org
858-490-8375

Walk of Compassion with 50 Monastics!

Begins at Grape Day Park, Escondido
[Buddhist Global Relief website](#)

November

Armed Forces Evensong

Every year, we dedicate our Veterans' Day Evensong Service to honoring the men and women who serve in our military.
St. Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Ave, San Diego.
<http://www.stpaulcathedral.org/>
(619) 298-7261

Interfaith Vigil for the Homeless Who Died Alone

Annual vigil to honor those who died homeless and alone on the streets of San Diego.

<http://www.sdrescue.org/>
619-687-3720

SDIMA Thanksgiving Service

San Dieguito Interfaith Ministerial Association
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Dieguito-Interfaith-Ministerial-Association/339751962779155>

Weekend of Twinning

The Weekend of Twinning is an annual event held every November that builds ties of communication, reconciliation and cooperation between Muslims and Jews worldwide. Spearheaded by The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding (FEEU), the Weekend of Twinning coordinates mosques and synagogues, student, youth and women's groups in forming partnerships and holding joint programming. The theme of this year's Weekend of Twinning is "Giving Back to Our Communities". In that context, Muslims and Jews in cities around the world are asked to consider joining together to hold events focused on acts of loving kindness such as Feeding the Hungry and Homeless, Visiting the Sick and Elderly and Giving Aid to Refugees, as an expression of the common moral imperative in both faiths to help people in need.

<http://ffeu.org/twinning.html> To see if there is a local San Diego event, contact with Walter Ruby, walterruby@gmail.com

December

CAIR-San Diego's Annual Banquet

Council on American-Islamic Relations

<http://ca.cair.com/sandiego/>
858-278-4547

ICWJ Annual Breakfast Event: Voices for Justice - Who Will Speak If We Don't?

<http://icwj.org/>
619-584-5740

Walk/Run to Help Build Homes!

San Diego Habitat for Humanity is pleased to announce its partnership with The ManKind Project- San Diego at their upcoming 5K Walk/Run-A-Thon! A portion of the proceeds will go to San Diego Habitat for Humanity to help continue building homes for families in need in San Diego county.

[The ManKind Project](#)
[San Diego Habitat for Humanity](#)

Dates Vary

Community Fall Festival

Annual Fall Festival, usually in October. Pioneer Ocean View United Church of Christ on Sunday. Amazing Farmer's Market, good food, entertainment, rummage sale, kid's zone. Free admission. 2550 Fairfield Street, off Clairemont Drive.

povucc@sbcglobal.net

Creation Care Sunday

During the Spring

On Creation Care Sunday, God's creation is honored and we commit ourselves to be better stewards of it.

<http://creationcare.org/>

Open Mosque Day

Annually, in the fall.
Islamic Center of San Diego www.icsd.org