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COVID-19 Increase in San Diego County

In late June, California Governor Gavin Newsom announced that face coverings are required at all indoor locations in California and outdoors when social distancing is not feasible. When dining and drinking, customers may remove their masks but need to have them on when entering or exiting any location. There are exceptions to the mask requirement including children ages two and under and persons with medical, mental, or developmental disabilities. For the full list of exemptions, please visit the [CDC website](#).

We all must work together to help eradicate the virus. Please remind your congregation:

- Wear a mask when in public and not able to maintain a 6-foot social distance from those outside their household
- Keep a 6-foot distance from non-household members
- Wash and sanitize hands regularly

Find out more about COVID-19 spread within [San Diego County here](#).

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SDRIC and Black Lives Matter

On June 12, the Board of Directors of the San Diego Regional Interfaith Collaborative announced its support to end systemic racism. As part of this effort, we encourage local faith communities to engage in dialogue and advocacy to eliminate the symptoms and incidents of systemic racism that continue to plague our community. It is time to end the 'no talk' rule in our pulpits when it comes to this topic. As faith leaders, we pledge to lead by example in our own faith traditions and to never hesitate to speak up and speak out whenever we see the rights of others being violated. Below are resources that may help in this journey to heal the wounds and scars of systemic racism. Read the entire SDRIC statement [here](#).

Association for Global New Thought (AGNT) – Real About Racism: This [FREE training](#) begins in July with weekly, online structured, facilitated dialogue groups.

AGNT – [Resources for Self-Education](#)

AGNT – Dismantling Racism: A [self-guided program](#) for ministers

The Building Trust Partnership sponsored by USD's Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice has been working in the community since 2017 to build trust between our San Diego community and law enforcement. [Find out more](#).

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Millennials are seeking Spiritual Community

Alternative and experimental communities are popping up across the United States—in gyms, storefronts, and restaurants, around dining room tables, and on Zoom calls. They aim to meet a key yearning for many religiously unaffiliated young adults: the desire for community.

“There is a hunger for connection to something larger than ourselves,” says recent Harvard Divinity School graduate Katie Gordon, who was raised Catholic and now describes herself as a seeker unaffiliated with any particular tradition.

The church can’t change some of the doctrines young adults find problematic. However, young people may be able to see those things as you would in a family; everyone may not completely agree with each other, but it’s a community of support. [Read more about this phenomenon.](#)

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Events Listings

Per the Governor's Directive, July events in San Diego County have been cancelled.
For virtual events, visit <https://sandiegointerfaith.org/events-2/>

ABOUT focus on Faith

focus on Faith is the newsletter of the San Diego Regional Interfaith Collaborative, a community based interreligious network whose purpose is to promote and facilitate cooperation among religious communities and relating organizations within the San Diego region to serve the community by sharing information and providing opportunities for communication.

We are about creating space for communication, compassion and collaboration by ...

- neutrally convening conversations that matter among inter-religious communities and relating organizations...
- supporting them in perceiving the "bigger picture" with regard to the issues and resources of the greater San Diego region...
- evoking mutual creative energy that initiates fellowship, celebration, understanding, strategic planning and action within its multiple partners

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