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A Unitarian Universalist Community

Committed to the Free and Responsible Search for Truth, Meaning, and Service

The View

August 17, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

...and so is *THE VIEW* from PUC ...Lots of ways to get inspired - and plenty of things to fuel...or inspire...your PASSIONS. Here's all the PUC news that fits in print...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

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"What I Brought Home from Justice General Assembly..."

Phoenix 2012 – “The Justice GA”

Stories & Dreamers

What I brought home from Justice General Assembly were the stories that I heard that spoke to my heart.

Stories of dreamers, wage slaves (yes, slavery is alive & well and growing in the USA), and many voices of compassion, tinged with anger, that I heard, and felt, in the workshops, Services, at the Public Witness events we attended, and other stories relayed to me by my fellow PUCers.

At a workshop presented by the Arlington, VA UU Church, I heard the story of Dr. Emma Violand-Sanchez, a former high school guidance counselor who started Dream Project Inc., whose mission is to encourage and support promising low-income students to pursue higher education regardless of their immigration status. I heard the stories of two Dreamers. Karen Vallejos and Lizette Arias, both valedictorians of their high schools who couldn't take advantage of many educational opportunities because their parents had brought them to this country illegally or overstayed their visas – Dreamers whose dreams came closer to coming true this very week when President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) initiative began accepting applications for temporary legal status.

This Sunday

9:30 AM 2nd Sunday Forum:

Spirituality and UU

10:30 AM Service

Stepping Boldly

Through the Door

Rev. John Morehouse

11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L

7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - H

***Where Have All the Flower(bringer)s Gone?
 Is it Your Turn to Bring Flowers on Sunday Morning?!?!***

Plenty of dates are still available:

September 16, 23

October 14, 21

November 18, 25

Please contact the **PUC Office** to reserve yours!

Watercolors by Julius Schwartz invigorate PUC's Art Wall through Sunday, August 26.

I attended a Youth Caucus workshop with some of our AMAZING High School Youth from all over the USA where we heard the stories of several young activists, all Dreamers, speaking about the grass roots organizations with which they work, including Daniel Rodriguez from Phoenix who's not afraid to speak out about his status, even though he risks deportation – I heard him speak again a few weeks ago on an NPR news clip.

At 'Wage Theft and Vulnerable Workers', presented by [Interfaith Worker Justice](#), I heard the stories of modern day wage slaves, including two Viet Nam War vets who, once they got clean and sober, were essentially sold into wage slavery by the VA. And many stories were shared by people cheated out of pay, overtime, meal breaks, and subjected to illegal working conditions. Not just immigrants, who are perhaps the easiest pickings', but many U.S. citizens stampeded in the race to the bottom line. I'm so grateful to Rev. Jim VanderWeele, from our New Orleans Partner Church, for buttonholing me and recommending I attend. Rev. Jim works with IWJ in New Orleans.

I spent most of Saturday working at a GA Day of Service Immigration Fair at a nearby high school where I was one of 400+ UU's (they were hoping for 100) who showed up pre-trained to help 300 legal residents fill out their applications to become new US citizens...in time to vote in the November election J

And at Saturday night's [Public Witness candlelight vigil](#) at Sheriff Joe Arpaio's "Tent City" we heard more voices and joined them by raising our voices in song so that the inmates could hear us and know we were all there to call on the Sheriff to end what past UUA President, former Executive Director of Amnesty International and current [UUSC](#) president, Rev. Bill Schulz called a human rights violation on par with those of China and Myanmar.

And those voices, those stories found their way into my heart as well as my head... "Now," as Rev. John is wont to say, "the Service truly begins."

—Craig Block

A New Minister's Class: SACRED ECONOMICS - New Small Group Forming 1st & 3rd Wednesdays - Starts Sept 5.

"Sacred Economics" will explore the relationship between money and spirituality. **Rev. John** will lead this group with a discussion of the book by the same name. The book is available on line for free <http://sacred-economics.com>. Some copies will also be available for \$15 the first session.

Space is limited to 15. Please register through the [PUC Office](#).

Please Pardon Our Mess--Sunday Forums Get Revamped

The **Adult RE Program** is under renovation and will be unveiling

UU Joke of the Week:

Hearing that a great flood was coming, Roman Catholics fondled their rosaries, Methodists joined in prayer, but UU's formed a class to try to learn to live under water.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more hUUmor!



9/9, 12 noon, To Have Bees, Or Not to Have Bees: That Is the ???...

PUC's Green Sanctuary and Transition South Bay Los Angeles, will screen *Vanishing of the Bees* on **Sunday, September 9**, at 12 Noon, in PUC's Shuder Library. Learn about this important phenomenon known as Colony Collapse Disorder.

Honeybees have been mysteriously disappearing across the planet, literally vanishing from their hives. This phenomenon has brought beekeepers to crisis in an industry responsible for producing hundred of fruits and vegetables. Commercial honeybee operations pollinate crops that make up one out of every three bites of food on our tables.

Vanishing of the Bees follows commercial beekeepers as they strive to keep their bees healthy and fulfill pollination contracts across the U.S. This documentary examines the alarming disappearance of honeybees and the greater meaning it holds about the relationship between mankind and mother earth. As scientists puzzle over the cause, organic beekeepers indicate alternative reasons for this tragic loss. View the trailer/read more about the film at www.vanishingbees.com Contact **Nancy Hofland** for questions at (310) 320-6084

some new and exciting programs in the early fall. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday discussion forums are currently under construction and will have a different look in the coming months with some new, as well as continuing, offerings. The Summit held last Sunday provided the team with lots of great ideas and feedback. We will be looking at lots of different ways to engage the congregation in learning, growing, and deepening our ties.

THIS **Sunday--8/19/12**: Please join **Rev. John** for the *3rd Sunday Spirituality Forum*.

NEXT **Sunday--8/26**: *The 12 Steps to Compassion Group* will continue through December 2012

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sunday offerings in September are TBA.

Your feedback and ideas are welcome and encouraged. If you have a suggestion or if you would like to be part of the team, please call **Kathy Rickey** or email ARE@pacificunitarian.org

Special Thanks Go Out To Top Chefs Michael Fantore, Dean Curliss, & Debbie Reynolds for hosting last Sunday's "Coffee Hour in Paris". Sunday's Top Chef wants to offer fresh organic local fruit & vegetable smoothies, **but we NEED... A blender donated or loaned w/no strings (but a cord) attached.**

Hope Foye would love to celebrate her 52nd 39th birthday with other September birthdayers on September 2 after Church.

Yoko & David Kane are organizing a cook-out / grill-off fUUn(d)-raiser lunch on Sunday, September 9, after the Homecoming Service...Sounds like another "GOLDEN SPORK AWARD" winning feast!!

Contact Mega Top Chef [Frances Morehouse](#) if you'd like to help with the September 2 birthday celebration or the September 9 Cookout!

Around the District and Beyond...

Can You Help Esperanza Make Dreams Come True?

Bet you've heard of President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) initiative. DACA is great news for the hundreds of thousands of immigrant youth that were brought to the United States as children and have lived in fear of deportation. Eligible youth started applying yesterday, August 15.

>>[CLICK HERE for more information.](#)

Undocumented youth all over Los Angeles are deciding whether to file their applications. Unfortunately, there are countless less-than-reputable attorneys and *notarios* who charge massive fees for results they can't produce. Determining eligibility for DACA is complicated and small mistakes could cost an undocumented youth their eligibility or worse – get them deported. The **Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project** wants to make sure that all immigrant

Upcoming Services

August's Monthly Theme: Passions

819: Stepping Boldly Through the Door

Rev. John Morehouse

Our journey into a deeper spiritual life is both a coming in and a going out. **Rev. John** considers the tidal nature of our religious life.

8/26: Dreaming Theology Together

Rev. John Morehouse & Rev.

Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Rev. John and Rev. Tamara

share the pulpit in a sermonic dialogue on what their ministry together this year might be.

September's Monthly Theme: Dignity

9/2: Called to the Good Work

Rev. John Morehouse

On this Labor Day Sunday, Rev. John proposes a vision of what our work as a religious community might look like as we work for dignity and justice.

9/9: Dignity for All

Rev. John Morehouse

Homecoming Sunday

This will be our *Homecoming Sunday*. Rev. John explores the nuances of dignity for ourselves and others as we gather the full strength of our community together again. We will have our **Water Communion** where you will be invited to pour the water from your summer's journeys into our Communion bowl as the

youth in Southern California have access to reputable attorneys and legal services.

For almost two decades, [Esperanza](#) has been in detention centers helping immigrants learn about their rights and immigration law. Detained youth are already perilously close to deportation, have little access to free legal counsel, and Esperanza is best suited to identify these youths and ensure that their rights are protected. Through donations from our supporters, we are one of only a handful of nonprofits in the country that represents individuals, both adults and children, in immigration detention.

>>[We need your help today.](#) (Please select Esperanza in the drop down menu on the Catholic Charities donation page)

—Caitlin Williams, Program Director

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS



Cooking with the Cantor! Es mayn kind!: Eat, my child!

6:30 PM, Saturday, October 13, 2012

Redondo Center for Spiritual Living

[907 Knob Hill](#)

[Redondo Beach, CA 00277](#)

Come join the SCIC and Cantor Ilan Davidson for a festive evening celebrating delicious Jewish food and culture!

This is a fundraising event to support the work of the South Coast Intefaith Council.

Make your reservations today!! Cost: \$50. RSVP: 562-983-1665.

Only 40 spaces available. Please click [HERE](#) for a flyer.

Find out about upcoming events at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center here: www.maryjoseph.org.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, August 16, 2012

7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg – L

Friday, August 17, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

2 PM Social Justice Committee - L

7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service – H

Saturday, August 18, 2012

9 AM PV Land Conservancy Nursery Work Party - O[You MUST RSVP to Nancy Hofland]

Sunday, August 19, 2012

9:30 AM Forum: Spirituality & UU -L

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L

7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy – H

Monday, August 20, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

Congregation sings. We will also invest our leaders and teachers and begin our Religious Education Ministry program for our children this Sunday.

9/16: Closer to Fine

Rev. John Morehouse

All of us are flawed in some way. Rev. John explores embracing our imperfections as a means to living a dignified life.

9/24: Crossing Borders

Rev. John Morehouse

We live near all kinds of borders; geographic, cultural, economic, educational, and vocational. We grow by crossing the borders and returning home again. Rev. John suggests some ways to cross the borders of our lives and reach out to others.

Recurring Events

[Download the Latest](#)

[AdUUit Programs Flyer HERE](#)

Sundays

Sunday Morning Forums, 9:30 AM, L

1st Sunday: A UU Exploration of Our Monthly Theme

2nd Sunday: A Humanist Perspective

3rd Sunday: Spirituality and UU

4th Sunday: **[9 AM] 12 Months to a**

Compassionate Community: A

reflection on The 12 Steps to a

Compassionate Life

5th Sunday: Choices in a Jar

—Delightful Dilemmas (4/29, 7/29,

9/30 & 12/30)

YRUU High School Group. 10:30 AM, L

Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th

Sun., 12 noon, Fu Yuan Low

Restaurant

Singles-Family Brunch, 4th Sun., 12:30

PM, Offsite

Monthly Town Hall Mtg, 3rd Sun., H

Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM,

2nd Sun., L

Books in Our Lives Covenant Group,

1st & 3rd Sun., 7 PM, L

Meditation Circle w/ Randy Goff, 7 PM,

All but 1st Sun

Mondays

Tai Chi (Pekich), Mondays, 9:30 AM, H

Men's Ministry, 7 PM, V

Environmental Covenant Group, 1st

Mon., 7:15 PM, L

11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Club- L
7 PM Men's Ministry -V

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp - L
7 PM Board Meeting - L

Wednesday, August 22, 2012

1 PM Staff Meeting - L
4 PM Worship Team - L
7 PM Infinity in Your Hands Grp - L
7 PM Choir Practice Resumes - H

Thursday, August 23, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
10 AM Women's Circle - L
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Third Sunday Hospitality

Sunday Coffee Hour Coordinator: [Frances Morehouse](#)

[Contact Frances](#) if you would like to help!

Ushers:

Vivien Hao & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table:

Joyce Block-Miller & Betty Saunders

Greeters:

Bill Karg & Ann Gilman

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Tuesdays

Aerobics: 8:30 AM, H

Wednesdays

Choir Practice: Wed., 7 PM, H

Thursdays

Aerobics: 8:30 AM, H
Women's Circle, 4th Thursdays, 10 AM,
Note new day
Tai Chi (Beck), Each Thurs., 10 AM, H
Seniors Pow Wow to Share How, 3rd
Thurs., 11 AM, L
Environmental Priorities Mtg, 1st
Thurs., 7 PM, L
Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee
Clatch. 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM,
Catalina Coffee Co.

Fridays

Watercolor Workshop, 10 AM - noon, H
Friday Afternoon SGM, 2nd & 4th Fri.,
1-3 PM, V
GBLTQ Movie, 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

Saturdays

French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th
Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or
Betty Chevron

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