



July 2015

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Pacifica Institute.

We hope you've had a wonderful July 4th weekend and Ramadan mubarak to all those celebrating. Here is our June newsletter highlighting our events and activities. Please visit our newly designed website at www.pacificainstitute.org We are working on enriching the content to widen your perspective in a more multicultural world with new additions such as The Blue Chair or the Resource Library and more. As we are excited to announce these efforts to serve you better, we will also ask you to be eager and patient as they are the works in progress. Pay attention to our updates on all Pacifica locations where a dynamic community on the west coast evolves every day.

June was a busy month and July is even becoming busier with lots of taste filled Ramadan iftar dinners which will be crowned with Eid celebrations on 17th of July. Do not hesitate to join our upcoming iftar dinners as a Pacifica family member on any date fits into your schedule listed on our website. What is Ramadan or iftar? Use this small [Ramadan guide](#) of Pacifica giving the highlights for the ones asking around you.

Please know that we always welcome your feedback in helping us to better serve the community. To learn more about the Pacifica's activities, please remember to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).



Greek Architects of Istanbul in the Era of Westernization in Los Angeles

Saint Sophia Cathedral and Pacifica Institute collaborated for the exhibit of Greek Architects in Istanbul in the Era of Westernization. The

exhibit presents 104 different buildings, photos of window details, entrance doors, drawings, personages, and 57 architects whose names have been detected in various references but also on marble inscriptions on the buildings themselves.

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Iftar Dinner with Temple Judea Synagogue

Ramadan started on the 17th of June this year and in the very first day of Ramadan- 2015, Pacifica Institute hosted an iftar meal with Temple Judea.

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Ramadan Friendship Iftar Dinner with LA Greek Community

On June 25, 2015 Pacifica Institute hosted a Ramadan Friendship Iftar Dinner at the Saint Sophia Greek Cathedral. The dinner was organized to

celebrate the month of Ramadan together while also forming friendships with the Greek community. The event began with the opportunity to visit the Greek Architecture Exhibit that the Saint Sophia Greek Cathedral hosted.

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Links

- [-Alliance for Shared Values](#)
- [-Hizmet Movement](#)
- [-Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival](#)



The Path to Peace Through Interfaith Dialogue and Ramadan Iftar Dinner

Good food, good conversation, and good will-all were greatly in evidence as the Silicon

Valley branch of the Pacifica Institute opened its doors to the wider community to share an iftar meal during this month of Ramadan.

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Ramadan Iftar Dinner With Muslim Leaders In Greater Seattle Area

Pacifica Institute hosted Muslim Leaders in greater Seattle area for a Ramadan Iftar Dinner on Thursday June 25.

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Pacifica LA hosted Law Enforcement Officers for Iftar Dinner

Pacifica Los Angeles hosted its first iftar meal on the 22nd of June with local and federal law enforcement agencies and officials from Department of Homeland Security and Los Angeles City Hall.

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Pacifica OC Brought Together Representatives of Charity Organizations for Iftar Dinner



On the evening of Wednesday June 24th, 2015 Pacifica Institute - Orange

County proudly held its very first event since relocating to a new facility in Irvine. The event also marked the beginning of a new Ramadan tradition, an iftar gathering of the institute's community members alongside representatives from various Orange County charity and service organizations.

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"It is really important to emphasize our unity and similarities at a controversial time like this."

On June 30th, 2015, Pacifica Institute organized an Inter-cuisine Iftar Meal to revive the

uniting spirit of the month Ramadan. Many guests from various cultures were invited to share the peaceful atmosphere of breaking the fast. Guests waited others to break their fasts, presenting respect and compassion for one another.

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Ramadan Iftar Dinner with Congressman Mike Honda

On June 27th, 2015, the Iftar dinner was honored by Congressman Honda. Pacifica Institute community thanks Congressman Honda for joining us for a night of

understanding, dialogue and compassion.

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"Ramadan being a great time in bringing people together and the importance of being grounded in our faith."



Pacifica Orange County hosted a Ramadan Iftar for the Muslim community of Orange County at its new location in Irvine on Tuesday June 30th, 2015.

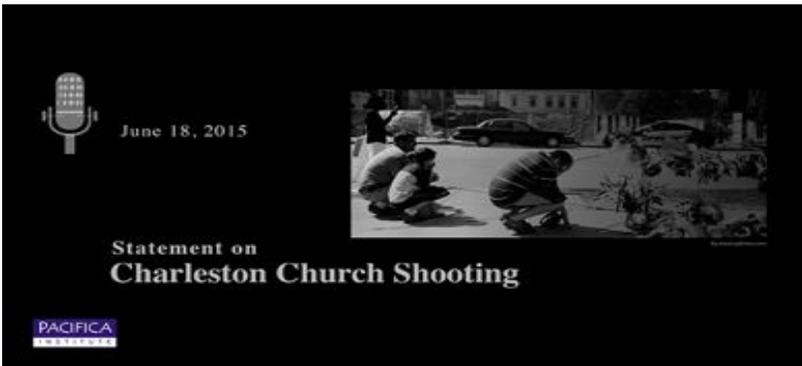
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Ramadan Iftar Dinner with Community Leaders at Pacifica Silicon Valley

Pacifica Silicon Valley organizes Iftar dinners and invites community leaders to join to fast breaking dinners throughout the Ramadan.

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Pacifica Condemns the Actions of the Charleston Church Shooter

Pacifica Institute extends condolences to the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church for the Charleston shooting. Our prayers and thoughts are with the victims and their families, including three ministers from the church.

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