



May 9, 2016

Dear Friends,

Throughout the month of April, Pacifica Institute was involved in many inspiring events to promote community-building and events that helped our community stay active and informed! It is important for us to continue to strive for a better community through volunteering and helping the less fortunate, but also to keep everyone informed of the issues in our society today.

Our many events and activities carry a variety of different focuses but they all serve as a venue, a platform for people from all walks of life to come together and learn from, share with and appreciate one another.

We're looking forward to sharing more of the interactions and friendships among our communities next month.

To learn more about the Pacifica's activities, please remember to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

Pacifica Connects: Peaceful Coexistence Experience in Korea

Pacifica Institute organized a delegation to attend the 4th Peaceful Coexistence Conference and debate at Seoul National University titled "Countering Violence Extremism at the Grassroots Level" in Seoul, South Korea.



The program is co-hosted by local Seoul based NGOs, the Korean Council of Religions for Peace, and the Hangang Network. The program has brought together religious scholars and academics from the United States, Turkey, and South Korea.

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Dr. Amir Hussain: "American values and Islamic values are intertwined and are not as different as imagined."

April 14, 2016, Amir Hussain, Professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University, gave a lecture on Islam and the building of America at Pacifica Institute Los Angeles branch.



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Pacifica Utah's Talk In Action and Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable Bring Neighbors Together to Feed Children Around the World

Many of us long to make a positive and lasting impact on those around us, desiring to do something practical and meaningful to serve our fellow human beings in need.



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Refugee and Immigrant Forum in Santa Clara County

On April 20th, at its Silicon Valley Branch, Pacifica Institute hosted Refugee and Immigrant Forum of Santa Clara County with 17 guest organizations.



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Pacifica Institute to Volunteer at Orange County Food Bank

On April 14, 2016 Orange County Pacifica volunteers worked side-by-side to the beat of music, packing food boxes that are distributed to hungry people in Orange County and surrounding areas. Overall in two hours there were more than all volunteers in OC Food

Bank able to packed more than 1500 food boxes.

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A Conversation with the Founders of Miss Understanding on the Growth of Muslim-Christian Relations

On April 24th, the founders of Miss Understanding, Sondos and Michal visited, Pacifica Institute Orange County branch to talk about the growth of Muslim-Christian relations. "We're here to specifically discuss the problems that affect Muslims and Christians alike" Sondos stated and after a brief introduction to our speakers, the program began.



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Talk in Action at The Road Home

On April 25, 2016 The friends of Pacifica Institute Utah Talk in Action met at The Road Home to teach a half dozen different art projects to kids really ready for the diversion.



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Muslim and Jewish Teens and Parents Coming Together for the Passover Celebration

Pacifica Institute Los Angeles branch welcomed teens of Malibu synagogue and Pacifica Teens, along with Rabbi Judith Halevi and the parents of the teens from Malibu Synagogue for Passover celebration. Rabbi Judith walked guests through The Order of Seder and everyone joined in the practice. It was a unique, hands-on experience for the Muslims and a special opportunity for the Jewish guests to demonstrate their Passover celebration.

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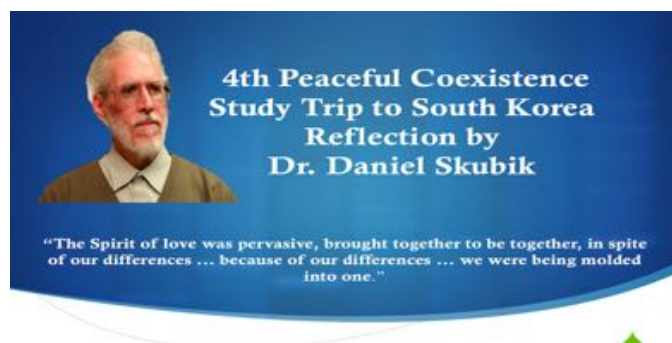
Pacifica Volunteers in Orange County joined the Community Service Day

On April 23, 2016 Pacifica volunteers participated in two events which were sponsored by Great Huntington Beach Interfaith Council (GHBIC) events as a part of Community Service Day.

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"Kimchi was a motivating experience of the recent Pacifica trip to South Korea for us travelers, who participated in interfaith dialogue and roundtable discussions on Countering Extremism."



What is kimchi? It is a very spicy, pickled/fermented cabbage, typically prepared with a variety of seasonings including garlic, red or other chili peppers, and vinegar. But, what is kimchi? It is a staple food of Korea; so common, and so popular a side dish (average annual consumption of over 40 pounds per person), it is present on the home and restaurant table, morning, noon and night. Still, what is kimchi? It is a key intermediary between people meeting together at table; it is the maker and maintainer of friends in friendship. It is even invoked to bring a smile to faces when taking pictures, replacing "cheese" as the word of choice.

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Dr. Yuval Ben-Bassat spoke at Pacifica Institute East Bay Branch

Dr. Yuval Ben-Bassat was the guest speaker on April 17, Sunday at Pacifica Institute East Bay Branch. His talk focused on the relationships of Ottoman Sultans with Muslims, Jews and Christians in the 19th century.

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Pacifica Volunteers Served Food to Homeless and Hurting Women

A small crew from Pacifica Institute and Embrace Relief spent dinnertime at Hope Place's women and children shelter located in Seattle on April 2nd, Saturday. Hope Place provides long-term shelter program to homeless and hurting women and children in the greater Seattle area.

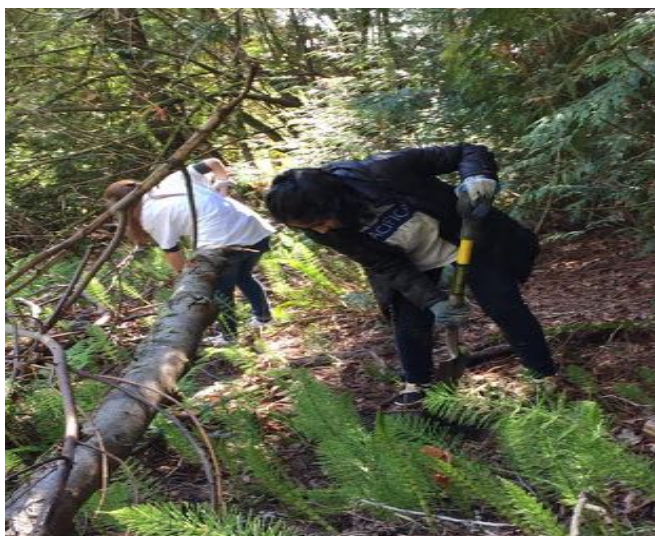
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Pacifica Volunteers joined Madrona Woods Restoration Efforts

A group of young volunteers from Pacifica Institute celebrated the 20th anniversary of Madrona Woods restoration effort on April 6th. Volunteers helped to remove the invasive vegetation and trash, maintain the trail system, and also plant native plants during the 4 hours they spent in the Madrona Woods, which is in east central Seattle, next to Lake Washington.

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Pacifica Portland hosted a panel discussion on the Struggle Against Global Terrorism

In the wake of recent terrorist attacks in Europe and the U.S., Pacifica Institute organized a panel discussion among scholars, government officials and faith leaders in Portland on 18th April, 2016. Theme of the discussion was Struggles Against Global Terrorism and it was convened at local Pacifica venue here in Portland.



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Get Involved

Volunteer with Pacifica Institute!

As a Pacifica Institute volunteer, you can make a real difference for the community, for yourself and for the organization. Volunteers at Pacifica Institute will have a chance to get involved in many projects for positive change, relationship and peace-building.

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