



July 7, 2016

Dear Friends,

Greetings and Eid Mubarak from Pacifica Institute.

We hope you've had a wonderful July 4th weekend with your families and loved ones. And to those celebrating the Eid, we pray that this special day brings peace, happiness and prosperity to the world!

Here is our May-June newsletter, highlighting some of our events and activities!

An interfaith panel on countering extremism, a local volunteer effort in serving the homeless and a letter of support from our friends at SIVIC are the highlights we have shared for May.

The month of June was an exceptionally busy time of the year for us with an abundance of tasty Ramadan Iftar dinners which we had the joy of celebrating together with friends of many different faith communities and backgrounds. Please take a look at some of the highlights of these Iftar dinners below and recall the sweet memories we shared. You can also find a list of articles from different local news sources featuring Pacifica and our Ramadan activities.

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**Fr. Alexei: "As Catholics, Jews and Muslims, we need to study together to learn each other's religions."**

On May 31, 2016 Pacifica Institute and South Coast Interfaith Council partnered for a panel discussion on religious extremism.



Millia Islam Majeed of South Coast Interfaith Council introduced the panelists and the topic "Combatting cancer of extremism" thanked the host St John the Fisher Church and partner of the panel Pacifica Institute.

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## 40 Volunteers From Different Backgrounds Working Together to Serve

Pacifica Institute and Abrahamic Alliance came together again this Sunday on the 15th to prepare and distribute meals to the homeless and rehab guests at The City Team Homeless Shelter.



There were 40 volunteers that were from different cultural and religious backgrounds that worked together to provide delicious meals.

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## SIVIC letter to Pacifica Institute

In the South Bay, the Pacifica Institute was one of the founding organizations of the Silicon Valley Inter religious Council.



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## Law Enforcement Iftar Dinner in collaboration with the U.S. Attorney Office

On June 23, the Pacifica Institute, in collaboration with the U.S. Attorney's Office, held its third annual iftar dinner with attendance from the local and federal law enforcement community. Acting as exemplars of the event's theme, Building Hospitality as a Way of Sharing Cultures, 120 members of the Muslim and San Diego community came together to celebrate this revered tradition.



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## Ramadan Brought Together Orange County Faith Communities

On June 14, 2016, Pacifica Institute Orange County branch hosted its annual Interfaith Ramadan Iftar dinner. The event brought together religious and faith leaders as well as interfaith community members.

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## Breaking Bread Over a Ramadan Dinner

On Friday, July 1st 2016, Pacifica Institute was invited to Temple Beth Shalom in Santa Ana to celebrate Shabbat and Ramadan with the Jewish community.

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## Diverse Faith Communities Met at Annual Interfaith Iftar Dinner in San Francisco

A traditional interfaith iftar event led by Pacifica Institute and Calvary Presbyterian Church in the framework of promoting interfaith dialogue was held at Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. The event which started half an hour before the iftar was attended by about 250 people.

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## Diverse Faiths Shared Iftar Table At Ramadan Interfaith Dinner In Berkeley

A Ramadan interfaith iftar dinner event organized by Pacifica Institute and Church Divinity School of the Pacific to bring different faiths together was held at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley. There were about 100 guests who gathered to build bridges of understanding with other faith communities at the event.

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## Ramadan Iftar Dinner to Raise Awareness for Refugees

On World Refugee Day, 6/20/2016, Pacifica Institute hosted Ramadan Iftar Dinner to raise awareness for the thousands of refugee families fleeing their homes due to conflicts. To escape violence, they leave everything behind, everything except their homes and dreams for a safer future. With more than 100 guests, breaking bread and sharing their views and experiences on the refugee crisis, the event was full of experio



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## Ramadan Iftar Dinner at Cathedral Basilica of St. Josephs

Jews, Christians and Muslims came together to celebrate Ramadan and break fast (Iftar) together on the same table and share a meal along with their heritage at St. Josephs in San Jose on June 15th, 2016.



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## Faculty and Students Came Together for an Iftar Dinner

Thursday, June 23, 2016 - Pacifica Institute Los Angeles held one of its iftars in its Playa Del Rey Office. It is one of the many meals Pacifica Institute has been inviting neighbors and friends to come and share the experience of the month of fasting of Ramadan.

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## Members of Christian-Muslim Consultative Group Came Together to Break Fast at Pacifica LA

June 6th marked the first day of the holy month of Ramadan, and as we are nearing the end of the fifth day of Ramadan, Pacifica institute hosted its first Iftar meal together with its Christian neighbors.

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## Pacifica Institute and Ramadan in the News

Latimes: For Muslims, fasting during Ramadan offers an opportunity for self-reflection and spiritual rejuvenation

OC Register: Breaking bread, building bridges: Muslim and Jewish communities share Shabbat and Ramadan

Redmond Reporter: Pacifica Institute and Redmond United Methodist come together for Interfaith dinner

Kosher OC: Temple Beth Sholom hosts interfaith Shabbat during Ramadan

## Video: Annual San Francisco Interfaith Ramadan Dinner



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