

Tri-City Interfaith Council

Agenda for August 1, 2019, noon to 2:00 pm

Meeting at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 43148 Mission Blvd., Fremont

Vision Statement: We are people from various spiritual backgrounds and experiences who envision an inclusive society in which people of all faiths and traditions respect and appreciate one another.

Mission Statement: To promote respect, understanding, cooperation, and appreciation for the many spiritual paths and faith traditions within our community which inspire and teach us to love and support one another more fully.

12:00 **Gathering**

Call to order: Jeff Spencer

Opening words: Canice McLaughlin

12:05 **Program:** A discussion with Union City Police Chief Jared Rinetti

Introductions

Presentation by Chief Rinetti

Questions and Responses

1:05 **Business**

Approval of minutes from June 6, 2019 (1 minute)

International Day of Prayer for Peace – September 21

> Planning for this year – Sr. Annette (4 minutes)

> Do we want to make this one of our official annual activities? – Jeff (2 minutes)

Thanksgiving Service, Monday November 25, 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church – organizing report – Dick Bayless and Shamsa Rafay (5 minutes)

> Who will join the organizing/planning committee?

> Suggestions for new faith communities to join the program?

> Next organizing/planning meeting: Wednesday, 8/7, 1:30-3:00, The Sister of the Holy Family Offices, 43543 Mission Blvd, Fremont

Report on an Interfaith Partnership Meeting on Homelessness – Anna (10 minutes)

Housing Navigation Center update – Jeff (3 minutes)

What you can do:

> Write (and ask members of your faith community to write) to Fremont City Council members saying the HNC is needed immediately.

> Sign (and ask members of your faith community to sign) this petition: j.mp/yesHNC

The [September 20 Global Climate Strike](#) – Jeff (2 minutes)

Compassionate Fremont update – Sr. Annette (4 minutes)

[Bay Area United Against Hate Week](#) – Jeff (15 minutes)

BACKGROUND:

- > This year's dates: November 17-23, 2019
- > Last year we did a SSDS film, a CAIRs training, and our Thanksgiving Service as our participation.
- > This year's dates do not include the Second Saturday Documentary Series (11/9) or our Thanksgiving Service (11/25) (though we might be able to "stretch" the week to include 11/25, like we did last year).

DISCUSSION:

- > Do we want to participate this year?
- > Do we have a leader to take on figuring out what our participating will look like and organize it?
- > Another way "we" can participate is by encouraging each faith community to do something during the week. Would this be a better way to participate?
- > Another way we could participate is with the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service only.

1:50 Announcements

If you have program ideas, please text them to Glenn (510-378-3385) or email them to Jeff (jeff@nilesdiscoverychurch.org). We'll put them in a list we're sharing.

Upcoming meetings:

- September 9 – Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont
Jeff will do opening and closing words
- October 3 –

Theme for "We Are One" Rally on August 22: Shamsa Rafay

Second Saturday Documentaries:

- > August 10 – Risking Light. Film looks at the challenge and power of forgiveness.
- > September 14 – TBA

Please share the emailed announcements and flyers

Move My Spirit Poetry group next meets on Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 pm at Niles Discovery Church. Please bring one page of poetry about any theme with any poetic technique that moves your spirit. For August, the optional writing theme is "One Weekend" and the optional technique is repetition.

Get your announcements on the agenda by sending it to Jeff by the last Thursday of the month. This will speed up announcements *and* give everyone the basic details in writing. You can always follow up with an email.

1:58 Closing words: Canice McLaughlin

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Visit our website: tcicouncil.weebly.com (If you have suggestions for updates, please contact Jeff Spencer with those suggestions.)

Business Items on “Hold”

Feedback/evaluation about participating in the 4th of July parade

Report from the URI Gala, June 26-27, at Stanford University.

Creating a brochure listing the religious/spiritual/faith communities in the Tri-Cities, with a high lighting of the TCIC affiliates.

- > Is this something we want to do?
- > Is there someone who would like to take the lead in making this happen?
- > How would we pay for printing?
- > How would we get this into the hands of new Tri-Cities residents?