

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition Meeting on July 7th at St. Paul's in Burlingame

Attended:

Faith House	Name	
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Carol	Deatherage
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)	Karen	Wisialowski
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in Foster City	Dana	Izenson
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Siva	Heiman
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Dick	Heiman
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Joel	Miller
Peninsula Temple Beth El (PTBE) in San Mateo	Judy	Miller
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Lionel	Engleman
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Evelyn	Engelmann
St. Matthias Catholic Church in Redwood City	Claire	Felong
St. Paul's Episcopal in Burlingame	Lisa	Striebing
St. Paul's Episcopal in Burlingame	Kay	Filak
St. Paul's Episcopal in Burlingame	Chip	Filak

Lisa gave an **opening prayer** and told us about St. Paul's

Introductions all around

Meeting participants talked about their faiths

Episcopal and St. Paul's

- Talked about what a great leader they have in Thomas Skillings the Rector
- Lisa talked about Episcopal faith
- Church is fairly liberal - they perform gay marriages and are progressive
- Female presiding Bishop
- Chip and Kay gave more details about the Episcopal faith and history

Catholic and St. Matthias

- Claire talked about her Catholic faith and her church - St. Matthias in RWC

Jewish (various)

- Dana talked about her faith and spoke about Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform movements
- Karen also added a number of comments
- Siva also gave some input and talked about the upcoming Jewish Film Festival as this could help religious understanding

Presbyterian and First Presbyterian Church

- Gary & Carol talked about Presbyterian and the differences between Episcopal and Presbyterian, etc...
- Gary talked about outreach specifics from his church.

General questions

- Lionel asked about Baptism and communion. Claire and Kay and others answered
- Chip asked about Missionary work and outreach and group responded based on individual faiths.
- Kay or Chip that asked about Kol Nidre (service) and the meaning of that within the High Holy Day Service. This would possibly be a gathering at a service or the topic for some other evening.

Specific Events to build on religious understanding

- Lionel asked group about what events would be of interest
- Joel and Siva and Karen talked about Succoth event and Iftar event
- Saturday October 11th is the PTBE Succoth event
- Siva suggested story telling (perhaps at the picnic or MLK day or wherever else)
- Lionel proposed us going to a Christmas mass to help us understanding each other's religion.
- Attend a Saturday evening evensong? At St. Paul's or another event (music based, etc).
- A group of us could have a meal first and then attend this type of event. This could be a new subcommittee. Interested members could contact Lionel about this.
- Also perhaps have same group attend the Buddhist temple event (similar to the one held at the Buddhist temple last May)

Other

- Dick read a message from Vicki Sherman (she was unable to attend in person) and in her message talked about a webinar at volunteermatch.org
- Lisa conducted a tour of St. Paul's

Next Meeting

- Probably on September 8th at Peninsula Temple Shalom.
- Does this date work for you?