

# Meeting Notes for the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition Meeting held at St. Bart's in San Mateo on August 1<sup>st</sup>

**Attended:**

**Faith House**

	<b>1st Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community SV	Mujeeb	Ijaz
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community SV	Sabiha	Ijaz
Congregation Beth Jacob in RWV	Jon	Levinson
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Carol	Deatherage
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Gary	Deatherage
First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame	Vickie	Sherman
Holy Trinity Lutheran in San Carlos	Dick	Rescho
JCRC Peninsula	Brittany	Caine
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Desirae	Barton
LDS Church (Mormon) San Bruno	Debbie	Grewal
Local Peace Initiative	Basier	Aziz
Masjid Ul Haqq Mosque in San Mateo	Rehana	Hussain
Pacifica Institute in Burlingame	Deanna	Kaya
Pacifica Institute in Burlingame	Volkan	Kaya
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in FC.	Dana	Izenson
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	Evelyn	Engelman
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Lionel	Engelman
Peninsula Temple Sholom (PTS) in Burlingame	Judy	Harris
Sanatan Mandir Hindu in San Bruno	Dilip	Amin
Shinnyo-en USA Buddhist Temple in Redwood City	Kyoko	Sato (Lee)
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in San Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Father Mike	Healy
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Carol	Marchi
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Jim	Sell
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Kathy	Shea
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Maureen	Olsen
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Joy	Addison
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Pamela	Magahiz
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Idalee	Pintino
St. Matthias of RWC	Claire	Felong
St. Paul's Episcopal Church in San Mateo	Lisa	Striebing
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Ina	Allen

Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Diane	Gillen
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Rev. Carole	Moore
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Justin	Wooley
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Tovis	Page
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of RWC	Beth	Harrison

**Introductions** all around

**Opening Prayer** Rev. Kristi

**Presentation on the Catholic Faith** – Father Mike Healy

A video was created of this presentation thanks to PMC member Dilip Amin

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**Provide input to the PMC Steering committee with your thoughts about each of us supporting each other**

- What can our Multifaith community do in this world?
- Humility or find our god inside of us and find our common values –Lionel E.
- Concentrate on our community but international events are occurring all the time
- Walk and Talk and listen for freedom – Lionel E. talking about Joan Baez
- We're living in a lot of fear, but we need to put ourselves in each other's shoes
- African Americans and Muslim friends are under increased pressure
  - For connections Maybe start a small group to accommodate this
  - Talked with Rev. C. Moore and Justin W regarding this
  - A few from PMC and others could get involved
  - Rev. C. Moore – we need to connect with others with different experiences (good and bad) – how do we interpret these experiences and how we can work with them? Trinity is very positive and are trying to resolve issues and bring people together – bring people together and hear one another stories
  - Rev. C. Moore – open eyes, open ears, open heart , open minds and to listen and understand and reach out
  - Jon L – get police involved and try to get their representation.
  - Rev. C. Moore – lots of people are getting misinformation and not consistently saying they are connected with Black Lives Matter
  - Lisa S. – use what PMC has created to work with the larger community – it's not OK for blacks and browns to feel that the way they do
  - Rev C. Moore – maybe the police dept needs to make changes to make them more aware
  - Debbie G. – all good thoughts and very critical, but is it crossing into political areas?
  - Debbie G. – we need to be reminded of our mission statement
  - Basier A. – maybe invite judges to stop institutional racism
  - Dilip A. – we really need to have solid plans
  - Justin W. – not look at it as one of the faith houses is under pressure, but really is helping all of us. Heal the world and put out our love and help our community
  - Justin W. – our spirituality teaches us peace and love – so how can we help and what can we do. Faith is attached to Love of Man. We never hear about the faith of our police.
  - Rev. Kristi D. – we are taking on a societal issue, but we might lose track of our overall mission, but a small group could possibly do some good work. We don't want to be political.
  - Deanna K. – hearing that overall we shouldn't be political but we can work on an individual or small group to possibly achieve some benefits. This should be a social and spiritual and not political effort.
  - Diane G., Ina A., Jim S., Mujeeb I., Sabina I., Rev. Kristi D., Tovis P., Basier A., Lisa S., Jon L, Lionel E. all wanted to be on this committee.

- **Turkish issue –**
  - Dick H. talked to Mahmut Altun.
  - His brothers are in jail and major problems.
  - What can we do per Deanna K. – Martial law currently in Turkey?
  - People are being arrested and are running.
  - Individually can PMC members write in to?
  - Or help in some other way.
  - Pacifica has many details and lots of information on exactly what is going on in Turkey.
  - Pacifica wants us to have information so they we could possibly inform our congregants.
  - Rev. Kristi D. will gather addresses of appropriate individuals that we can write to.
  - Can we get some sort of wording from Deanna and Volkan to contact our political reps.
  - Jon L. – a letter or phone call that is short and clear and concise and specific - they count every call.
  - We need to do this individually and not in the name of PMC.
  - Dick H. asked that we bounce these thoughts off Jon L. and Rev Kristi and Dick to boil it down or get the correct wording.

### **Update on MLK Jr. Day**

- We are on track, but we want to get better communications and volunteer communications.
- Vickie S. – communications. Utilize volunteer resources.
- Basier A. -Use Salesforce.org and use a database of all our volunteers, so that our group can slice and dice information.
- Advise Vickie S. & Basier A. on how we can really use this info to help us and our volunteers.
  - Parents signing up their kids
  - Fund raising
  - Mass mailings
  - Tracking donors
  - Tracking volunteers at events
  - Creating new projects
- We can't handle that many volunteers and need to cut back on projects and need to improve our volunteer satisfaction
- 400 volunteers in 2017
- Two breakfasts – 1<sup>st</sup> Pres and 2<sup>nd</sup> breakfast at LDS Church in FC
- MLK Day committee with 9 chairs and are further along than every other year
  - Chair for breakfast and food chair is Gary D.
  - Craft leader is Desiree B.
  - Singing chair – Rev. Kristi D.
  - Shelters chair – Lisa S.
  - Books & schools chair – Ken K.
  - Rev. Kristi needs singing chairs and must tell Rev. Kristi D. in the next two weeks
  - Schools – Great leader in Ken K.
  - Finance – Matt M.
  - Volunteer communication – Vickie S.
- Fair Oaks and North Shoreview love us, but planning is complicated.
- Gardening and painting world maps going well
- Reading buddy did not go well last year, but Fair Oaks and North Shoreview liked it
- 1 volunteers for 2 kids
- Fair Oaks school and their principal Josh Griffith really want a computer literacy project and would appreciate our help and he has a computer room and extensive wifi.
- Personal outreach is very important in reading buddies – keep reading buddies program very small for better success
- Early eblast at schools and stickers for lunch boxes and other communication is critical
- Get school involved early and kids get extra credit for reading buddies

- Computer literacy would help parents more than kids
- What level do we teach for computer literacy
- Ask school to tell us what students/parents want in computer literacy.
- Get Ken K involved in helping with computer literacy

### **Next Meeting**

- Still working on prayer day (in works) Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Leo Ryan Park – Lisa had booked Leo Ryan Park
- Sept. meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian in Burlingame - will include feedback from small group
- No faith discussion at this meeting.

**Closing Prayer** Rev. Kristi