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FOR AT 100 CONTINUES PEACE & JUSTICE WORK



On Wednesday, May 13, at 11:00 a.m. in Decker Hall, World Affairs Forum presents Rev. Kristin Gill Stoneking, Executive Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. FOR is the nation's oldest and largest peace and justice organization, having been involved in struggles related to civil rights, anti-war, anti-racism, and non-violent training. It was founded in the U.S. in November 1915.

Kristin Stoneking is a graduate of Rice University and Garrett Evangelical Seminary. She has worked as a pastor and in ministries supporting just immigration policies, gay rights, and religious pluralism. Most recently she spent 14 years as the executive director and campus minister of the Cal Aggie Christian Association in Davis. She is currently engaged in doctoral research in inter-religious studies and peacemaking education.

FOR defines its mission, *"to organize, train, and grow a diverse movement that welcomes all people of conscience to end structures of violence and war, and create peace through the transformational power of nonviolence."* -Pat Patterson

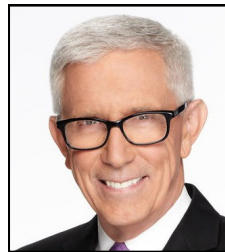


"Nature is inexhaustibly sustainable if we care for it. It is our universal responsibility to pass a healthy earth onto future generations."

-SYLVIA DOLSON, JOY OF BEARS

TIME FOR A LAUGH!

Community Wellness Forum Presents
Fritz Coleman, Stand-Up Comic
Wednesday, May 20, 11:00 a.m., Decker Hall



Fritz Coleman, Southern California's weathercaster for NBC4 News, and stand-up comic, will entertain us on Wednesday, May 20, at 11:00 a.m. in Decker Hall. Coleman has performed at Southern California comedy clubs, made a number of appearances on the *"Tonight Show,"* and written, produced, and starred in three one-man plays. He devotes much of his free time to charitable activities, and has won two Humanitarian of the Year Awards—from Shelter Partnership and the California Hospital Medical Center.

Remember Norman Cousins, the modern father of laughter therapy, and for 30 years the editor of the *Saturday Review*? He was diagnosed with a painful and life-threatening form of arthritis. When traditional medicine failed to relieve his pain, he tried an alternate approach. He left the hospital, checked into a hotel, took mega doses of Vitamin C, and watched Marx Brothers films and TV sitcoms, finding that ten minutes of *"belly laughter"* allowed him two hours of pain-free sleep. He eventually recovered and wrote a series of best-selling books on humor and healing.

For one hour let's come together to enjoy humor by Fritz, have community laughter, and let our spirits soar with healing energy.

-Barbara Anderson

SECOND WIND

I am full of gratitude for this community in which we live, which we can help to shape, and where our voices are heard. I am grateful to all of you who have chosen to be a part of one of the small groups meeting this month, to those who have agreed to host these events and record our thoughts, and for the support I have felt for our process.

I am grateful for Bill Cunitz and the leadership he has provided for our community. He has been a friend as well as an administrator, and we have been blessed by his care for each one of us. I am grateful for the careful attention given to the transition process, the selection of a search committee and a consultant to guide us, as well as the questionnaire soliciting our thoughts for the selection of our next CEO.

I am grateful for our board of directors and their commitment to Pilgrim Place, and most recently their careful decision to select a new investment company that will better reflect the ethical commitments of our community.

I am grateful for the sense of covenant that initiated Pilgrim Place. A covenant, as in marriage or partnerships, is always growing and expanding. It does not stay the same, but is a commitment to generate new dimensions, greater trust, and bolder living. The context in which we deal with the changes facing us is that 100-year-old covenant which is ever being made new. A covenant implies limits, as in the yoked relationship which binds us to one another. But that same yoke empowers us. I'm grateful for that.

Grace and Peace, *-Bob Wallace, Moderator*

TOWN MEETING, Thursday, May 28, 3:15 p.m. A special meeting to hear the results of our small group discussions the past several weeks. The thoughts, ideas, and concerns generated by the small groups will be brought together and reported to us.

-Bob Wallace, Moderator

RESIDENTS ANNUAL FUND UPDATE as of April 21, 2015

Participation Goal for Residents Annual Fund: 100%

2015 Annual Giving goal: \$175,000*

Total Residents: 342
49% participation

63 Assisted Living Residents
60% have contributed

279 Independent Residents
46% participation

**The amount of \$190,000 listed in the April NEWS was incorrect.*

*-Viki Battaglia,
Director of Annual Giving & Special Events*

WHY WRITE A WILL?



A will is a statement of how YOU want your stuff distributed after you're gone, and who you want to handle the distribution.

A will is a legal document, enforceable by law. It becomes a public record, available to be seen by any and all who are interested after you are gone.

Without a will, the state of California (or whatever state in which you are a legal resident) will decide how everything you own is distributed, and who distributes it. Your family will thank you if you make the effort and let your wishes be known with a will.

If you want help to get started in writing a will, talk with Joyce Yarborough, Bill Cunitz, or a member of the Pilgrim Place Legacy League Support Team.

*-Jerry Bedford,
Pilgrim Place Legacy League Support Team*

A DELICATE BALANCE

As I survey the months ahead for me at Pilgrim Place, I hope to strike a balance between maintaining our course and moving the Mayflower into the wind so it will be positioned well for the next leg of its journey.

Those of you who have gone this retirement route already know the limitations, as well as the opportunities that exist at this stage of one's career and an organization's life. Do you recall the relative sense of freedom you felt to speak your mind? *"Let them fire me, but this is what I really think!"* Add to this an urgency to wrap up projects or ensure that a program underway continues, but realize it may be increasingly out of your hands. At the same time, I've been delighted to have had many one-on-one conversations with some of you that dredge up a lot of memories from the past 17 years. The loooong goodbye, indeed!

In the midst of all this, the staff Executive Team and the Board and I are trying to develop some priorities for the time that remains. Chief among them are:

- Maintain momentum of the Centennial Campaign so we can exceed the goal of raising a minimum of \$4 million before the end of 2015 and carefully monitor our 2015 operations budget.
- Continue to explore the development and financing of Memory Care on campus and consider how it fits in with our continuum of health services.
- Work to ensure we're on an environmentally and financially sustainable track.
- Determine when to best refinance our bonds to reduce payments between now and 2019.
- Figure out what becomes of *"the Castle."*
- Encourage the Board of Directors and the community to continue strategically visioning our future and clarify the kind of community that Pilgrim Place will be 5, 10, and 25 years from now.
- Reach some resolution on the challenge of campus WiFi and related technology services.
- And, perhaps the most important balancing act of all, continue to work toward keeping the *"three-legged stool"* level: Maintain and celebrate the appropriate governance roles of Board, Staff, and Residents.

There will be plenty for the next Administration to address, but also much we can do in the meantime to move things along and foster a smooth a transition. Indeed, Butch Henderson shared how his childhood music teacher told him the secret of success is to make sure one gets off the stage before the applause ends. With your help and guidance, I truly hope I will!

-Bill Cunitz, President/CEO

The members of the Executive Team and I look forward to updating residents and staff on our progress with some of these initiatives and a review of our budget year to date on **Friday, May 22, at 11:00 a.m. in Decker Hall.** This will be a continuation of the **community conversations** we began several years ago—a time to share information and respond to your concerns/questions.

NEWS FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

In response to CEO Bill Cunitz's retirement announcement, the Pilgrim Place Board of Directors appointed the Search Committee and selected Mennonite Health Services (MHS), a nationally-recognized organization to assist with the search process. The Search Committee is chaired by Vicki Shea, a Claremont lawyer who has served on the Pilgrim Place Board for four years. In addition, Denise Hayes, Vice President for Student Affairs at CUC; Jerry Garris, Vice President and Dean Emeritus at Claremont McKenna College; and Keith Clark, Executive Associate Conference Minister for the Southern California/Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ will serve on the committee, along with Rizek Abushaar, Terry Donnelly, and Janet Evans, Pilgrim Place residents.

Residents, Board members, administrative staff, and all full-time staff were invited to express their opinions and ideas about what we should be seeking in a new CEO. Most responses were given in an online survey and were then shared with the committee and Kirk Stiffney, the MHS consultant who visited Pilgrim Place in late April. Kirk Stiffney's time on campus included introductions and conversations with residents, staff, and administrators, as well as a meeting with the Search Committee.

In the months ahead, the Search Committee will work closely with our consultant to refine the search as we seek to find the best possible candidates for Pilgrim Place. The Committee will make periodic reports on the progress of the executive search effort.

-Janet Evans, Vice Chair



OPEN STUDIO

Friday, May 1, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

CELEBRATE MAY DAY

with artist Eleanor Scott Meyers
in her home art studio...

Landscapes, still life, flowers, pears,
trees, and self-portraits in oil and
watercolor for you to enjoy.

Everyone welcome!

639 Alden Road, Pilgrim Place

NEW PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION TO VISIT PILGRIM PLACE



The new President of Pacific School of Religion will visit Pilgrim Place on **Thursday, May 7, for the noon meal and for conversation in Porter Hall Conference Room** after the meal. He is the Rev. Dr. David Vasquez-Levy.

He is a committed pastor, a nationally-recognized immigration leader and sought-after speaker. He leads at the intersection of faith, higher education, and social change. *-Paul Kittlaus*

AN ECOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION

John Cobb will speak in **Decker Hall on Friday, May 8, at 11:00 a.m.** on his personal hopes regarding an upcoming important Claremont conference featuring Bill McKibbin, and including notable speakers from throughout the nation and world. The event, to be held June 4-7, is called "*Seizing an Alternative: Toward an Ecological Civilization.*" (See page 10) *-Ward McAfee*

PILGRIM POETS PERFORM, MAY 22

Pilgrims are a talented bunch! But you knew that. We love, laugh, cry, care—we capture it all in wise words—and some of us even set it to music. Come and join your friends for a warm, wondrous evening of residents reading a sample of their funny, sunny, or sad poems from the *Poetry of Aging* booklet. Titled, "*We Set the Doves Flying,*" each poem offers a glimpse of the poet's authentic self.

Poets include Henry Hayden, Millie Tengbom, Michael Witmer, Carol Harris, Antoinette Wire, several Johns and Jims you know well, among others. All this, plus the compositions of Jim Manley and Margee Meier. Don't miss this heartwarming event to be held in **Decker Hall on Friday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m.** *-Anna H. Bedford*

WOMEN CHURCH

On **Sunday, May 24**, Liz Moore will be the leader for a monthly women's liturgy. Women from Southern California gather in **Napier Center Common Room at 10:00 a.m.** for this participative worship. Liz invites you to wear red for Pentecost.

All women are welcomed. If possible, please RSVP to Peg Linnehan at peglinnehan@verizon.net or 909-626-9140, especially if you would like to help with refreshments. *-Virginia Bergfalk*

The **Pilgrim Place Blood Drive** which was held on Tuesday, March 24, in Decker Hall, produced 36 good units of whole blood which yielded enough, when broken down for use at the hospitals, to help at least 90 persons. Thanks to all of the employees and residents who came and donated their blood.



There were 46 persons who donated—two of which were from the Claremont community, and 26 residents. Those who staffed the drive were: Alice Abusharr, Elsie Harber, Sue Likens, Suzanne Brown, Willa Phillips, Donna Wanless, Jane Hartmire, Joyce Trost, Duanne Welsch, and Nancy Rice. Thanks to all of them. The next drive will be held in September.

-Ruth Auld, Coordinator

A CALL FOR RELIGIOUS ARTIFACTS: “An Evening of Enlightenment”



Do you own any religious artifacts that represent something that you are willing to share with the wider community? And, are you going to be here on August 12? If you can answer “yes” to both questions, please read on.

Each August, the Petterson Museum of Intercultural Art hosts an event called “*An Evening of Enlightenment*.” This year, Pilgrim Place’s Religions Committee is attempting to organize those residents present on campus during the month of August to “*show and tell*” about religious artifacts in their possession. Ward McAfee (who is both a member of the Religions Committee and the Petterson Museum Board) will serve as the facilitator for the event that is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Napier Center Common Room**. Other members of the Religions Committee you may contact are Dickson Yagi and Bill Leshner.

We are most interested in exhibiting artifacts that represent religious emphases that are not normally part of Christianity. The goal is to encourage residents to become more familiar with religions that we need to learn more about. This does not mean that Christian artifacts are not welcome, only that we hope the show will emphasize the growing edges of our knowledge base. Each person volunteering artifacts will have to represent and be responsible for their own offerings. Not every volunteer has to be a principal presenter. If you only have one or two artifacts, you may write a brief statement that will be placed beside your artifacts on a table or two reserved for miscellaneous items. Refreshments will follow the principal presentations.

If you are able and willing to answer this call, please contact Ward McAfee as soon as possible by e-mailing him at wmcafee@csusb.edu, or phoning him at 909-625-8783.

PILGRIM PLACE EXTENDED CARE SERVICES

Under our Residential Plus program, we offer extended care services. It is a home care or private duty service to assist with the activities of daily living so that you can have peace of mind, support, and respite, possibly delaying the need to move to a higher level of care.

We have carefully selected highly-skilled caregivers (Care Partners), as well as licensed nurses available 7 days a week, 24/hours a day. Our caregivers are versatile, and each caregiver has been trained in person-centered care, as well as specialized training in dementia and memory care. The fee for a caregiver is \$20 an hour. There is a two-hour minimum. Charges will appear on your monthly Pilgrim Place billing statement.

We know that emergencies happen and appointments can be forgotten, so we will do our best to accommodate you. We do ask for at least a 24-hour notice when scheduling or cancelling services.

Our Care Partners are trained and work closely with Pitzer Lodge Assisted Living. The Care Partners are familiar with our intentional culture and with the local area for transportation. We offer competitive rates and are extremely flexible with scheduling to accommodate the needs of our clients.

Care Partners can be utilized on a regular, weekly, or intermittent basis, as needed, to help with transitions, such as assisting with a move, or helping seasonally with organizing and festivities.

The optimal time to request a Care Partner would be for transportation, and to have a patient advocate with you at a physician’s visit.

If you are interested in setting up services, or finding out if extended care services will fit your needs, please contact Roxanne Perez at 909-399-5543.



Reminder—campus speed limit is 15 mph!

CELEBRATING WORLD CULTURES



In keeping with the 100th anniversary of Pilgrim Place, the theme of this year's annual **Celebration of the Arts** is "*Celebrating World Cultures.*" It will be held on **Saturday, May 9, in and around the Petterson Museum between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** In conjunction with this celebration, and opening on the same day is the museum exhibit, "*Mask-erade,*" showcasing performance and decorative masks from around the world, as well as dolls and prints showing performers using masks.

During the day-long celebration, we will have children's activities, food, and performers from many different cultures. In Penner Garden we will be serving street foods from El Salvador, Thailand, the Middle East, North America, Argentina, Greece, India, China, and others from noon to 1:00 p.m. On the lawn across the street and to the north of the Museum, we will have children's activities such as making a Mancala game board (and learning to play it), making and decorating musical rattles, and learning to write the words "*peace*" and "*love*" in languages that use non-Latin alphabets.

Performances of music and dance will be held throughout the day, beginning with the Karpatok Folk Ensemble around 10:45 a.m., featuring traditional Hungarian folk dances. After the lunch hour, beginning at 1:00 p.m., will be the musical group Alebrijes en Vuelo, featuring Mexican, Central, and South American folk music. Ending the day will be Pandan Arum, a Balinese percussion ensemble, and dancers from Cal Arts Valencia.

-Carol Gil, Museum Curator



The Centennial Year Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at **Oak Park Cemetery on Saturday, May 23 at 9:00 a.m.** It will be a special time to celebrate the lives of former residents who are buried there, as well as others we want to honor on the Memorial Day weekend.

As part of the ceremony, we will be placing flowers on those graves, so please bring lots of flowers.

-Virginia Bergfalk

BRING INTO HARMONY OUR ETHICAL STANCE & OUR INVESTMENTS

One of the ways Pilgrim Place may be unique in the Continuing Care Retirement Community world, is the way the three heads of this strange critter not only exist together, but also work in harmony for common purposes. Among the ways this is true has to do with our commitment to a peaceful, just, and environmentally-sustainable world. While having three distinctive typefaces, we all are writing on the same page.

Last year the Pilgrim Place BOARD revised the policy statement on the way we handle our investments. No longer do we want to be involved in any business venture that violates our commitment to Peace, Economic Justice, and Environmental Sustainability. That means we examine how and with whom we invest the money in our general endowment fund, and in the Residents Health and Support Fund.

Bill Cunitz, who heads the ADMINISTRATION, is solidly behind the BOARD'S current move to bring our investments in line with our ethical declaration. Much of the energy for this revision comes from the RESIDENTS through the Environmental Concerns Committee.

All three of these forces have come together in a recent development. The BOARD has decided to seek a new fund manager who is committed to bringing our portfolio—which is about ten million dollars—in line with our revised ethical commitment. This means, among other things, no guns, bombers or tanks, no labor treated like slaves, and no fossil fuels.

While our current investment firm, Vanguard, has served us well over the past two years, it is unable to meet this criterion. The BOARD recently voted to maintain that relationship while we seek an alternative firm that can bring our investments in line with our policy.

Realizing that many residents are vitally concerned with these developments, the Environmental Concerns Committee has scheduled an **after-lunch conversation in Decker Hall on Monday, May 4.**

*-Charles Bayer, Member of the Pilgrim Place
Board of Directors & the Finance Committee*

A WORD FROM THE FESTIVAL CHAIR

Our Festival Committee has had several discussions recently about items which have disappeared in and around our Festival building. You can imagine how disturbing this is. We are asking that if you wish to make donations, please hand them directly to booth members who are there on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, rather than leaving them unsecured.

Also, if it is convenient, when you are walking your dog or walking to and from lunch, you might go by the Festival building to demonstrate that residents are a presence in that area. If you happen to see somebody you do not know, you might ask if they need help with finding their way around.

Please let us know of any suggestions you might have to help with this worrisome issue.

-Wendy Bayer, Festival Chair

CENTENNIAL PEACE & JUSTICE EXHIBIT

September 18 and 19, dates for this exhibit, may seem a long time ahead, but we are asking you to sign up now in the Garden Café. We know that many of you will be gone this summer, so please help us plan for our Napier Center Common Room space by signing up now. We will contact you the first week in September for your pictures, newspaper articles, awards—any visual materials that share the work you have done in the U.S. and around the world before you came to Pilgrim Place.

Perhaps you have participated in public meetings with famous people (three of you have pictures of the Dalai Lama), and all of you have experiences that you might share if you look through your files. Thanks from your Peace Vigil Committee. *-Teresa Wilson*

PILGRIM TOURS

Annual Pilgrimage to the Hollywood Bowl Tuesday, August 18

\$50 includes bus, preferred seating, and a cushion at your seat! Boxed suppers will be available at your own cost through the Garden Café

An evening at the Bowl has become a lovely tradition for residents lucky enough to find themselves at home in the dog days of summer. This year's Bowl visit will be especially memorable. The L.A. Phil, with guest conductor Brad Lubman, will be joined by the L.A. Master Chorale, directed by Grant Gershon, for a thrilling evening of music from Stanley Kubrick's *2001 Space Odyssey*. As the brochure reads: "Behold the film's visual grandeur on the Bowl's big screen while the soundtrack is performed live, including Strauss' ALSO SPRACH ZARATHUSTRA, music by Ligeti, and the Blue Danube Waltz."

We have ordered 55 tickets: 47 tickets are centrally located in Section M, the same spot as previous years. The eight remaining tickets are considered "accessible seating;" four are situated at the promenade level beneath our block of assigned seats. This space involves no steps whatsoever. The other four seats are just below the promenade requiring just a few stair steps. You may indicate your preference on the sign-up sheet. As always, we will do our best to accommodate you.

This trip will sell out fast. You must sign up and pay by check to *Pilgrim Tours* in order to have an assured seat. (While we do expect a "good check," we won't bank it right away!) Remember that limited gifts are available through the *Fun Fund*; just contact Jennifer Tomes.

Sign-up clipboard will be at the *Pilgrim Tours* counter in the Garden Café on Friday morning, May 1! *-Jeanne Halverson & Dale Morgan*

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! PLEASE RESPOND!

Your Town Meeting Nominating Committee looks forward to receiving your completed survey no later than Monday, May 4, 2015. You will find boxes for the forms in the Garden Café, or on a table adjacent to the Clinic office in South Pitzer Lodge.

We value, appreciate, and thank you for responding and letting us know your area(s) of interest. If you have questions, please speak to any one of us.

-Mary Douglas, Chair; Tom Duggan, Pudge Hartmire, Pat Light, Carolyn Loper, Keith Tennis

WHAT IS A FAHZNAH?

Well, I don't know, either. But I can explain FOSNA, which stands for Friends of Sabeel of North America. But why does Sabeel have so many friends? Here is the official answer.

Sabeel is a grassroots movement based in the Holy Land. It was founded in Jerusalem by Palestinian Christians working for a just peace in Palestine and Israel. The name comes from an Arabic word, "sabeel," which means "the way." The word can also signify a "spring" or "channel" of living water. Sabeel strives for a spirituality based on justice, peace, nonviolence, liberation, and reconciliation. It also promotes a more accurate awareness of Palestinian Christians. The Friends of Sabeel North America promotes the vision of Sabeel Jerusalem in the U.S. and Canada, joining Friends of Sabeel chapters and groups around the world.

On Thursday, April 9, in Decker Hall, 26 persons voted unanimously to establish the Claremont Area FOSNA Group. Some of those in attendance might say it is a group for people who have vowed to themselves they would not get involved in another activity. But their deeply-felt concern for the plight of the Palestinians wouldn't let them stay away.

We have also set up a Google Group so we can quickly exchange Palestine-Israel information with each other. Our next meeting is **Friday, May 8, at 3:00 p.m. in the Napier Center Common Room.** The meeting will last only one hour, and is open to all. Come and find out how you can be meaningfully involved, despite how busy you are. And bring a friend.

-Chuck Rassieur, Facilitator, Convener
(crassieur@aol.com)

UPDATE FROM THE RESIDENT SAFETY COUNCIL Community Forum on Safety

The Resident Safety Council is sponsoring a forum on **Thursday, May 7, at 11:00 a.m. in Decker Hall.** The topic will be "*Living with Wildlife in Claremont.*" The speaker will be the wildlife officer of the Inland Valley Humane Society. We can expect to learn the "*dos and don'ts*" of behavior toward wildlife in our environment, including the fascinating coyotes, the notorious squirrels, the raccoons, opossums, rabbits, reptiles, birds, insects, and others. We will educate ourselves not only on safe behavior toward this wildlife, but also on our legal obligations as stated in government regulations.

Also in May, we have the third of this year's five sessions on **Life Saving Interventions: Thursday, May 21, at 3:00 p.m. in Napier Center Common Room.** If you have not yet heard our Safety Consultant, Henrie Watkins, then you are missing, literally, vital information on helping an injured person in the first few minutes after an emergency. All independently-living residents are urged to attend at least one of these sessions.

On **Friday, May 1,** the newly-formed **Medical Team,** consisting of staff and residents, will meet at **3:00 p.m. in the Napier Center Common Room.** This team will make and implement group medical decisions in times of emergencies or evacuation. Our volunteer resident nurses will attend. Any other interested residents may also join.

-Ken Frank, Chair, Resident Safety Council

ANDIRON TALK WITH JOHN WASHINGTON "An Unfinished Task"

Wednesday, May 6, 11:00 a.m., Decker Hall

Come share John Washington's life journey of service in ministry and courage in the struggle for justice and peace, culminating with twenty years of intentional living since he and his wife Shirley entered Pilgrim Place in 1995.

Following three years of service in the U.S. Air Force, John's formal ministry began as a student at Andover-Newton Theological School. After graduation, the first churches he served as pastor were in Providence, Rhode Island, and San Francisco, during which time he also led in the Civil Rights Revolution as a "Freedom Rider." He then served on the staff of the Cincinnati Council of Churches and the Michigan UCC Conference Staff. The next twelve years were devoted to prison ministry at the Jackson Prison in Michigan.

John's Andiron presentation will flow from a life that has indeed "*walked the talk*"!

-Butch Henderson, Andiron Committee

WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE FORUM

Wednesday, May 27, 11:00 a.m., Decker Hall



On behalf of the Woman's Perspective Steering Committee, I'm pleased to announce that **Dr. Victoria Rue** will present our fifth forum for this Centennial year on Wednesday, May 27. The title of her talk will be, ***"Rehearsing Justice: Victoria Rue's Journey to India, October 6 to November 16, 2014."***

Victoria Rue, M.Div., Ph.D., teaches Comparative Religious Studies and Women's Studies at San Jose State University. She is a theatre writer and director whose work has been seen in New York City, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, and she is a

Roman Catholic woman priest.

In the fall of 2014, Dr. Victoria Rue volunteered to go to Bengaluru, India with Volunteers in Global Service. She worked with two non-profits: Vistar in Bengaluru [for five weeks] and the Parichay Foundation in Orissa [one week]. **Vistar** presents workshops on the intersection of gender, sexuality, and religion to LGBTQ activists, social workers, students, women pastors, and inter-faith leaders. Within the trainings, Vistar asked Dr. Rue to offer a theatre workshop that allowed participants to creatively embody and strategize these issues. In Vistar's Bandhavi residential school program for girls, she collaborated with sixteen girls for a week to create the play, *"Come Fly to the Dream."* The play offers the dreams of these young girls and their mothers, and was performed in a local village and will be offered to other villages.

Vistar is also connected to many other organizations in Bangalore, and through them Dr. Rue was able to work with Sangama [a sexual minorities, sex workers, and people living with HIV human rights organization], United Theological College [where she offered a Biblical Drama workshop and later a lecture on Roman Catholic women priests], and the Bangalore Little Theatre [a day workshop of sharing theatre methods]. Also, since Vistar is an ecumenical and inter-faith organization, Dr. Rue concelebrated an Ecumenical Eucharist on two different occasions.

The Parichay Foundation has worked in the Salia Sahi slum with women and children in Bhubaneswar Odisha doing literacy and medical trainings. There, Dr. Rue worked together for one week with five women leaders between thirty and fifty, a young woman of fourteen, and several translators. They brought a story of domestic violence, which was in fact a compilation of their own stories. The ten-minute play will be performed by them throughout the more than two hundred self-help groups that exist in the Salia Sahi slum.

During her talk, Dr. Rue will offer reflections and photos from her journey. I hope that this short introduction to her work will inspire you. Please come and join Woman's Perspective Forum in welcoming Dr. Rue to campus on May 27. -Catherine Banbury

ACUPUNCTURE SERVICES BEING OFFERED TO PILGRIM PLACE RESIDENTS



Rachel Mefferd, L.Ac., has a private acupuncture practice in Claremont at 363 South Indian Hill Boulevard. She works with people with a wide range of mind-body-spirit concerns, including pain, insomnia, anxiety and depression, as well as stress, fatigue, and nutrition.

Originally from Canada, Rachel began her work as a Dance-Movement Therapist. Her focus on movement has allowed her to gain deeper insights into issues of mobility and stability. Rachel graduated from Alhambra Medical University with a degree in Traditional Chinese Medicine. She then went on to train further in the area of orthopedic acupuncture which allows her to get fast results with use of massage and manual therapy techniques.

Rachel offers a community-style acupuncture clinic every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at North Pitzer Lodge Lounge from 1:30-3:30 pm. Residents can book appointments by phone, e-mail, or drop-in. **Call her at 909-568-8511, or e-mail her at her website at rachel@claremontacupuncture.com.**

Community acupuncture is offered at a donation of \$10-\$30. Wednesday mornings she has clinic hours at HSC in the Rehab Center. The charge there is \$55 and is reflected on your monthly statement from Pilgrim Place.

*-Sharon Berry,
-Director of Wellness & Clinical Services*

The next major event in the Pilgrim Place Centennial celebration is...

**10th International Whitehead Conference
9th Ecological Civilization Conference
Inaugural Conference of Pando Populus**

SEIZING AN ALTERNATIVE: TOWARD AN ECOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION

June 4-7, Pomona College Campus

The 82 tracks composing the heart of this conference are themselves mini-conferences. They are on topics responding to our situation of unprecedented danger. None are designed simply to rehash established ideas. If you want quick answers that do not disturb your present thinking, this conference is not for you. If you want to join in constructive thinking about how to move forward on many fronts, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

- Would you like to know how to respond to the profound shock, confusion, grief, and despair that accompany awakening to today's human prospect? There is a track for you.
- Would you like to know what an ecological agriculture, or economics, or urban design, or political theory would be like? There are tracks for you.
- Would you like to know what contemporary evidence leads us to think about the nature of the physical world, the psychic world, and their integration? There are tracks for you.
- Would you like to find a form of Christianity that appeals to youth, or one that could really function to lead the world away from catastrophe? There are tracks for you.
- Would you like to know what Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, or Jews are contributing to the solution of our problems, or hope to contribute? There are tracks for you.

Featured speakers include Bill McKibben (Thursday, June 4); Vandana Shiva (Friday, June 5), and Sheri Liao (Saturday, June 6). For more information, or to register, go to www.whitehead2015.com. *-Vern Visick*

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INTERNAL MOVES

Carolyn Kingshill
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To: 627 Leyden Lane #113



Happy
May
Birthdays!

IN REMEMBRANCE



Mildred Moser Smith
April 1, 2015
Entered Pilgrim Place 1989



YOU WERE THERE...

You were there when we took our first steps,
And went unsteadily across the floor.
You pushed and prodded: encouraged and guided,
Until our steps took us out the door...
You worry now "Are they ok?"
Is there more you could have done?
As we walk the paths of our unknown
You wonder "Where have my children gone?"
Where we are is where you have led us,
With your special love you showed us a way,
To believe in ourselves and the decisions we make.
Taking on the challenge of life day-to-day.
And where we go you can be sure,
In spirit you shall never be alone.
For where you are is what matters most to us,
Because to us that will always be home...

-Author Unknown

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UPDATE ON WILDERNESS PARK

The Master Plan for the Claremont Hillside Wilderness Park will come to the City Council in July or early fall. Later than expected, getting together details of the plan and its implementation has been quite complicated. City staff is reportedly working for a balance that will "satisfy no one, and surprise everyone with what they do get."

When public meetings are held on the plan, it will be very important that residents turn out to celebrate the pleasant surprises. Meanwhile, there are happy reports from other friends of the Loop trail about sighting green bags carried on the loop. Thanks. That's building up the community of respect for the trails and the people on them. I do have more green "Clean Trails" bags—ask me. *-Hugh Wire*



*All newsletter articles may be submitted to
Karen Laponis at klaponis@pilgrimplace.org.
Deadline for June newsletter is
Tuesday, May 19, 1:30 p.m.*

Calendar

Friday, May 1

- 3:00 p.m. Medical Team Training ♦
3:00 p.m. Open Studio at 699 Alden Road,
featuring works by Eleanor Scott Meyers ♦

Sunday, May 3

- 10:30 a.m. HSC Worship: *"The Vine Connection"*
Leader: Joan Stock; Musician, Ann Gray

Monday, May 4

- 1:30 p.m. Environmental Concerns Committee:
Conversation on Handling Investments ♦

Wednesday, May 6

- 11:00 a.m. Andiron Talk: John Washington on *"An Unfinished Task"* ♦
3:00 p.m. Doing Theology; Speaker, Jack Jackson on *"Settler Colonialism"*

Thursday, May 7

- 11:00 a.m. Resident Safety Council Forum: *"Living with Wildlife in Claremont"* ♦
1:30 p.m. Speaker, the Rev. Dr. David Vasquez-Levy, new President of Pacific School of Religion ♦
7:00 p.m. Vespers: *"Chanting Congregation"*
Leader: Henry Atkins; Ushers: Treadwell Atkins, Joan Stock

Friday, May 8

- 11:00 a.m. An Ecological Civilization;
Speaker, John Cobb ♦
3:00 p.m. Forum: Friends of Sabeel of North America ♦

Saturday, May 9

- 10:00 a.m. Petterson Museum Event: *"Celebrating World Cultures"*, and featuring exhibit, *"Mask-erade"* ♦

Sunday, May 10

- 10:30 a.m. HSC Worship: *"God's Love & Mother's Love"*
Leader, Henry Hayden; Musicians, Eloise Dale and Janice Newborn

Monday, May 11

- 11:45 a.m. Pilgrim Place Games Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, May 13

- 11:00 a.m. World Affairs Forum; Speaker, Rev. Kristin Gill Stoneking, marking 100 years of FOR ♦

Thursday, May 14

- 7:00 p.m. Vespers: *"Joy is Freedom"*; Leader, Ann Marie Sullivan; Musician, David Lutz

Friday, May 15

- 11:45 a.m. Pilgrim Place Games Closing Ceremony

Sunday, May 17

- 10:30 a.m. HSC Worship: *"The Ascension"*, Leader, Judy Chatfield; Musician, Yasuko Shorrock & Don Chatfield

Sunday, May 17

- 10:30 a.m. HSC Worship: *"The Ascension"*, Leader, Judy Chatfield; Musician, Yasuko Shorrock & Don Chatfield

Tuesday, May 19

- 1:30 p.m. **Pilgrim Place NEWS Deadline (*June issue*)**

Wednesday, May 20

- 11:00 a.m. Community Wellness Forum featuring speaker Fritz Coleman ♦
3:00 p.m. Doing Theology; Presenter, Dennis MacDonald

Thursday, May 21

- 3:00 p.m. Life Saving Interventions ♦
7:00 p.m. Vespers: *"For the Healing of the Earth"*
Leader, Linda Vogel; Musicians, Norma Puntney and Gene Boutlier; Ushers, David & Karen Lull

Friday, May 22

- 11:00 a.m. Community Conversation ♦
7:00 p.m. Pilgrim Poets Perform ♦

Saturday, May 23

- 9:00 a.m. Centennial Year Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Park Cemetery ♦

Sunday, May 24

- 10:00 a.m. Women Church ♦
10:30 a.m. HSC Worship: *"The Timeless Message of Pentecost;"* Leader, Wes Brown
Soloist, Cheryl Brown
Pianist, Hallee Spriggins

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed**Wednesday, May 27**

- 11:00 a.m. Woman's Perspective Forum: Speaker Dr. Victoria Rue ♦

Thursday, May 28

- 3:15 p.m. Town Meeting ♦
7:00 p.m. Vespers: *"Cellular Prayer"*; Leader Judith Favor; Music: David Lutz; Ushers, Pete Nelson & John Denham

Sunday, May 31

- 10:30 a.m. HSC Worship: *"Jesus' Kin Folk"*
Leader, Mary Atwood; Musician, Miriam Olson

♦ Denotes NEWS article

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