

Southern Alameda Deanery Meeting June 2017

Deanery Goals for 2017: Youth Event (Abigail Plemmons/Molly Haws), **Social Justice** (Trish Haller/Jen Hayes/Teri Minnis/Mary Lim-Lampe), **Smack-Downs** (Jim DeMersman/Ron Culmer) **Deanery Work Days** (Mark Spaulding)

Southern Alameda Deanery On-Going Ministries: Sacred Space (Mark Spaulding), **Corazon, Communications:** Facebook Page, Twitter, Instagram

Diocesan Ministries: Disaster Preparedness (Elaine Vallecillo-Miller)

Episcopal Church Impact: Saint Bart's, Livermore

Sarah Lawton: Sanctuary Task Force

Executive Council (Scott Whitaker).

Corazon Send-Off

Next Meeting Date: September 24, 2:00 p.m. at St. Clare's.

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Meeting opened with prayer by Deacon Kathy

Deanery Goal Activities

- **Workdays** - Mark Spaulding is waiting to hear from the congregations before scheduling can begin.
- **Corazon House Build** - Mark Spaulding reported that All Souls Episcopal Church, Point Loma will host the team this year.
- **Youth Event** - Mollie Haws and Abbie Plemmons are planning an event August 19, tied to the solar eclipse.
- **Social Justice** - Trish Haller met with Mary Lim-Lampe from Genesis, a community organizing group which is an affiliate of the Gamaliel Network. Mary made a short presentation and offered a small-group activity to help us understand the ways that Genesis could help our community figure out what we are really interested in.

1. What is something really important to you right now?
2. What justice issue is breaking your heart or impacting you right now?
3. What does everyone need to do more of? Why?

Annual leadership training is July 30-August 5. Molly Haws, John Hart, Cathy volunteered to attend. The cost is \$700/person and includes room and board.

M/S/P Deanery will send up to four people to leadership training.

Attendees to make a contribution to the deanery against the cost of the training.

On-going Ministries

- **Sacred Space Hayward** - Mark Spaulding announced that Sunday, July 2, at 1 p.m. there would be a service of institution for the Sacred Space LEMs at the Cannery Park site.
- **Communications** - Deanery Facebook page needs an owner. Speak with Ron Culmer if interested.

Diocesan Ministries

- Episcopal Impact Fund awarded the SAD 3-year grant to Big Heart Wellness Center
- **Disaster Preparedness** - Elaine Vallecillo-Miller reported that the Diocese needs information/feedback on how they can best help congregations in case of disaster.
 - Surveys were distributed.
 - Looking for evidence of parish contact list.
 - Diocese of Kansas is our state emergency operation center.
- **Sanctuary Task Force** - Sarah Lawton, president of the SF Deanery spoke about working on a convention resolution on becoming a sanctuary diocese. Resources were outlined (speakers bureau, LAsacredresistance.org, Movement for Human Integrity. A sample resolution from LA was distributed.
- **Executive Council** - Scott Whitaker spoke about the progress of the diocesan capital campaign, the deficit status of the 2017 budget, and the 2018 budget. He also reported back on the feedback provided to diocesan staff from our previous meeting.

Our next meeting will be at St. Clare's, Sunday, September 24 at 2 p.m. We will review the diocesan budget and resolutions for convention. Corazon build participants were sent off with a blessing. We were dismissed by Deacon Kathy.

Resolution Regarding Becoming a Sanctuary Diocese

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles declares the Diocese of Los Angeles to be a Sanctuary Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles, as people of faith and people of conscience, pledges to resist the stated policy proposals of the newly elected Trump administration to target and deport millions of undocumented immigrants, and to eliminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that has granted temporary relief for thousands of young people in our communities and families; and be it further

Resolved, that the congregations and institutions of the Diocese of Los Angeles consider becoming Sanctuary Congregations and Institutions, serving as places of welcome, refuge, healing, and other forms of material and pastoral support for those targeted by hate due to immigration status or some perceived status of difference, and that we work alongside our friends, families, and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles connect with other local and national sanctuary communities and institutions, immigrant rights groups and coalitions, and engage in educating, organizing, advocacy, and direct action, and other methods as deemed appropriate in each context, to ensure the safety and security of the undocumented community; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Los Angeles assist in equipping congregations, clergy and lay leaders to engage in such work, appropriate to local contexts, capacity, and discernment.

Explanation

For many years, immigrant families have suffered on the margins of our society. They have been scapegoated during difficult economic times and victimized by harsh anti-immigrant ordinances passed by some states and localities.

In the aftermath of the recent presidential election there is heightened concern that the campaign rhetoric villainizing immigrants will become policy targeting them because of their immigration status or religious beliefs.

As a people of faith committed to dismantling oppressive systems and building structures and communities that reflect God's compassion and justice, we must do nothing less than make straight a highway in the desert for our sisters and brothers.

This resolution puts our faith into action by standing with the growing number of cities, colleges and communities of faith declaring themselves places of welcome, refuge, healing, for those targeted by hate due to immigration status or some perceived status of difference as we work alongside our friends, families, and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people.

Submitted by:

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