

Breaking Bread Together: An Interfaith Reunion

September 21, 2006 | Circle of Palms, San José



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Dear Religious Leader,

Peace and blessings to you and your community.

Last October, over 250 people from diverse religious communities in the South Bay gathered together to celebrate **Feasting and Fasting Together: A Family Reunion of All Abraham's Children**. Together we shared prayers for peace and understanding among our communities here and around the world, broke bread together, and got a rare opportunity to know one another better and to develop greater respect for one another as people of faith in Silicon Valley.

We are planning to gather again this year on September 21st at 6:00 pm at the Circle of Palms in downtown San Jose for **Breaking Bread Together: An Interfaith Reunion**. While last year's event focused mainly on the Abrahamic traditions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—this year we want to widen the circle to include other religious groups that make up our community.

We invite your congregation, seminary or religious student organization, or religiously affiliated organization to join us in planning and preparing for this event as a Participating Organization. Participating Organizations will be listed on our website and in the program. An application form for participation accompanies this letter.

- **A Participating Organization** will publicize the event within their community and beyond, actively recruit people to attend, and contribute \$60 to help defray expenses. (Deadline is September 14, 2006 to be listed in the program and on the website)

Our gathering is intended to be joyous—a family reunion, not a political rally—and so we ask that there be no political agendas, no petitions, posters or demonstrations. We want the wider community to know that we will not permit our differences of opinion divide us from each other.

Details of the gathering will be posted at our website, www.southbayinterfaith.org, as they become available. If you are interested in participating or want more information, contact us at southbayinterfaith@yahoo.com, or telephone the Council of Churches at **408-297-2660**.

We hope to hear from you soon, and look forward to seeing you at the Circle of Palms on September 21st!

Sincerely,

SouthBay Interfaith Steering Committee



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Participating Organization Agreement

Our organization would like to participate actively in “Breaking Bread Together: An Interfaith Reunion,” to be held at the Circle of Palms, 170 South Market Street in downtown San José on September 21, 2006.

We recognize that the event is intended to be a community gathering for sharing with our neighbors and celebrating the religious diversity of our community. There will be no political agendas, petitions, statements, flyers or banners. The event will provide for sharing prayer and food together as a sign of respect for our diverse religious observations and our participation in one civic community.

Participating Organizations commit to:

- Promote the event among our constituents and recruit people to attend
- Contribute \$60 to help defray expenses

Participating Organizations should be religiously affiliated organizations, seminary or religious student organizations, or congregations. They will be listed in publicity and program materials.

<p>FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 14, 2006 IN ORDER FOR YOUR GROUP TO BE LISTED IN THE PROGRAM AND ON THE WEBSITE</p>

Name of Organization: _____

Signed _____ Title: _____

Contact Person, e-mail address and telephone: _____

Date: _____

- Checks should be made out to SVCCJ (Silicon Valley Council for Community and Justice), with the notation “Southbay Interfaith.”
- This form, filled out and signed, and checks should be sent to: South Bay Islamic Association, 325 North Third Street, San Jose, CA 95112.