

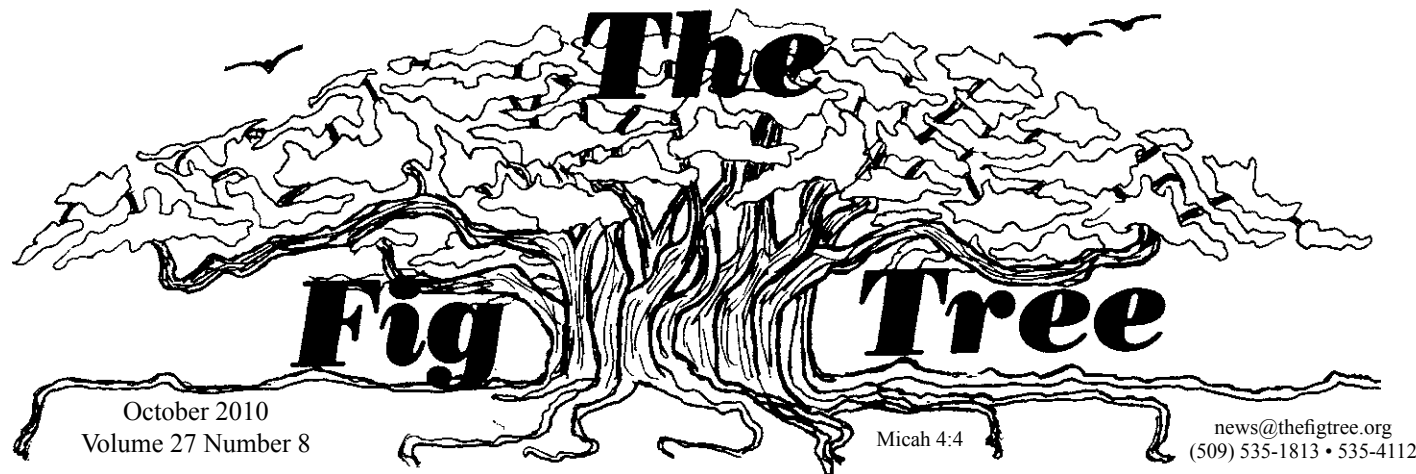
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Church engages neighbors near and far

By Mary Stamp

The Rev. John Sowers considers it “a holy joy” to work with people engaged in doing ministries they feel called to do.

As senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Spokane since 2007, he seeks to continue the teaching and opportunities that connect people with ministries.

Through his preaching, at meetings as administrator, and in planning with program staff, he reminds the people of Scriptures about “God’s call to love our neighbors with our whole being and to live out our faith.”

“It’s a delight to preach that and to have the congregation respond,” John said.

Members are involved in such community ministries as Christ Kitchen, Christ Clinic, Habitat for Humanity and the Liberty Park Day Care Center. Many members live out their vocations in helping professions, as teachers, doctors and mental health workers.

“People do their work out of a sense of Christ’s call to care for others. It’s a privilege to be shepherd of that flock,” he said.

“We have made strides in recapturing our legacy of Christian discipleship,” John said, noting



The Rev. John Sowers is delighted with response to preaching and teaching.

the church’s history of educating adults, children and students. Former Whitworth professor Dale Bruner used to teach hundreds in an adult Sunday school class that infused a “living relationship with Jesus.”

The church still benefits from the availability of teachers from the Whitworth University faculty such as Terry McGonigal, Keith Beebe and Jerry Sittser.

“Our goal is to deepen discipleship and expand apostleship, turning a living relationship with Jesus, nurtured in the church, into life in the world as active witnesses of Christ’s kingdom,” John said.

Convinced that the mission statement of First Presbyterian, like that of many other churches, was too long, he worked with leaders to develop a four-word mission: “Internally strong, externally focused.”

The internal strength comes from discipleship, and the external focus is apostleship, he said.

The Greek root of “disciple” means learner. The Greek root of “apostle” means messenger or ambassador.

“There’s much activity happening in and through the church, not

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Hate Studies Institute recognizes efforts to challenge bigotry, celebrate diversity

Gonzaga University’s Institute for Hate Studies will present the 2010 Eva Lassman: Take Action Against Hate Award—Individual to the university’s associate academic vice president Raymond Reyes, a founding member of the institute, at the Take Action Against Hate Annual Banquet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12 in

Gonzaga’s Cataldo Hall.

The institute will also present a new award, the Eva Lassman: Take Action Against Hate Award—Organization, to the Human Rights Education Institute in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, for its work promoting human rights as an essential element of a just society.

The institute, which changed

its name last month to reflect its future direction, was previously known as the Gonzaga Institute for Action Against Hate since it was founded at the University in 1997 to help combat and eliminate hate in the Northwest and the nation through research, education and advocacy.

The awards are named for Eva Lassman, a local Holocaust survivor who has worked with the institute to combat hate in the region.

“Raymond has been a tireless advocate for the marginalized and underprivileged, committed to giving voice to the voiceless,” said Jim Mohr, director of the Institute for Hate Studies.

The Human Rights Education Institute works to build a better and more inclusive community through its work challenging hate and educating the community on social justice and human rights.

In 2009, the Spokane chapter of the NAACP honored Raymond with its Educational Excellence Award at the organization’s Freedom Fund Banquet for dedication

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Donna Flanagan shares ways UN tackles poverty

When the phone rings at Donna Flanagan’s home, it may be a call from Kenya or Uganda, as she continues her international career from her home office, now as a consultant living in Spokane across the street from her grandchildren.

Her encounters with people in Asia and Africa since leaving Spokane after high school and returning in retirement have made her aware that the United Nations, for which she worked eight years, is more than a building in New York City, international peacekeeping teams and Security Council decisions.

Speaking for the annual United Nations’ Day Dinner of the Spokane United Nations Association Chapter, she will tell of the 65-year-old international organization’s work through its 37 agencies to promote peace and security, international relations, social progress, improved living standards and human rights in 192 countries.

She will discuss “Engaging America in the Millennium Development Goals” at the dinner from 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24, in Cataldo Hall at Gonzaga University.

“While we often hear about political issues, we do not know about the infrastructure of United Nations’ work around the world and the Millennium Development Goals to address extreme poverty,” said Donna, who hopes to help people in Spokane understand how UN activities around the world have impact on people in Spokane and how people here can have impact around the world.

As she presents each of the goals, she will describe why each is necessary, based on her personal experiences.

“While many people may think poor people, dirty water

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Ken Stern, a specialist on anti-Semitism, hate studies and extremism with the American Jewish Committee, will speak on “Why Hate Matters.”

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Improving cooperation empowers communities

By Jane Stranz

Sometimes, to supply clean water to a village in Tanzania, direct action is needed, said Moses Kulaba, a program officer on accountable governance with Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), based in the south of the East African country.

In Ilula, he said that a corrupt retired army colonel was the local water official, controlling access and resale of water.

With ecumenical assistance, villagers organized to find what was happening to their water supplies and call the corrupt officer to account, he said.

"Water is increasingly a target for petty corruption," said Moses, a member of the Anglican Church of Tanzania, speaking in Geneva at a September consultation for civil society organizations.

He said Norwegian Church Aid has set up a public expenditure tracking system, called PETS, as a community empowerment tool to encourage local people to work together to demand accountability from public officials.

In Ilula, residents risked arrest to regain access to their water supplies—seeking to learn what was happening and to voice their concerns and even trying to close the local government water office in their campaign.

NCA belongs to the Ecumenical Water Network (EWN), an initiative of Christian churches, organizations and movements that have joined hands to protect access to water around the world.

"I have a passion for social justice work," Moses said, "because it has direct impact on people's lives, giving them hope and empowering communities."

Moses sees his work as helping people "feel they can question officials," and "giving people a voice." He urges faith leaders to use their moral authority because "faith-based organizations are listened to by a wide segment of the population and go deeper into local communities," he said.

In Tanzania, NCA has been working with the National Muslim Council (BAKWATA), as well as with various churches.

"It is so important to work together across the denominations and build relationships. Many political leaders are members of faith-based communities which gives us a unique opportunity and access," he notes.

"No other institutions in this world meet each week and have such structures in place. The churches are already there from the national level to the smallest village," said Moses. "Compared with politicians there is a real element of trust in the church as an institution. Churches still have some moral authority."

Still, he noted challenges that remain for churches in advocacy work around issues of corruption and justice.

"Churches should understand that advocacy is not just a task for someone else to do," said Moses, who has seven years of advocacy experience and has been working with NCA for the past two years. "Churches need to move from their comfort zone and take up these difficult issues which affect some of the weakest members of their congregations."

For advocacy to be credible it must be based on facts and knowledge. "Churches need to invest in quality, evidence-based research to understand the details and realities of complex situations" according to the Tanzanian.

For Moses, the challenge is working ecumenically and across faiths, encouraging churches and religious leaders to find their voice.

"In formal and informal governance structures we need second and third eyes. Those second and third eyes are churches and faith-based organizations, and the people," said Moses, so faiths can promote "harmonious coexistence and confront issues that affect all."

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Auction items are still being donated

Restaurant certificates, themed baskets, dinners, bread, art and fair-trade items are among the donations The Fig Tree has received for its second annual Harvest Auction from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John, 127 E. 12th Ave.

Yvonne Lopez-Morton, associate editor and event coordinator, said that The Fig Tree continues

to seek donations of items for the live and silent auctions.

In recognition of its being on Veterans Day, a representative from Friends of Veterans and Families will tell of their trainings for clergy and congregations.

While those attending the 2010 event make bids, they will snack on foods from Azar's hummus bar and taste fair-trade coffees.

Proceeds will support the

growth of The Fig Tree's role as a model of solutions-oriented, ecumenical, peace-and-justice journalism that shares stories of people who are making a difference in the community, region, nation and world.

A flier/bulletin insert is available online at www.thefigtree.org/FigTreeEvent.pdf.

For information, call 535-4112 or email yvonne@thefigtree.org.

Event trains veterans and people who care

Friends of Veterans and Families and five other agencies are planning "Welcome Home: A Veterans, Family, Friends and Faith Community Event from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 219 E. Rockwood Blvd.

The event gathers veterans and those who are welcoming and supporting them in their transition home from deployment, said Marian Beaumier of ACT Ministries.

Other sponsors are the Spokane

Veterans Center, Catholic Charities of Spokane, Lutheran Community Services, the Washington Association of Churches (WAC) Veterans Support Network.

The program encourages faith communities to develop outreach ministries to families when a spouse is deployed and informs families what to do when the veteran is readjusting, and they are, too, Marian said.

Workshops are geared to veterans, friends and families, faith

community members, clergy and pastoral ministers to hear from peers, learn how to share their struggles, realize how substance abuse exacerbates problems, understand how to help children, be aware of the impact of trauma and value the role of faith.

The WAC and ACT will also lead an Oct. 21 "Helping Veterans Heal" workshop at Community United Church of Christ in Tonasket.

For information, call 483-0428 or email wac@thewac.org

Forum addresses issues of successful aging

The "Successful Aging Forum: Accessing Health Care" will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Northern Quest Resort and Casino Pavillion in Airway Heights.

Workshops will look at needs in Eastern Washington in the next 10 to 20 years related to primary care, wellness, prevention, preparing for aging, extended care facilities, life planning, advanced care

directives, community clinics and public health.

Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington is organizing the event, aware that the number of people who will be 60 or older will increase from 16 percent in 2000 to 25 percent in 2030 in Ferry, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman counties.

Health care access is part of a series on "Successful Aging"

to assure quality of life and self-sufficiency, said Carol Irion of ALTCEW.

Sponsors include AARP, Community Health Association of Spokane, Greater Spokane, Inc., Hospice of Spokane and State-wide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors Program.

For information, call 458-2509, ext. 222, or email action@altcew.org.

Bishop's Poor Man's Meal benefits House of Charity

The Bishop's Poor Man's Meal and Open House from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, will include a soup-and-bread lunch and a tour of the House of Charity

shelter at 32 W. Pacific.

Proceeds from this benefit, which is also an opportunity to learn about the services of the House of Charity to Spokane's

homeless citizens, will help support the emergency sleeping program.

For information, call 358-4264.

Cup of Cool water celebrates its 15th anniversary

The Cup of Cool Water 15-Year Anniversary Dessert Celebration will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 7, at All Saints Lutheran Church, 314 S. Spruce.

Cup of Cool Water is a ministry that seeks to empower Spokane's

street youth to leave street life.

Cup of Cool Water, which relies on volunteer help, will offer a volunteer training from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16. Cup of Cool Water was

founded in 1995 by Mark Terrell, director, seeking to share the love and hope of Christ with youth on the streets. It moved to 1106 W. Second in 2002.

For information, call 747-6686.

Maasai dance troupe shares culture in Spokane events

A Maasai dance troupe, who hope to educate their children, drill wells for drinking water and redevelop their herds, will perform in Spokane churches, schools and other settings from Oct. 9 through

the end of November.

The troupe will share their culture through storytelling, song and dance, said Thea Bloomfeldt, a member of South Hill Bible Chapel who has spent six of her seven years in Spokane involved with African refugees, through World Relief and independently.

The troupe will perform Oct. 23 at Trinity Baptist Church, Oct. 25 for the Berean Bible Homeschoolers, Nov. 12 and 13 at First Presbyterian Church, 318 S. Cedar, and Nov. 20 and 21 for the Fall Folk Festival.

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Beck Taylor involves community in his inauguration as Whitworth's president

The inauguration of Beck Taylor as the 18th president of Whitworth University will be more than the ceremony at 3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15, in Cowles Memorial Auditorium at Whitworth.

In a week-long series of events will involve the university and community in exploring what it means for Whitworth to be a "Community of Courage."

Beck looks forward to engaging with the Whitworth community to explore new ways to live out the mission. He said few universities "walk the narrow ridge that bridges a rigorous, open academic culture with clear commitments to the centrality of Jesus Christ and the authority of Scripture."

He said Whitworth honors Christ in its quest to nurture the mind and to "engage society's important issues" as it seeks to live

its mission from 1890 to equip students to "honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity."

"When fundamentalism boasts of easy certainty, Whitworth invites tough questions and vigorous debate. When relativism dismisses the notion of moral conviction, Whitworth insists on a place for transcendent, capital-T truth. In the tension of this grand paradox at the heart of Whitworth's mission, minds and hearts of students are forged for great things," Beck comments.

The other events include a community panel, an artist's presentation, a political analyst's lecture, a theologian's lecture, a reception, dinner and an inaugural picnic.

• Ted McGregor, The Inlander publisher, will moderate a community panel at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 11, at the Bing Crosby The-

atre, 901 W. Sprague. Panelists Breean Beggs, civil rights attorney; Betsy Cowles, chair of Cowles Company; Anne Kirkpatrick, Spokane Police chief; Lonnie Mitchell, pastor of Spokane's Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, and Julia Stronks, Whitworth professor of political science, will discuss what it would take for Spokane to be a community of courage.

• Seattle artist Chris Jordan will give a presentation at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, in Weyerhaeuser Hall at Whitworth, showing artwork that depicts the impact consumerism.

• Michelle Bernard, an MSNBC political analyst and president of the Independent Women's Forum, will give a lecture at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13, in Weyerhaeuser Hall at Whitworth

on "A View from Washington: A House Hopelessly Divided?" She will weave current political events into the inaugural theme.

• Whitworth theologian Jim Edwards, who holds the Bruner-Welch Chair in Theology, will present a lecture, "Potentates, Priests and a Pariah: Reflections on Luke 3:1-2 about Divine Revelation in Human History" at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14, at Weyerhaeuser Hall.

After the Inauguration Ceremony on Friday, there will be a 6 p.m. Inaugural Reception and Dinner in the Riverside Room of the Spokane Convention Center. The Inaugural Picnic will be at

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Thayne McCulloh sees his role as ministry as he begins as Gonzaga University's president

As Thayne McCulloh prepares for his inauguration at 3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22 in McCarthy Athletic Center as the first lay president of Gonzaga University, he takes seriously that the office is not merely a job, but a ministry.

The inauguration ceremonies begin with Mass at noon at St. Aloysius Church and then kick off the Fall Family Weekend and Alumni Reunion Weekend, events expected to draw more than 3,000 visitors to Spokane.

The inauguration will be both academic and religious in nature. Thayne will receive his mission as head of a Jesuit work from the Jesuit Provincial, Father Pat Lee, SJ, former vice president of mission at Gonzaga, who will preside at the Mass, reinforcing the ongoing connection of Gonzaga with the Jesuit tradition and values.

In several administrative posts under former Gonzaga Presidents Bernard Coughlin, SJ, Edward Glynn, SJ, and Robert Spitzer, SJ, Thayne said he comfortably served behind-the-scenes to help put each president's desires into effect. Now he takes the lead, as

he did as interim president.

"I see this work is a ministry," Thayne affirmed.

"Although I am not a Jesuit, I have a religious mission as a lay partner, working in collaboration with the Jesuits to animate the university as a Jesuit, Catholic work," he said in a recent interview.

He sees the responsibilities and challenges as different from those of a secular university president. Working with Jesuits, Thayne learned about the rites and traditions of the Catholic Church that should be part of the job, beyond what he learned in his own Catholic upbringing and practice.

"Part of the role of the 'president as priest' has been to say prayers and offer Mass. Although I am not a priest, I intend to be involved in the spiritual life of our community, which at times includes offering prayers and reflections," he said.

"I take seriously the charge that the Jesuit Catholic tradition of this university is a strong part of the work I will do," Thayne said. "I will not just assign that to others."

He believes part of his job is to encourage dialogue and discussion, which can be controversial.

"The role of the university is to stretch students' minds. That means we need to introduce them to controversies, challenge them to new ways of thinking about issues and encourage them to participate in service learning with the community," he said.

For information, call 313-5970 or visit www.gonzaga.edu.

Gonzaga University's Institute for Hate Studies

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2010 Eva Lassman Take Action Against Hate Award recipient (individual):
Dr. Raymond Reyes
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First Presbyterian nurtures through education and myriad of action options

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for the sake of the church, but as a conscious effort to be witnesses to Jesus," said John, who earned a bachelor's degree in history and theater in 1988 from Whitworth University, expecting to teach.

Involvement in leadership at Whitworth Presbyterian Church during college, however, led him to studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, followed by 12 years at Woodland Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tenn. That congregation of older people set aside some of their traditions so they could grow spiritually and numerically to include families who sent children to a preschool at the church, he said.

John gave an overview of some ways First Presbyterian Church ministries connect members with the community and world.

"How do we become a loving neighborhood church? Christ calls us to see how we can engage the downtown core where God has planted us," he said. "How can members take their vocations and everyday skills to be witnesses of Christ's love to their neighbors and people with whom they work?"

Youth are involved locally to globally. For about 20 years, the church has sent more than 50 students each spring to Tijuana, Mexico, to build homes for homeless families and to relate with children in an orphanage.

In addition to the Tijuana mission, 25 junior high youth go to San Francisco every year for an urban plunge, working in a soup kitchen, leading vacation Bible school for a downtown church and doing a street ministry.

Fourth to sixth graders do "Kids with a Mission" ministries of compassion in Spokane.

"As children grow in faith, they gain ministry background," John said.

Every year, junior high students do a 30-hour fast fund raiser through World Vision. Funds help people who suffer because of poverty, hunger and illness. Learning that 26,000 children around the world die every day of water-borne illness and starvation, the youth raised \$1 for each

child, \$26,000, hoping to provide the equivalent of one day when no one would die from hunger or thirst.

They raised more than any group in the nation, according to World Vision.

Members find their niche.

"One couple has prepared food and taken their two young sons three times a week to serve it to people under the freeway bridge. They just wanted their boys to experience the fullness of life," John said. "In the winter, the couple led a six-week symposium on street people, with speakers from different social service agencies."

Members also relate with international partners in Thailand, Kenya and Ethiopia.

First Presbyterian provides financial support for a woman pastor who runs an orphanage in Thailand, rescuing children from sex slavery. In April, 12 adults went to work at the orphanage, to meet the children and deepen the relationship with the pastor.

The church is starting a college student ministry, Blood Water, building wells and medical clinics in Lwala, Kenya, which two church members visited. Jenna Lee, a Whitworth graduate and former intern at First Presbyterian, is now in Nashville, Tenn., serving as the national director of Blood Water. Volunteers go to villages to do AIDS education—the "blood" part—and sink wells for clean water.

The church has ties to Ethiopia.

First Presbyterian's Christian School, with 180 pre-kindergarten through third grade students, has a sister school relationship with partners in Gambella, Ethiopia, where there was a genocide in December 2003. Aniak refugees who are church members called attention to the genocide, and church members rallied to assist and advocate for justice.

John went to Gambella with a team that included four others in February.

"It was eye-opening," he said. "We identified needs of the schools that are run by the East Gambella Bethel Synod, and delivered resources and supplies to two schools, which have concrete

walls and no windows."

He learned that children clamor to be in the church schools rather than government schools, because teachers love the students and help them learn.

John said most of the church leaders are young, "prematurely pressed into leadership" because the older leaders were killed in the genocide.

"In the middle of drought, pervasive poverty, tribal tensions and government pressures, they rely on Christ's love. The churches are growing in ways that put U.S. churches to shame," he said.

When he asked the pastor what the church prays for, the pastor said: for ending smallpox, which still occurs there; for a new millstone so women do not have to beat the grain with sticks and rocks, and for the survival of evangelists who leave at midnight Saturdays to walk six hours to preach Sunday mornings at village churches.

"It's clear that they rely on God and God alone for their sustenance. They are focused on hope," he said. "They live in a culture that is suspicious of Christian faith, but instead of being defensive, they live the values of the Gospel."

"God will not leave the people of Gambella," he said. "Even in the midst of the steady hardships of those lives, they know that God will not abandon them and that God pursues them, so they live into that hope."

Every week, people from around the world who are resettling in Spokane come to Barton School, which meets in the church, to learn English and American culture. Teaching them are volunteers from the church and community.

"It's a quiet ministry, doing Jesus stuff that changes lives," he added.

Events draw the community.

The annual fall Jubilee Sale also brings the world to the church. Members invite fair-trade vendors and host alternative Christmas shopping, while supporting craft makers around the world.

The Spokane City Forum, now in its 10th year, brings community people to the church for conversations on strengthening Spokane.

The first Sunday in October, First Presbyterian will make its commitment to outreach clear through "Serve the City Day." Worship will consist of people in the church going to help throughout the community—helping fix a shed, clean up the river, beautify parks or do repairs in downtown residences.

"Their mission will be to represent the love of Christ for the com-

munity tangibly and physically and to exhibit compassion and care for the city," said John, who hopes it will become an ongoing commitment.

He began a 6:05 p.m., Sunday evening worship in an "emergent" style—a service night for 60 to 80 people—hearing scripture, receiving communion and going into the neighborhood with food to engage and comfort street people or to visit shut-ins.

"Many are college age. For them, faith without action is not faith," John said.

Because the church is drawing more young families, it started its school as "a back door" to involve more families. Scholarships help assure there is diversity.

The church also offers a praise service at 9:30 a.m. Sundays and a traditional 11 a.m. worship service. John preaches regularly at those services and a third of the time at the "6:05 service."

John leads a staff that includes two associate ministers, the Rev. Janeen Steer, pastor for congregational care and emergent worship, and the Rev. Jeremy Sanderson, pastor for adult discipleship ministries, community life and missional living.

Other staff are responsible for youth, music, community life, children and the school.

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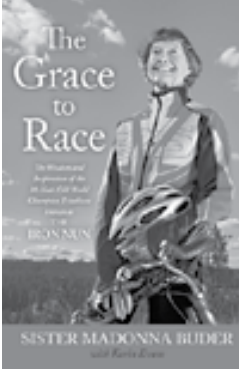
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Gardeners and farmers shared produce with the hungry and homeless

By Yvonne Lopez-Morton

Home gardeners and farmers throughout the region shared their vegetables and fruit with homeless and low-income people through Our Place Community Ministries' participation in the Plant-A-Row food donation program.

Plant-A-Row (PAR) encourages people to grow an additional row of fruits or vegetables and donate the produce to Our Place or other food banks. The program is a local cooperative effort of the PAR, Inland Empire Gardeners, Second Harvest Food Bank and the Garden Writers' Association.

Working with several local farmers' markets, farms and orchards to collect unsold vegetables and fruit, Plant-A-Row generates more than 43,000 pounds of produce annually for Spokane area food banks. Contributors also include home gardeners, farmers, schools, churches, youth, nonprofits and businesses.

Our Place's Plant-A-Row program, directed by food bank manager Gail Olson, encourages donors to grow vegetables and fruits with a good shelf life, produce that is ripe but not overgrown.

"We see donations every day," Gail said. "Recently, we had a donation of squash. Youth in Project Hope's Riverfront Farms brought cucumbers. One time, a man brought a truck with 250 pounds of potatoes he had grown."

Produce coming into the Our Place food bank under the PAR program is weighed, and donors receive a receipt for a \$1.50 per pound federal tax deduction.

Gail said that while clients welcome all fruits and vegetables, there are favorites.

"A donation of grapes flew out of here, and watermelons are a huge hit," she said. "People also



Gail Olson and Holy Names Sister Ann Pizelo

like zucchini and squash. We hope to go well into fall with homegrown donations."

Gail has overseen the food bank at Our Place for three years. She was a volunteer for two years while working in retail.

Started in 1995, Plant-A-Row—an international program—has collected millions of pounds of produce annually. Our Place food bank receives and distributes Plant-A-Row food from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and last Saturdays.

Clients receive an average of 20 pounds of food per visit.

In conjunction with the food bank, Our Place also offers classes that help clients learn how to grow food and how to prepare nutritious meals from food bank food. The class, which draws more than 20 participants at 10 a.m., Tuesdays, will resume this fall.

Michelle Heyn of Riverfront Farms taught a gardening class last April. Students were given organic heirloom tomato starts, beans, peas and flowers to grow. They were assisted in selecting a sunny location for their gardens.

"The students selected sites near their homes for their gardens. The plants have done well," Gail said. "As an incentive, we gave them \$25 for their water bills."

Our Place received a \$2,500 grant from Home Depot to purchase five-by-10-foot raised garden beds and soil for clients in the gardening class.

A volunteer group from Fairchild Air Force Base will help install the beds at the homes of clients," said Tracie Swanson, development director for Our Place.

Plant-A-Row and the food bank are just part of Our Place's commitment to end poverty and homelessness. The ecumenical ministry also provides clothing, household items, toys, bus passes, hygiene products, utility assistance and laundry services.

When Our Place staff and volunteers open the doors each morning, they invite everyone who comes to join them in prayer to give thanks for the generosity of donors and express concern about clients' welfare. The prayer is a reflection of the ecumenical roots and support for the center.

Staff and volunteers lead classes—such as budget management—to help clients find solutions to poverty and ways to move toward self-sufficiency.

During 2009, Our Place' staff and more than 100 volunteers helped more than 17,000 people, 700 of whom were homeless.

Holy Names Sister Ann Pizelo, who is the new director, said Our Place began in 1987 as a cooperative effort by Catholic and Protestant pastors to address needs in West Central Spokane.

As more people came to the churches seeking help, the pastors decided to collaborate to distribute food and clothing out of a basement in a small house on W. Elm St. Six churches that helped organize Our Place were Grace Baptist, Holy Trinity Episcopal, Saint Joseph's Catholic, Saint Paul's Methodist, Salem Lutheran

and Westminster Presbyterian.

In 2002, Our Place moved into its current building at 1509 W. College St. Since then, the building has been remodeled with funds from grants and donors. One donor helped Our Place pay off its mortgage seven years ago.

Today Our Place's sponsors are Holy Trinity Episcopal, St. Joseph's Catholic, St Paul's United Methodist, Salem Lutheran and Westminster Presbyterian churches, the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, plus churches that had supported Emerson-Garfield's neighborhood center—Emmanuel Presbyterian, Central Baptist and Knox Presbyterian.

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Campus ministry invites interfaith trio

A rabbi, a sheikh and a pastor will speak on "Getting to the Heart of Interfaith" for the annual Roger Williams Symposium, planned for Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 15 to 16 by The Common Ministry at Washington State University.

The speakers, Rabbi Ted Falcon, Sheikh Jamal Rahman and Pastor Don Mackenzie of Seattle, are called "The Three Amigos" as they appear on national television and throughout the country. They co-authored *Getting to the Heart of Interfaith: The Eye-Opening,*

Hope-Filled Friendship of a Pastor, a Rabbi and a Sheikh.

Ted, who was ordained a rabbi in 1968, teaches Jewish meditation and spirituality. He earned a doctorate in psychology in 1975.

Don recently retired as senior minister of University Congregational United Church of Christ in Seattle. He also was pastor in Hannover, N.H., and Princeton, N.J.

Jamal is co-founder and Muslim Sufi minister at Interfaith Community Church. He is also adjunct faculty at Seattle University.

A panel presentation will be at 7 p.m., Monday, at the WSU CUE 203. They will lead conversations on "The Process of Building Interfaith Relationships" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Interfaith House, 720 NE Thatuna.

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Human rights award recipient values sacred hospitality, resilience

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as an educator and his active opposition to hate.

Over the past 23 years, he has served Gonzaga in various capacities, including teaching courses in Native American psychology; race, gender and culture, American Indian religious traditions, multicultural organizational leadership and education.

Raymond has more than 30 years experience in intercultural relations, human rights, multicultural education and global cross-cultural work. He has served the last 12 years as Gonzaga's chief diversity officer to increase diversity of faculty, students and staff, increase understanding of diversity and help faculty develop skills in multicultural education.

Gonzaga recently appointed him as interim director of its new Center for Global Engagement to bring together four programs—study abroad, international students, English as a second language and faculty exchanges.

"To work for peace, justice, diversity and equity, we need to see people as mysteries and as resilient," he reflected. "We from deep within need to greet, host and hold 'the other' in an intercultural encounter of sacred hospitality.

"I am about that relationship, that magical moment when we move out of our comfort zone and encounter ourselves through the face of others and in the spaces in between," Raymond added.

Loving alliterations as someone with two names beginning with "R," he said "courageous conversations create caring communities."

He points out that "communities of conscience are activated by introducing conversations of consequence. We need to tap our spiritual aquifers that nourish a sustainable community life."

He earned a bachelor's degree in counseling psychology at Eastern Washington University in 1977, a master's in public administration at City University of New York in 1984, and a doctoral degree in educational leadership at Gonzaga University in 2002.

He started his career teaching GED in jails. Before coming to Gonzaga in 1988, he worked with the American Indian Community Center and the Coeur d'Alene tribe.

Until 1996, he directed Gonzaga's Indian Education Technical Assistance Center, providing teacher training to 200 school



Raymond Reyes now promotes global intercultural relations.

districts in seven western states.

He has published articles and chapters in books, led workshops and given lectures on leadership theory, program evaluation, multicultural education, diversity and equity, storytelling, Ignatian spirituality, team building using humor, intercultural competence and race relations.

Beyond his work, his involvements—with the Task Force on Race Relations and its annual Congress, with Churches Against Racism, with Whitworth's Japan Week, with hosting community TV shows on "Being Human" and on "Tribal Voices," with Diversity Works, with Tony Stewart of the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations, and with efforts to challenge police treatment of minorities—have been ways to embody his words.

The Human Rights Education Institute was formed in 1998 to serve as the educational arm of the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations.

Through its work, the Task Force has been a grassroots human rights organization that has fought hatred, bigotry and prejudice in the Inland Northwest.

Following a lawsuit that bankrupted the Aryan Nations in North Idaho, the Gregory Carr Founda-

tion pledged seed money to the Human Rights Education Institute to create the center at 414 1/2 Mullan Ave. in Coeur d'Alene.

Through the dedication of many supporters and city officials, the Center opened in January 2006 in a historic building in the heart of downtown Coeur d'Alene.

Its programs include a Young Advocates for Human Rights Summer Camp and an exhibit on "Pause 4 Peace."

Its two-year exploration of the relationships between free global exchange and human rights, called "Fast Forward: Globalization and Human Rights," offers speakers, panels, workshops, displays, exhibits and other events.

Its program also includes minority scholarships, an International Human Rights Day celebration and Martin Luther King, Jr., Week Children's Program.

The Gonzaga Institute for Hate Studies will host its second International Conference on Hate Studies from April 7 to 9, 2011.

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Building Habitat house in El Salvador inspires self-examination

By Yvonne Lopez-Morton

Working side-by-side building relationships and friendships while building homes with Salvadoran families and volunteers from a local Lutheran church last May has reaffirmed Alan Harbine's view of life.

"There was satisfaction in helping families build one of the most basic human needs, a roof over their heads," Alan said.

"The people I met don't have much, but they have such great joy and a fulfilled life. We have so much and we are not happy," he said, raising the question: "What is wrong with this picture?"

"My experiences in El Salvador as well as in Mexico, have made me appreciate what I have been blessed with and changed how I see the world," Alan said. "I have a new sense of thankfulness."

The Thrivent Financial representative, who provides insurance and investment assistance to Lutherans in Spokane, traveled to El Salvador last spring with more than 30 Thrivent representatives across the nation as part of a Habitat for Humanity initiative to build homes in a new community, Villa Esperanza, or Village of Hope.

Thrivent also provides contributions and volunteerism to meet unmet needs in communities.

He was selected for the El Salvadoran project to represent colleagues from the Northern Rockies Region because of his commitment to volunteering.

In El Salvador, Alan and the Thrivent team helped construct homes in a neighborhood that will offer families in need access to land, a house, basic services and social infrastructure such as green areas and a community center.

For 10 days, the team worked with local Habitat staff to carry bricks, mix cement and move dirt to help families have a safe, affordable new home.

"I never made mortar from scratch before," he said. "I have no building skills so this was out of character for me, but we were taught what we needed to do."

Alan said they had two interpreters who grew up in United States and Canada after their families fled violence in El Salvador in the 1980s.

"Both had a passion to return to El Salvador and help," Alan said. "We met many people who had come back to El Salvador to help rebuild their country."

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans committed \$1.3 million to Habitat for Humanity El Salvador and encouraged hundreds of Thrivent members to volunteer in 2010 to help make the new community a reality.

By last spring, 37 of the planned



Alan Harbine joins Thrivent Build with Habitat in El Salvador. Photo provided by Alan Harbine

75 homes were constructed.

The program, Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, is a multi-year, multi-million dollar partnership with Habitat for Humanity International. More than 2,000 homes have been built to date in the U.S. and around the world through the Thrivent/Habitat collaboration.

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes people dedicated to eliminating poverty housing. Since it was founded in 1976, the program has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 350,000 houses worldwide, providing shelter for more than 1.75 million people.

Alan said that as the homes were built, relationships with local residents grew. Volunteers from a church and Habitat El Salvador partner families worked with the team.

As in the United States, Salvadoran families have to apply for and purchase their Habitat homes, and help with the construction before assuming residency.

He said one-third of Salvadorans live in substandard housing and have little compared to people

living in the United States.

"Despite having few worldly possessions, the Salvadorans I met displayed a wealth of spirit, love and generosity," Alan said.

The team sometimes put down their work gloves to explore the area, attend a Lutheran church service, take a boat ride, tour Mayan ruins, learn to prepare Salvadoran food and relax at a beach.

"A high point was playing soccer with workers and neighborhood young men," he said. "It was fun because soccer is a universal game and language barriers were not an issue."

One challenge was being evacuated from the work site in Santa Ana to San Salvador for two days when tropical storm Agatha swept across El Salvador.

In Spokane, Alan is sharing his experiences to raise awareness of the impact of poverty housing. He encourages others to be involved in similar volunteer service.

There were few jobs for teachers in Washington when he graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in 1981, so he found a job as a youth minister in Puyallup, Wash., in 1978 and in Grass Valley, Calif., from 1981 to 1986, before serving as youth minister at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Spokane from 1987 to 1996.

"Being a youth minister was fulfilling," said Alan, who led several groups—with 22 to 50 youth—at St. Luke's on youth missions to Tijuana, Mexico. He feels those trips changed the teens' views of the world and what is important in life.

Alan said it's one thing to tell youth that two thirds of the world live in poverty, but another for them to experience it first hand.

He plans to return to El Salvador as leader of a team of Habitat volunteers, including his wife, Kelli, their two adult daughters and 17-year-old son.

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Grandmother maintains global connections

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and girls forced to marry early are sad, my experience can make those needs come alive," said Donna, hoping that those coming to the United Nations Day Dinner in Spokane will leave with ideas of what they can do.

For five years, she worked with the World Health Organization (WHO) in Ethiopia and Uganda, after working four years with the International Labor Organization (ILO) in Ethiopia.

In addition, she has lived internationally in developing countries for more than 40 years, starting in the 1960s as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand.

After graduating from Holy Names Academy in Spokane, she completed a bachelor's degree in English literature at the University of Washington in 1963 before entering the Peace Corps.

Following studies at St. Louis University in 1966, she returned to Asia to Kuala Lumpur and married. Later she served five years as an English as a second language teacher on TV in American Samoa.

Donna began working with the United Nations after she earned a master's degree in international education at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

From 1986 to 1989, she worked with the International Labor Organization (ILO) in Ethiopia.

From 1989 to 1994, she worked with the World Health Organization's Global Program on AIDS in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and then in Entebbe, Uganda.

In Ethiopia, Donna developed health promotion activities and training programs for health professionals, teachers, students, journalists and women.

In Uganda, she prepared resources for youth, rural communities, religious leaders and women of childbearing age.

Then for 15 years, she worked in Vietnam, Thailand and Laos with Family Health International, an educational and research organization that has offices and programs in more than 70 countries, addressing primarily reproductive health, HIV and AIDS prevention and control, and nutrition.

Since retiring to Spokane in 2005, she has been a consultant with United Nations and Family Health International programs in Asia and the Pacific, but more recently focusing on Africa.

"For example, I recently consulted by phone with a program in Kenya for truck drivers who cross borders and visit sex workers at truck stops," said Donna, who serves on the board of the Spokane AIDS Network.

In Spokane, she finds many



Donna Flanagan

international-minded people concerned about poverty, water and disease abroad.

"People here are aware of our wealth in contrast to the poverty around the world," Donna said.

For her, the UN's millennium development goals address key issues of the world and offer people in this area opportunities of places to put their time and efforts.

"We as individuals can push to achieve the millennium development goals that have been agreed to by many nations," Donna said, adding that she will offer suggestions in her talk at the dinner.

One suggestion is for people to join organizations like the United Nations Association, which she said will soon be joined with the United Nations Foundation.

The \$1 billion Ted Turner advanced to the United Nations—embarrassed that the United States had not paid its dues for many years—created the foundation rather than being returned to him after the United States paid.

The United Nations Association will merge into the foundation, gaining energy and funding to help inform people in the United States about UN programs.

"We need to find ways to help young people be informed about the history of the organization and current programs," she said.

"There are so many things we need to do and can do in the world. The UN is a valuable tool addressing issues that affect people. I believe in its work," Donna said.

From living abroad, she knows that everything American is not necessarily "the best," because she saw excellent education systems in Asia and "fantastic" maternal and child care in Africa.

"Some Americans believe that if it's not American, it's no good," she noted, pointing out that people in each country love their own countries and cultures.

"Not everyone wants to cross U.S. borders illegally. They come to find jobs lost in their homelands, so they can support their families. It's not easy to come to the U.S. now, and the U.S. is not welcoming," she said.

Practicing Buddhist meditation after her years in Asia, Donna said she was drawn to that faith because "it's nonjudgmental about people and behaviors."

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Coinciding with the Oct. 2 One Nation March at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane (PJALS) and local groups are sponsoring its March and Rally for Jobs, Justice and Peace, meeting at 1 p.m. at 35 W. Main St., and marching to the

Federal Building for a rally.

The focus of the One Nation March is on jobs, justice and education to "Put America Back to Work" and "Pull America Back Together," said Shar Lichty of PJALS, which has helped organize a regional show of support.

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Pastors promote unity in the lives of individuals and the community

Pastors Jimmy and Phyllis Pierce foster unity to bring healing in the multicultural church they serve and with the Spokane Ministers' Fellowship.

Jimmy is senior pastor of Unspeakable Joy Christian Fellowship and the 2010-2011 president of the Spokane Ministers' Fellowship.

Phyllis ministers to women, from one-to-one counseling to an annual women's conference.

Through worship, classes and one-to-one counseling, their goal is the restoration of harmony in families and individual's lives so they can find their purpose and carry out their ministries.

"We're about helping people," Jimmy said of the church, "helping people deal with life crises and trauma they have experienced."

"I've seen many lives change—college students from Eastern Washington University, military people at Fairchild Air Force Base, married couples made whole and people ready to go into ministry," he said.

"I see our church as offering a training ground," he said.

"God gives us time to concentrate on working with people, sharing God's love for them so they can go on," said Jimmy, adding that he and his wife are still in contact with most of those they have helped.

He started the Unspeakable Joy Christian Fellowship in 1998. After he retired from the Air Force in 2004, he decided to stay and he continues to work at Fairchild as a civilian in personnel security.

Feeling called to offer a "ministry of love" in Airway Heights, he first held services in hotels and the community center. Now the church at 13315 W. 13th Ave. serves about 60 people in Airway Heights, Cheney, Fairchild, EWU and Spokane.

Although the church is non-denominational—as a way to express its desire to foster unity—it affiliates with Impact Fellowship International and describes its approach as Pentecostal.

Jimmy and Phyllis wanted to avoid a name that would be associated with a set of teachings so they could welcome people from all walks of life and from many denominational backgrounds.

"Often people use their beliefs to tear down what someone else teaches or believes. I tell what I believe, and others tell what they believe," he said. "I talk about Scripture and then encourage people to go to the Bible to see what it says to them."

Born in Alabama, Jimmy said his father was a Baptist preacher and his mother was an ardent



Pastors Jimmy and Phyllis Pierce help individuals and families overcome trauma.

member of the Church of Christ. Their denominations had different teachings and traditions.

In 1976, they moved to Covington, Tenn., and he began attending Covington Church of God in Christ. He met Phyllis, who grew up in Tennessee, at that church.

After he joined the Air Force, they moved often from Blytheville, Ark., to Alexandria, La., to King Salmon, Alaska, to Rapid City, S.D., to Korea, to Rome, N.Y., to North Dakota, where he served five years as pastor of a Church of God in Christ before coming to Spokane 12 years ago.

Jimmy had some training in counseling in the military and studied several years for ministry beginning in 1989 under Bishop Lorenzo Kelly in the Church of God in Christ in South Dakota. Through his training in ministry, Jimmy said his personal healing began. He was ordained in 1992. Phyllis trained with Bishop Kelly and with her husband.

As a victim of sexual abuse and having watched her mother be battered, Phyllis said that learning Bishop Kelly overcame a similar trauma strengthened her.

"I realized that through God's love, we can live and have dominion over where we go with our lives," she said.

"Now God sends me people who have faced similar struggles and feel they are worthless," she said. "I let them know there is life after that kind of death. I tell them don't give up. Don't let the past cancel the future."

Jimmy believes he needs to help people increase in faith, especially in the midst of adversity and tragedy.

"My wife and I offer a pro-

phetic, healing and deliverance ministry, helping people deal with issues they face, from rape or molestation to military members re-entering civilian society after serving in a war zone.

"We focus on the spiritual issues and helping families, and refer those with post-traumatic stress to help on the base or at the Veterans Administration Medical Center," he said.

While healing and deliverance may include laying on of hands, it's more about one-to-one conversations, helping people "regain the lives Jesus wants for them, so they can lead more productive lives," he said.

Jimmy preaches and leads worship Sunday mornings. He also leads a Wednesday evening Bible study, a men's group, a singles group and life-skills and financial management classes.

Along with individual counseling, Phyllis leads women's fellowship and a book club.

For the sixth year, she has also organized an annual Women's Conference, "God's Divine Divas," with speakers telling how they overcame past experiences in battered homes, bad marriages or abusive relationships.

"We see God challenging women to go beyond the veil," she said. "Some want jobs or want to go to school, but after being battered, their esteem is gone. The speakers and I challenge women so they can go to the next level and go to school and strive to make it on their own, to do what they thought they couldn't do."

Phyllis is writing two books, one on "Life After Death" and the other is a daily devotional.

Jimmy and Phyllis believe

They meet at 10:30 a.m. on first Saturdays, because many of the clergy, like Jimmy, are bivocational.

It sponsors three events a year for African-American and multicultural congregations—an Easter Sunrise Service, a Thanksgiving Service and a New Year's Eve Watch Night Service.

This year, they held services each night of Holy Week at different churches, leading up to Easter weekend, and they also organized a Juneteenth celebration, which acknowledges that many slaves did not hear about the Emancipation Proclamation declaring their freedom until the June after it was enacted.

"Spokane's African-American community is scattered," Jimmy said. "We need to come together to deal with the high drop-out rate, both on prevention and on helping those who have dropped out earn a GED or learn a trade."

He calls for not only unity among churches but also unity among agencies—the NAACP, Martin Luther King Jr. Family Outreach Center, VOICES and other efforts.

"We need to unite the minority community so we are aware of what's going on and keep connected," Jimmy said.

"Everyone's church is different and everyone does things in different ways, but we can come together as the Christian community to overcome gender issues and racial barriers," he said.

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Faith community denounces recent frenzy of anti-Muslim bigotry

The Fig Tree Board meeting in September felt called to make a statement against the anti-Islam sentiments voiced over the summer and a pastor who eventually was dissuaded from burning Qu'rans.

With The Fig Tree modeling solutions-oriented journalism, the board is attuned to media decisions and believes some media have played a role in building an "enemy image" that mistakenly associates terrorists with Islam by repeating the phrase, "Muslim terrorists," and by feeding into sensationalized, polarizing coverage of one pastor in Florida and a planned Muslim community center in New York City.

Our board voted, on Sept. 9, to endorse a statement by interfaith leaders—consisting of National Council of Churches, Catholic, Protestant, Evangelical, Jewish, Muslim and other leaders and supported by the Washington Association of Churches and Lutheran Public Policy Office—to speak out against the degradation of any religious symbol or sacred texts of religions.

Board members believe such a stand is in line with our call to be in solidarity with people of diverse faiths and to engender interfaith understanding, respect and coop-

eration in line with our mission to: 1) connect people of faith on common concerns; 2) share stories of people living their faith and values; 3) build understanding among diverse congregations; 4) stir compassion for vulnerable, violated people; 5) explore issues of faith, ethics and justice; 6) offer reflection behind ideas and actions; 7) open dialogue to foster respect; 8) network people and groups to pool resources, and 9) inspire people to act together locally and globally.

The Fig Tree seeks break through divisions among people and faiths by building understanding, promoting unity and inviting action.

The statement of more than 50 religious leaders denounces "the derision, misinformation and outright bigotry" directed against America's Muslim community. They call for honoring America's varied faith traditions and promoting a culture of mutual respect that assures religious freedom for all. They call for "a new era of interfaith cooperation."

"As Jews, Christians, and Muslims, we are grateful to live in this democracy whose Constitution guarantees religious liberty

for all," they said, calling for guarding that freedom so the United States remains "a beacon to the world in defending the rights of religious minorities." They know that at times in history some groups have been singled out for unjust discrimination, scorn and animosity by people who misconstrue or distort the U.S. founders' vision.

Alarmed by the anti-Muslim frenzy over the plans to build an Islamic community center and mosque at the Park 51 site near Ground Zero in New York City, they sought to respond to the fear, contempt and violence against Muslims. They strongly condemned one pastor's threat to burn the Qu'ran and affirmed "building a future in which religious differences no longer lead to hostility or division between communities" but allow diversity "to enrich our public discourse about the moral challenges that face our nation and planet."

They believe 1) no religion should be judged by the words or actions of people who seek to pervert it through violence; 2) politicians and media are never justified in exploiting religious differences as a wedge to advance political agendas or ideologies, and 3) bearing false witness against the

neighbor is condemned by all the major religious traditions.

The religious leaders call for mutual learning among religions, urging congregational leaders "to teach with accuracy, fairness and respect about other faith traditions." They urge interfaith education, inter-congregational visitations, dialogues among scholars and religious authorities, and common action for justice and mercy to benefit society. These leaders believe that their faiths can accomplish more together and can heal U.S. culture from the wounds of 9/11.

"Silence is not an option. Only by taking this stand can spiritual leaders fulfill the highest calling of our respective faiths, and thereby help to create a safer and stronger America for all of our people," they said.

How will Inland Northwest faith communities respond? Will media take responsibility rather than being caught in political winds and ploys? What role will our universities play in fostering dialogue? How will we each drop the mantle of silence and speak out to challenge bigotry we encounter?

Mary Stamp - Editor

Following the money leads to political self-interests of billionaires

When journalists Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein were unraveling the Watergate scandal under President Richard Nixon in 1972, the source they called Deep Throat advised: "Follow the money."

It's advice we might follow today, too.

Throughout history we have had periodic "red scares" and other crusades that whip up fervor and fear. Today, we have the dispersed "movement," known as the Tea Party, gaining media attention as it stirs fear of "the other," immigrants, "socialists," the poor, government and the President.

Several authors and journalists have been asking who is financing it.

Historian Kim Phillips-Fein's 2009 book, *Invisible Hands*, is titled for corporate millionaires and billionaires who anonymously finance manufactured grassroots move-

ments. She writes that the billionaires' targets remain the same: unions, taxes, regulations and government programs for the poor, sick, elderly or unemployed. For example, the DuPont brothers financed the Liberty League in 1934 to attack President Franklin Roosevelt.

The Aug. 30 *New Yorker* magazine published "Covert Operations: The Billionaire Brothers Who are Waging a War against Obama" by Jane Mayer. The article is detailed, documented and available online.

Among today's heaviest spenders, Jane said, are David and Charles Koch, brothers who bankroll the Americans for Prosperity Foundation, Citizens for the Environment, Citizens for a Sound Economy—now FreedomWorks—the Economic Education Trust and charitable foundations that sup-

port research related to their financial and political interests. Americans for Prosperity, Jane reports, "has worked closely with the Tea Party since its inception."

According to *Fortune* magazine, Koch Industries is the second largest private U.S. corporation—next to Cargill—with an estimated annual income of \$100 billion. Besides oil refineries and pipelines, it owns Dixie Cups, Georgia-Pacific, Lycra, Brawny, Stainmaster and other products. The Koch's fortune is \$35 billion. Since 2006, they have been top among petroleum companies in political contributions.

While on the board of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Institute, David was active as Koch Industries lobbied to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from declaring formaldehyde a carcinogen.

When he ran for Vice President in 1980 on the Libertarian ticket, he supported a platform to abolish the FBI, CIA, federal regulatory agencies, Social Security, minimum-wage laws, gun control, and personal and corporate income taxes, and to reduce government to the role of protecting of individual rights.

Is a movement heavily funded by establishment billionaires really "grassroots"?

If we follow the money trail, what's our responsibility as people of faith and consumers? What is the responsibility of the media who cover politics and accept ads from those financing movements and campaigns?

Who are the other big players and what are their agendas and values?

Nancy Minard - Editorial Team

Letter to the Editor

Sounding Board

Newsletter Excerpts

A personal insult is bad enough, but when someone insults the God you worship or the book you revere, the blasphemy has an added sting. The attack is on your deepest conviction and most ardent allegiance. Why should we be surprised when Muslims react to a misguided preacher who threatened to burn copies of the Koran?

Important facts to remember are:

- The ill-judged ranting of this pastor represents only a minute fraction of America's religious thinking.

- Our reaction to the tirade is more important than the words or deeds.

- The content of any book—the Koran, Bible or Bhagavad-Gita—makes it sacred. Burning the paper on which it is written accomplishes nothing.

- God, whether defined by the Jewish, Muslim, or Christian tradition, needs no defense, so there is no need to declare a jihad, inquisition or crusade.

Let us tone down the rhetoric and embrace a more sane and inclusive approach to all religions and their sacred writings.

The Rev. Wilbur Rees - Shalom United Church of Christ - Richland

A sign on an abandoned church building said, "Community Service Center." The building stood on a main street in a small town somewhere on our vacation journeys.

My first emotion was sadness. The structure was sturdy, build of stone. It must have served its religious purpose for years. What had happened that the building was abandoned? Had members moved away

as happens in many urban churches? But this was a small town. Had it completed its useful life of 50 years and watched its congregation age and pass away? But churches can live longer than 50, and an aging congregation can replace itself with an influx of younger people.

An instant thought focused on the sign that said, "Community Service Center." The fact was clearly demonstrated that when the activities within the building served the purposes of the community, it had a life. Could it have been that the church that once met to worship in the building forgot its other purpose to be a "community center"?

The first purpose of a church is to be a center for worship. Everything else is secondary, but there must be other activities for us to shelter. We are, by God's grace, capable of being a gift to our community because of space we can and do provide.

Our church's door is open to weddings, funerals, scouts, AA, a preschool, concerts, piano recitals, drama and education. It is a place of worship and a community center. If we are faithful with the latter, we may continue to enjoy the former.

The Rev Dan Berg - Open Door United Church of Christ - Deer Park

Fifty years ago, there was much anxiety about a Roman Catholic senator from Massachusetts running for President. Would he be loyal to the Pope over being loyal to the United States?

Several colonies established in this new world were focused around particular faith

groups—Puritans, Anglicans, Quakers and Presbyterians. They frequently didn't get along and were not tolerant of one another. They left Europe seeking religious freedom—freedom for them to be the dominant religion in their own nation.

After a while, Protestants' anxiety lessened. They were still nervous with one another, but united against Roman Catholics. Then there was intolerance of Jews and Mormons. Different nationalities were suspect—Japanese and Chinese in particular. We must not forget Africans who were forced into slavery. Then there were Pentecostals. Over time, most of these religious and ethnic groups moved from a place of abuse and intolerance to becoming accepted and part of our community life.

Now religious tolerance is not just about Baptists, Methodists, Roman Catholics or Jews, but about Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and other religions. We are being tested again to rethink what religious freedom is about and how to live in a community of diversity in different expressions.

It is easy to be consumed by fear of the new and unknown, yet Jesus said to love our neighbor and pray for those who persecute us. Being a Christian isn't easy.

The Rev. David Helseth Englewood Christian - Yakima

What is the difference between a rope and a life line? Is it a matter of perspective? Whose perspective counts more? I remember when child harnesses came on the scene, and my mother wished she had one when traveling with me as a

small child through busy airports going to Germany. She still calls when seeing a storm heading our way. She will ask: Are you warm enough? Have enough wood? Can we help with anything? For many children, it would feel more like a rope than a lifeline, but I'll miss it when those calls no longer come.

Sometimes it is easy to know the difference between being confined by a rope and fed by a lifeline. Sometimes it's not. Children grow up, but are never out of family bonds. When should we intervene in a crisis? What if waiting to be asked for help is too late? Once a parent, always a parent. Then there are end-of-life issues where parent-child roles reverse.

The older we grow, the tougher it is to distinguish between a rope and a lifeline—individual freedom and corporate, communal responsibility. We were uniquely created but cannot survive without the other. We are connected to each other in the present, influenced by decisions in the past and with an eye to those who will come after us. Is this a rope that strangles us or a lifeline?

There are no easy answers. I can't silence questions. I am concerned if we can't gather as a society to ask and explore these and more questions. Church needs to be a safe place to ask and explore, be affirmed and challenged, know Christ is in the midst of our agreements and disagreements, and hear the truth of who we are, whose we are and to whom this creation belongs.

The Rev. Matthew Goodrich - American Lutheran Church - Newport

Advocacy forums scheduled in fall

Two of seven Fall Advocacy Forums organized throughout the state by the Lutheran Public Policy Office are being held in Eastern and Central Washington.

One on education and child welfare will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at Bethlehem Lutheran in Spokane.

One on the difference one voice can make is set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, at Grace Lutheran in Wenatchee.

Other sessions address congregations' roles, taxation, hunger and poverty, and tools for action.

For information, call 464-4133 or visit lppowa.org.

NPR journalist speaks at lunch

Susan Stamberg of National Public Radio will be the featured speaker for the YWCA-Spokane Women of Achievement Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the Spokane Convention Center.

She is a special correspondent for NPR, the first woman anchor of a national nightly news program and a host of "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered."

The event supports YWCA programs for women, children and families in Spokane.

The event honors women in the arts and culture, volunteer service, professional service, health care/science and racial justice.

For information, call 789-9304.

Second Harvest sets mobile food banks

In October, Second Harvest Inland Northwest mobile food banks will distribute fresh produce and frozen products to people who need emergency food assistance.

They will be held from noon to 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8, at Millwood Presbyterian, 3223 N. Marguerite Rd.; from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday Oct. 13, at Northeast Youth Center, 3004 E. Queen; from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday Oct. 19, at East Central Community Center, 500 S. Stone, and from 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday Oct. 26, Mid-City Concerns, 1222 W. 2nd Ave.

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- Oct 2 • **Fallen Leaf Run** for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Mirabeau Point Park, 13500 E. Mirabeau Parkway, 9 a.m., 456-0505
- **"Shrishi:Creation,"** Dance Ballet of India, Bing Crosby Theater, 901 W. Sprague Ave., 7 p.m., 325-7328 or 227-7638
- **Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane (PJALS) March and Rally** for Jobs, Justice and Peace, 35 W. Main, 1 p.m., 838-7870
- Oct 4-5 • **Turner Lectures** with John Dominic Crossan, Englewood Christian Church, Yakima, 253-893-7202
- Oct 6 & 18 • **Healing Foods Kitchen**, Providence Holy Family Health Education Center, 5633 N. Lidgerwood, 5:30 p.m., 482-2271
- Oct 7 • **Fig Tree Board**, Emmanuel Family Life Center, 631 S. Richard Allen Ct., 1 p.m., 535-1813
- **Cup of Cool Water** 15-year anniversary dessert, All Saints Lutheran, 314 S. Spruce, 7 p.m., 747-6686
- Oct 9 • **Holistic Festival**, CenterPlace, 2426 N. Discovery Place, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 468-9001
- Oct 10 • **Poor Man's Meal**, House of Charity, 11-2, 358-4254
- **Jam for Bread**, Westminster Congregational UCC, 411 S. Washington
- Oct 11 • **"Being a Community of Courage,"** Community Panel, Bing Crosby Theatre, 901 W. Sprague, 7 p.m., 777-4580
- Oct 12 • **People Who Care Helping Women Who Dare**, Transitions Fundraiser, Red Lion Hotel at the Park, 202 W. North River Dr., Breakfast at 7:30 a.m., Lunch at 11:30 a.m., 328-6702
- **Take Action Against Hate Banquet**, Gonzaga University Cataldo Hall, 5:45 p.m., 313-3665
- **"The Culture of Consumerism,"** Chris Jordan, Weyerhaeuser Hall, Whitworth, 7 p.m., 777-4580
- Oct 13 • **"A View from Washington: A House Hopelessly Divided,"** Michelle Bernard, MSNBC analyst, Weyerhaeuser Hall, Whitworth, 7 p.m.
- Oct 14 • **Hispanic Business Professional Association**, Agave Latin Bistro, 830 W. Sprague Ave., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., mikeg@kxly.com
- **"Potentates, Priests and a Pariah,"** theologian Jim Edwards, Weyerhaeuser Hall, Whitworth, 7 p.m.
- Oct 15 • **Beck Taylor Inauguration** as Whitworth University President, Cowles Auditorium, Whitworth, 3 p.m., 777-4580
- Oct 15-17 • **"Recipes for Mission,"** Episcopal Diocesan Convention, Cathedral of St. John, 127 E. 12th Ave., 624-3191
- Oct 16 • **Welcome Home Workshop for Veterans**, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 219 E. Rockwood Blvd., 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., 483-0428
- Oct 19 • **"Successful Aging Forum: Accessing Health Care,"** Northern Quest Resort, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 458-2509, ext 222
- **Catholic Charities Volunteer Information Coffee**, 12 E. 5th Ave., 10 a.m., 358-4270.
- **"If a Calvinist Had Coffee with a Feminist,"** political science professor Julia Stronks, Weyerhaeuser Hall, Whitworth, 7 p.m., 777-3275
- Oct 20 • **"The Transformative Roles for Service Learning and Community Engagement in Higher Education,"** Whitworth President Beck Taylor, Spokane City Forum, First Presbyterian, 318 S. Cedar, 11:45 a.m., 777-1555
- **Inland Northwest Land Trust Annual Meeting**, Community Building, 35 W. Main Ave., 5:30 to 7 p.m., 328-2939
- Oct 21 • **"PJALS Eyewitness in Palestine: Boycott Options,"** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 314 S. Spruce, 7 p.m., 838-7870
- Oct 22 • **Thayne McCulloh Inauguration** as President of Gonzaga University, McCarthy Athletic Center, 3 p.m.
- Oct 22-24 • **Women's Retreat for Cancer Survivors**, St. Joseph Family Center, 1016 N. Superior St., 483-6495 ext 133
- **Hildegard of Bingen Retreat**, Spirit Center, Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, Idaho, 208-962-2000
- Oct 23 • **"The Reunion of All God's Churches,"** True Life in God, 2724 S. Lamont St., 1 to 4 p.m., 599-1114
- Oct 24 • **"Engaging America in the Millennium Development Goals,"** United Nations Day Dinner, Cataldo Hall at Gonzaga University, 6 to 9 p.m., 747-2077
- Oct 27 • **YWCA Women of Achievement Luncheon**, Spokane Convention Center, 334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 326-1190
- Oct 30 • **Northwest Christian Schools IMPACT 2010**, Spokane Convention Center, 334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., 7 p.m., 238-4005, ext. 146
- Nov. 1 • **Inland Northwest Land Trust** annual luncheon, keynote by author Terry Tempest Williams, Lincoln Center, 1316 N. Lincoln St., 11:30 a.m., 328-2939
- Nov 3 • **Fig Tree distribution**, St. Mark's Lutheran, 316 E. 24th, 9 a.m., 535-1813
- Nov 4 • **Fig Tree Board**, 631 S. Richard Allen Ct., 1 p.m., 535-1813
- Nov 11 • **The Fig Tree Harvest Auction**, Cathedral of St. John, 127 E. 12th Ave., 6 to 8:30 p.m., 535-4112
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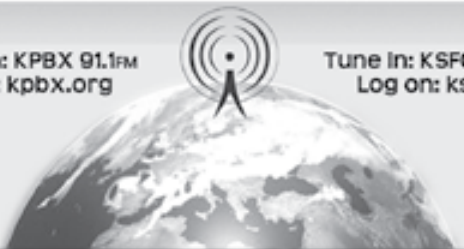
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Feed Cheney monthly sit-down meals help foster community

Feed Cheney, which began last spring, offers a restaurant-style dinner for individuals and families in the West Plains area.

Volunteers from the churches and community help set up and serve the meal from 5 to 6 p.m. on last Mondays of each month from September through May at Cheney United Church of Christ at 423 N. Sixth.

Feed Cheney is a safety net to assist families who need help with their food budget during the last week of the month.

The dinner, which about 40 to 80 people have been attending, is also intended as a community-building event.

The Women's and Children's Free Restaurant in Spokane prepares the food.

When insurance questions arose over the summer, the Cheney United Church of Christ's council voted to sponsor Feed Cheney.

"Mission is to church as air is to breathing," interim pastor the Rev. Joan Sulser quoted.

The idea for the program began last fall after Natalie Tauzin, a health specialist focusing on community nutrition and health access in her work with the Spokane Regional Health District, decided to do a community project related to food access in Cheney, where she has lived for seven years.

She met with members of Cheney United Church of Christ, which she attends, with the Cheney Food Bank, Second Harvest and



Boys serve themselves at salad buffet.

Photo by Natalie Tauzin

the Women's and Children's Free Restaurant in Spokane.

Natalie, who previously worked five years with Washington State University's Food Sense nutrition education program after moving from California, gathered some volunteers who helped prepare food for 50 on the last Monday in February 2010, but no one came. Natalie took the food to the Union Gospel Mission.

Then she and other volunteers spread the word through the schools, Eastern Washington University, ECEAP, church bulletins, and the local press.

In March, more than 75 came. Attendance leveled out at about 40 participants in April and May with 10 to 12 volunteers committing time to the event before they took a summer break.

Feed Cheney resumed on the last Monday of September, with plans to serve meals through May 2011 at the church.

Natalie appreciates that elementary, middle and high school students, as well as Eastern Washington University students, have volunteered to help set up the tables, prepare salads and serve food using real dishes and glasses.

They also stay to clean up.

"It's like coming to a restaurant, sitting down and being served," she said.

She seeks a volunteer coordinator to assist her and she is recruiting assistance from other churches in Cheney for volunteers, supplies, coffee and funding.

"We need to rebuild community among the churches," she said.

Feed Cheney seeks to offer a "warm, inviting, safe environment" for everyone who comes, single mothers with children, food bank participants, older people and college students. They are asked to sign in by first name so there is a tally, with the option of providing their email and phone

number to receive reminders.

"It's geared for low-income people in Cheney, but no one is checking and no one will be turned away," she said.

"Everyone, not just people with money, deserves to eat high quality, nutritious foods in a nurturing environment," she said.

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Ophelia Araujo, outreach coordinator for AMRS, said that domestic violence is the single most source of injury to women, more prevalent than auto accidents, muggings and rape by a stranger.

The program will include men

and women speaking on their experiences dealing with abuse.

For information, call 487-2795 or visit www.armsonline.org

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Panelists: Breean Beggs, civil rights attorney
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Julia Stronks, Whitworth political science professor

TUESDAY, OCT. 12, 7 P.M., Weyerhaeuser Hall, Whitworth University

Seattle photographer Chris Jordan presents his challenging, large-scale artworks depicting mass consumption and waste.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13, 7 P.M., Weyerhaeuser Hall, Whitworth University

Michelle Bernard, MSNBC political analyst and CEO of the Independent Women's Forum, offers an insider's perspective in "A View from Washington: A House Hopelessly Divided?"

THURSDAY, OCT. 14, 7 P.M., Weyerhaeuser Hall, Whitworth University

Whitworth theologian James Edwards presents the inaugural Bruner-Welch Chair Lecture, "Potentates, Priests, and a Pariah: Reflections on Luke 3:1-2 about Divine Revelation in Human History."

FRIDAY, OCT. 15, 3 P.M., Whitworth Fieldhouse



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