

SFIC

NEWS UPDATE

■ Keeping You Informed

Busy schedules mean little time to read. Still we want to keep you informed about the work at SFIC. We're experimenting with this new 5-minute format, anticipating it will take you about five minutes to read. We invite you to copy it to include in your next bulletin, informing others about the interfaith efforts going on in San Francisco. To find out more, call 474-1321.

■ Shelter Program

The Winter Shelter & Food Program will begin its 13th year in November and will operate through March 2002. Participants have said, "We get much more out of participating than we give." Call Rita Semel to schedule dates to participate.

■ SpiritLife Program at Juvenile Hall & Beyond

The groundbreaking work of **Rev. Toni Dunbar**, Chaplain at Youth Guidance Center, is expanding. Based on its successful interfaith work, **Public Private Ventures (PPV)** is funding an After Care Program. The goal is to reduce recidivism, using the strength and love of a spiritual approach. We're pleased to welcome

Anthony Ross as Religious After Care Coordinator.

■ Child Care Task Force

In May, the Child Care Task Force distributed 500 backpacks to Head Start graduates who will enter kindergarten in the fall. Thanks to **David Meckler** who arranged the donation through **Factory 2U**. Thanks, too, to the interfaith participants who filled the backpacks: **Bahai's of SF, Brahma Kumaris, Church of the Epiphany Over 50's Club, Congregation Beth Sholom, Congregation Emanu-El Sisterhood Guild, Congregation Sherith Israel, Jones Memorial United Methodist Women, Lake Merced Church of Christ, Noe Valley Ministry, Seventh Avenue Presbyterian, St. Aidan's Episcopal, St. Dominic's Church, St. Francis and St. Mathew's Lutheran.**

In addition, the CCTF has become a Local Advisory Board for **First Book**. First Book's mission is to give children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books. If you're concerned about children's issues, please join us.



■ Mayor's Prayer Breakfast – Universal Children's Day

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, November 20** and plan to get up early to enjoy a hearty breakfast, good company, inspirational music, and a few words from **Mayor Willie Brown**.

SAN FRANCISCO INTERFAITH COUNCIL

Annual Meeting

**Thursday, June 21, 2001
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

**St. Mary's Cathedral Conference Center, Hall A
1111 Gough Street, San Francisco**

FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES:

Are they good for the faith community?

Join

special guests for points of view and discussion.

- **Professor Alan Brownstein**, UC Davis Law School
- **Rev. Ken Chambers**, Westside Economic Development Corp.
- **Rev. Kevin Tripp**, Marin Interfaith Council

Moderator: **Rev. Alan Jones**, United Methodist Mission

Who gets the money?

What are the pluses?

What are the minuses?

What are the next steps?

Please join us. Meet others engaged in the work of the interfaith community. Celebrate our diversity and enjoy the good will of people working together to make San Francisco a better place.

4:30 Fellowship & Refreshments

5:00 SFIC Business Meeting: Presentation of Officers & Program Reports

5:30 Panel Discussion on Faith-Based Initiatives Questions & Discussion

7:00 Closing Prayer

Please call us at **474-1321** by **Friday, June 15** if you plan to attend.

You're invited to duplicate this announcement to include in your service bulletin or post on your community bulletin board.



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Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

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SpiritLife Program at Juvenile Hall

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Winter Shelter & Food Program

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“ If your enemy is hungry,
give him bread to eat; and
if he is thirsty, give him
water to drink. ”

Proverbs 25:21