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Mission Ministries Philippines

SUNDAY, JULY 9

COMBINED WORSHIP & POTLUCK

WITH UNITED NEW LIFE



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"Grateful for the Past—Hopeful for the Future!"

Fiji Here We Come!

Seven people from our church will attend the upcoming International Congregational Fellowship (ICF) Quadrennial Conference in Fiji from July 20th – 26th. Since 1977, the ICF has hosted international conferences bringing together adults, youth, clergy and laity from churches around the world. It's been a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow Christians from other countries. I am so glad that Salend Krishna from our church and Simon Gounder, our host and planner for the trip, will be our guides. Both of them were born and raised in Fiji.

The theme of the conference is **Good News That Transforms**. There will be sessions on how the Good News transforms the individual, the church and the community. I will be speaking at the session on how the *Good News Transforms the Church* and will share examples of transformation from our own church. Following each session, we will break into groups to discuss the topic that was presented.

I am grateful for the church hosting us which was founded by Simon Gounder. Each night will be a different cultural experience. One night we will eat Indian food. Songs and dances from India will help us appreciate their culture. *(Continued on Page 7)*

Connect

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45am on Sundays

Connect Online

Facebook: Anaheim Chapel at First Congregational Church of Anaheim.

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NorthEast of the Well

Every Monday, 6-8pm

Dinner: 6pm, Hall

Worship: 6:45pm, Sanctuary

July 4th at Peralta Park

3:00pm Food & Entertainment

9:00pm Fireworks

Mission Ministries Philippines

Sunday, July 9th

Mission Ministries Philippines' Dr. Chona Domingo & Aida Aquino will join FCCA & United New Life for a combined worship service & potluck!

JOG: Just Ordinary Guys

Monday, July 10th

12:00-1:30pm, McKenzie Hall

\$12 for lunch

Women's Lunch

Monday, July 17th

11:30am-1pm, McKenzie Hall

FCCA News & Updates

Small Group Dinner

Following our recent small group study, participants gathered for dinner at El Torito in Anaheim! A short study on the wisdom literature in the Old Testament was a great way to learn together before the craziness of summer.



Preschool Graduation

Kids from the Montessori Academy of Anaheim put on a wonderful graduation program for the kindergarten class in June! Pastor Emily holds Bible lessons in the older two classrooms every Thursday, and the kids are a joy.

4th of July at Peralta Park

We are going to celebrate the 4th of July again at Peralta Park! Food vendors, entertainment and expo booths are from 3:00-9:00pm. A fireworks show ends the evening at 9pm. All are welcome! Bring a chair or blanket and join us on the lawn. Please RSVP if you plan to attend, so that we have a rough idea how much space to save.

Mission Ministries Philippines Visit with Combined Worship Service & Potluck

Sunday, July 9th: Combined Worship, Potluck to Follow

Dr. Chona Domingo and Aida Aquino from Mission Ministries Philippines will be visiting us in worship on Sunday, July 9th! We will have a combined worship service and potluck with United New Life Christian Church, the Filipino church that worships in the Hall on Sunday mornings. FCCA was closely involved in the founding of Mission Ministries Philippines.

July Women's Lunch: Women Who Eat, Pray and Love

Monday, July 17th; 11:30am-1:00pm in McKenzie Hall

Join us at our next women's lunch! Liza has volunteered to cook chicken adobo for us. Thank you, Liza! Come with your appetites ready for a fun and enriching time of fellowship.



JOG Luncheon

Featuring Guest Speaker, The Apostle Judas Iscariot



Meet arguably the most hated man in history.

Why did he betray Jesus?

What were his motivations?

What did he hope to accomplish?

How did Jesus feel about him?

Was there ever a chance he might have made a different decision?

Does he feel any remorse?

Come join us for one man's vision of the person, the personality, the life of one of the Apostles, Judas Iscariot.

This is a Bible-based theatrical presentation that many say is more thought-provoking than any they have ever seen as Mark Price brings key figures of history to life.

When: Monday, July 10th, 2023

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Where: First Congregational Church of Anaheim

515 North State College Blvd Anaheim, Ca 92806

(Located one block south of La Palma on the west side of State College in the city of Anaheim)

Cost: \$12

Enjoy the music of singer and guitar player Bob Goodrich, as well as the humor from Normandy Veteran, Jack Gutman, and football coach, Tom Meiss. We will have an excellent meal planned with tables always filled with good fellowship.

Please RSVP via email at chuck@penningtons-inc.com or
Call Chuck at 714-350-8983

JOG



Of Orange County

Just Ordinary Guys

Meeting the 2nd Monday of Every Month

Missions' Corner

A letter from Mission Chair, Linda Freud:

Below are some mission updates for the start of summer...

First of all, thank you for your contributions to help the Congregational Church of Myanmar after a devastating cyclone hit their area. We were able to send \$500.

Second, Panamerican Institute is winding down the '22-'23 school year with some fun events.

They have had a Color Guard contest (pictured), a Grammar contest, and a Student Game day. A Science Fair was held on June 29th, and graduation is coming up on July 15. Let's keep those graduating 3rd year students (similar to our 8th grade) in our prayers for their future success.

Third, in Rev. Andrew Bush's June newsletter he reported on their 2-week program SUMMER INTENSIVE IN PEACEMAKING.

Our goal is for the participants to learn from

peacemakers here, and in turn to bring their insights to this context. The program includes classroom lectures, field research, and prayer every morning and evening. We explored the quarters of the Old City of Jerusalem, the back streets of Hebron, an agricultural project in Jericho, and more. One highlight was to visit Nabi Mousa – a



(Missions' Corner Continued..)

*shrine in the desert to Moses
(pictured). This shrine developed
through the centuries in the
location from which people looked
across the Jordan River Valley to
Mt. Nebo where Moses was
granted a view of the Promised
Land before his death.*



Lastly, please make every effort to join us in-person on July 9th as we welcome Dr. Chonabelle Domingo and Aida Aquino from Mission Ministries Philippines. The United New Life Filipino Church will be joining us, and we will celebrate with a combined pot luck luncheon after worship to have a chance to visit with Chona and Aida. We want to continue to support MMP's efforts in early childhood education of the poorest of the poor by aiding in their U.S. fundraising trip. All your mission donations in July will be earmarked for MMP. Prayerfully consider how you can help. Thank you.





July Birthdays

- 2 Nina States
- 7 Helen Eliason
- 8 John Michael Morookian
- 9 Christina Richey
- 12 Terri DiCamillo
- 15 Jim Schibsted
- 17 Raul Caicedo
- 19 Jerry VanderZyl
- 21 Jennifer Brunson
- 21 Sophia Morookian
- 22 Teresa Davies
- 23 Ramina Swanson
- 24 Ray Craig
- 25 Henry Honaker
- 27 Janice Bowers

If you would like to have your birthday included in the CALL, please contact the church office at 714-776-0960 or fccaooffice@gmail.com.

(Pastor's Letter Continued...)

Other nights we will experience Samoan, Fijian, and finally international food, song and dance. On Sunday afternoon we will share meals with families from the church that live in nearby villages. I believe it will be an enriching time as we share our common faith. I want to thank those of you who have donated to this conference. We will bless the church in Fiji with new 13' by 13' pop ups and items for the children. Please keep us in your prayers as we journey to Fiji.

Looking forward to the journey,
Pastor Jim

Below: A photo of the host church, Anand Assemblies of God Church in Fiji.



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