

## Notes from Faith Subcommittee meeting 2/25/15

### Present:

Judy Alexandre, Kris Bergstrom, Mike Bitola, Sue Brinkmeyer, Jim Duran, Jonathan Hall, Lisa Hochberg-Miller, Jerome Kahler, John Jones, James Panagoti, Cecilia Perez, Debora Schreiber

### Notes:

Mike Bitola and James Panagoti presented a new program, 1 Family 1 Restaurant (1F1R.com). Restaurants create special meals at very low cost. People can donate those meals online or at participating restaurants, and then families that don't normally get the special treat of dining out receive a certificate they can take to the restaurant and have a family meal there. Red Brick Pizza and Himalaya are among the first restaurants to participate, but more are being recruited. They have served 240 meals so far in the program. They will have a table at the March 12 event so that congregation members can learn about the program and donate, if they choose.

So far, we have had RSVP's for the March 12 event from 11 houses of worship: Orchard, Community Presbyterian, River, Foothill, Mission, Bible Fellowship, Coastline, UU, First Christian, Temple Beth Torah, and our Lady of Assumption. Follow-up calls are continuing, and more houses of worship are expected to participate. Sue will send flyer and invitation letter to the ministers present, who will help reach out to colleagues.

19 agencies so far have agreed to participate: Human Service Agency, Habitat for Humanity, Action, Salvation Army, Ventura City Council, Ventura Unified School District, Home Share, School on Wheels, VCBH Rise, Family to Family, Lift Up Your Voice - Circles of Love, Mission Church, St. Vincent de Paul, City Center, First Christ Church - Garden, River Church - Bags of Love, Homeless Prevention Fund, VSSTF - Speakers Bureau. We will contact Turning Point, Project Understanding, and One Stop again.

The group made a video inviting houses of worship to participate, with the help of James Panagoti, who volunteered to post it on the VSSTF Facebook page and to work with Jonathan Hall to send it out to a large group of faith leaders.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

The next meeting will be March 25, 2015 at 3 p.m. at First Church of Christ at 5401 N. Bryn Mawr in Ventura