

Days of Grace

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Colfax Cluster

The Merry Band of Revelers in the Western Sierra Foothills, gather once a year at Myrtle Findley's home in Colfax. This year's Rockin' New Year's gathering was on January 13 and numbered 22. This is a very busy group with much traveling, volunteering and caring for extended family. Thus, they don't gather together very often, but when they do there is much love and laughter. This year included a wonderful pot luck in true Methodist style and singing Happy 98th Birthday to the Hostess with the Mostess, Myrtle. The gathering also gave Dave and Janet Bunje the opportunity to grieve and celebrate their upcoming move to Studio City (LA area) this spring. They will miss their friends in ministry, but look forward to being near their children and six grandchildren. Pictured below: Don & Peggy Baldwin, Dave & Janet Bunje, Sharon & Guari Delgado, Jim & Elaine Dierberger, Myrtle Findley, Carol Carter & Tom Gould, Susan Kemper, Gary & Chris McAnally, Don Lee, David & Cedar Moss, Jerry & Barb Smith, Bud & Kathleen Tillinghast, Kay Watters-Julsing.



This is the fifth in a series spotlighting the various groups that gather together for fellowship and, of course, food. They each do their gatherings a bit differently but we want to celebrate the vitality and joy that comes with these get-togethers.

If you are not part of a group and would like to find one or start one, please contact Nancy Daley at 916-539-4249 or nancydaley@ca-nv-rca.org

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President's Ponderings

~Marty Murdock



Dear Colleagues,
Greetings in this beginning of the new year. We trust that your days will literally be filled increasing light as the days lengthen toward spring and into summer.

I want to share with you a few new things that we are doing in our Retired Clergy Association.

In September we had our first annual luncheon for new retirees, the clergy and spouses in the Class of 2017. Our purpose was simply to hear how it was going in the early months of retirement, and offer information or suggestions if desired. We paid for lunch and mileage. The event was well received and the next one is scheduled for September 17, 2018 at the Conference Center to welcome the Class of 2018. (A few of the new retirees stayed overnight for the annual Pastoral Response Team training the next day, which was a new program begun just a year ago.)

On February 6 we have invited the surviving spouses among us for a luncheon at the Conference Center, with a similar purpose of listening. Our concern is that the surviving spouses may be in a particularly separate and even isolated situation once their clergy spouse has died. We may be wrong in our perception, but we are inviting those who know the story well to come and teach us. Lunch will be provided and mileage will be reimbursed.

In April, a team of retired clergy and spouse will go for the first time to Middletown, in Lake County, to help with rebuilding houses destroyed in the wildfires there a couple years ago. Dorms and RV spaces are provided and motel rooms are available. Meal costs and registration are reasonable. Dates are April 2-6, 2018. We operate under the UMVIM umbrella.

All of this is in addition to our ongoing programs. Nine of us helped a woman get back into her house near New Orleans last November, after serious flood damage had forced her out. Many of us will attend the Ecumenical Clergy/Spouse Retreat or the Gathering of the Orders in January (RCA provides scholarships for the Gathering). Cluster groups gather across the Conference in various locations. Our annual Spring Fling retreat in April will help us grow in our understanding of Islam, about which most of us know relatively little. Annual Conference this year moves to Modesto, as you know, and will be the setting for our annual Retiree Luncheon. Salad and dessert are back on the menu for this year!

All of this is made possible with the generous support of the Endowment Board, as always, and with your individual support through our new tiered membership categories of giving. Thank you very much!

Other possible new programs are being considered and we will share about those items as things develop. In the meantime, please stay in touch with each other, and let's always seek to make the world a better place together.

Peace and Blessings,
Marty

Executive Officer's Message

Board of Pensions News

Keep up with what is new with the Board of Pensions with their new version of the Newsette called "The Comp@anion"!

Paul, Brian, and Andrea are always be available by phone to answer your questions at 916-913-1049.

Greetings and salutations! I hope this issue of Days of Grace finds your days filled with grace indeed!



I wish to alert you to an updated website. With this update came the ability to pay online. You can donate to our various funds, support the RCA with your member donation, and also register for Spring Fling. When the time comes, you will also be able to register for the Annual Conference Luncheon. Look under the "Events" tab for Spring Fling registration. You can still go with good ol' paper and check! The registration form is on the last page of this issue.

Please note that Spring Fling has moved location. We will be at San Damiano in Danville. Confirmation letters will have a map/directions for those unfamiliar with this retreat center. The address will also be included in case you use a GPS system. We ask that single folks room with one another (2 per room) when possible so we can maximize our capacity. The center has told me that we may lose a room or two as they give space to refugees. So please consider finding a roommate if possible.

I would like to bring your attention to the message about emergency contacts. Please pass the word to your friends and family as well. We all need to be sure our information is accessible and up to date. Last fall, dear friends got the news no parent wants to hear. Their daughter had an accident in Florida. Fortunately, her car was still registered at her parents' home. The Sacramento Chaplain was able to deliver the devastating news promptly. A simple note in your wallet will get your loved ones connected to you quickly.

I hope to see you at Spring Fling and look forward to seeing you all at Annual Conference.

Grace and peace,

Nancy



Have you moved?
New phone number?
New email address?

Please send updates to:

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Art Gafke, Book Reviewer, Presents....

New Every Morning

by Gerhard Drumm

The bright news came in the form of Gerhard Drumm's second book arriving at my door. This is the sequel to *Like Grounded Swallows* which tells of his birth in Yugoslavia before WWII and ends in Austria after his escape from the imprisonments and violence following that war. In *New Every Morning*, he tells of his life in Vienna and his family's immigration to the USA. Gerhard ends the book with his first appointment in our annual conference.

While I am in the early chapter of my reading, I find Gerhard's writing to be as crisp and informative as in his first book. I commend to you the reading of this book for learning about the challenges of a refugee family and a young man's decision-making and path into ordained ministry.

New Every Morning can be purchased directly from Gerhard for \$16 at P.O. Box 687 Loleta, CA 95551. Gerhard has told me that after all the expenses are paid for the publication of the book, any excess money will be donated for the aid of refugees. He is emphatic that he will not personally profit from his publications. Those of us who know Gerhard understand that this is consistent with his values.

Refiner's Fire—by Richard Bastear

(Editor's note: This is the 'rest of the story' from last issue's review)

Bastear opens his memoir with the heart valve transplant he experienced, and how, in recovery, he felt the compelling need to write his life story. With that introduction he reaches backward into a family history giving the reader some genealogy of the Bastear family tree. With details many of us could not recall in our own lives, he tells his story from birth in Southern California into his ninth decade. He winds his way, sharing the dynamics of family and his won inner turmoil. School, work sites, college, military service, university and seminary, ordained ministry, marriages, social strife; all are part of his life-long adventures. As he writes of his assignments to small rural churches, we who have "been there/done that" can readily identify with the dynamic he tells. Each reader will identify with different parts of Bastear's life.

He writes in a readable style, sometimes preachy in his assertions. His high-risk adventures and deep self-doubts are companions through his decades. As a reader, I kept hoping he would drop his roller-coaster and gain the confidence of faith so important to stability. Finally in his epilogue he seems to arrive. I think he can now affirm that ordination question about perfection.

Wow! It looks like the idea of membership levels is being adopted with some rather good enthusiasm. Thank you very much! You will see our initial good results reported below,, mostly from the envelopes and explanation given at the Annual Conference luncheon.

Watch for updates in future issues of Days of Grace after we receive your responses to the mailing which just went out. Thank you so much for your good investment in all the things we seek to do together!

As of January 15, 2018:

Lifetime Members: 3

Sponsoring Members: 11

Sustaining Members: 36

Supporting Members: 54

Basic Members: 167

*Retired Clergy Association
Volunteers In Mission
Lake County*



RCA fire area volunteer week! April 2-7, 2018.

Join us for work with the Hope Crisis Response Network (www.hcrm.info) in Lake County. Dorm accommodations. Room and board is \$150, RV hook ups available. Travel, orientation and group organizing April 2, late afternoon, work April 3-6.

Deadline for sign ups is February 20.

We promise not only an opportunity for service but also a rich time of fellowship with colleagues. bettypagett@gmail.com

Laissez Les Bon Temp Rouler!

RCA To New Orleans...

...10 Year Tradition Continues

~Dave Bennett, Scribe



The first week in November marked the return of some Retired Clergy Association members to New Orleans to continue the group's work in the recovery process from hurricane Katrina and other disasters. This UMVIM trip has become an annual event in the ministry of the RCA.

This year nine folks made the trip. Four "veterans", Betty Pagett, Marty Murdock, Donna Hoagland, and Floyd Quenzer, were joined by newcomers, Pam Abbey, Kent Parr, Dave Bennett, Jackie Bennett, and

Carolee Catterall. As is the tradition, the group stayed in the North Ramparts Community Center in the French Quarter (the Center was founded and is still owned by the Women's Division) joined St. Mark's UMC (next door to the Center) for Sunday worship, and did its volunteer work under the direction of the Epworth Project.

There were two primary tasks for this year's group following two major floods in 2106 - to complete the work on one modular home so that the owner could move back in and to remove mold-infested tile from another so that the Epworth staff could replace the tile. By the time the week's work had been finished, even though there were a few projects yet to be completed, the homeowner was already planning her move "back home" for that weekend! And, the tile in the other home was removed, hauled away and ready to be replaced.

In addition to these two projects, a part of the crew did some painting of the entryway and hallway of the north Ramparts Community Center.

In addition to daily worship, hard work, a lot of peanut butter and jelly and/or ham and cheese sandwiches, much laughter, the UMVIM team was able to spend time with "Coach" Parker, the Executive Director of the North Ramparts Community Center; learn more about the ministry of St. Mark's UMC from Pastor Cory Sparks, and hear about the history and hopes of the Epworth Project from Executive Director Jim Fatic. And...there was the food and music of the French Quarter!

As many of you know, these trips touch not only the lives of those whose homes are being repaired, but the lives of those who have made the trip to be the hands and heart of Jesus by doing some painting, sawing, tiling, nailing, plumbing.

You are invited to join us for next year's trip. It's already set for November 2-10, 2018. Go early or stay late to enjoy the culture that is New Orleans! And, in between, touch the spirit of others as you are being touched by their spirit!



Sacramento Is-Beens Sue Angove

ALBRIGHT, John and Lois are enjoying an extended visit from Montana daughter, Mary.

ANGOVE, Jerry and Sue spent a week in Palm Desert during mid December taking in the sun and visiting widow Shirley Fellersen . They enjoy spending time with grandchildren Gabrielle and Jamison whenever possible. Sue is so grateful for her MUCH improved vision following cataract surgery. For the first time in her life, she no longer wears glasses or contact lenses!

CALLAWAY, Norman and Ardith celebrated his 90th birthday the weekend before Christmas with their four children and other family members! They are much enjoying the interim-pastoring of colleague Gary Grundman at Woodland UMC.

FADO, Don and Jean look forward to the family reunion in mid February taking place at Disney-world, Orlando, Florida! All of their family will gather there to enjoy one of the happiest places on earth!

GRUNDMAN, Gary and Deb are busy in Woodland (in their own home and church) while Gary serves as Intentional Interim at WUMC through June 2018. For a bit of a break, they will enjoy a short cruise that includes a stop in Havana in February. They send wishes to all, that God's love is real in each of your lives and will lighten the shadows everywhere.

MONROE, Doug and Martha have had a couple of busy years with loss of parents, estates to settle and Doug having two foot surgeries just months apart. At one time I thought a Knee trolley was going to be a permanent fixture around our house. The end of 2017 was better with a trip covering from Norway, time in Paris and falling in love with Spain. We look forward in a few weeks to a "road trip "cross country hitting days in Charleston and Savannah and on to the Carolina coast to walk on the beach with family. We send our best to all.

SCHWARZENTRAUB, Betsy and Ken had a great time at Christmas with their kids, then four beautiful days in a cabin at Zephyr Point with them. Betsy is President of Gold Country Writers, which meets weekly in Auburn. Ken says their half-acre lake now is full; thousands of frogs have come out of the mud to serenade them at night. They love it!

TAYLOR, John (Jack) was honored with a beautiful, meaningful memorial celebration at Centennial UMC on December 30th. The reception included jazzed up Christmas music played by a local band, The Internationals. His wife Maggie has moved to Palo Alto and is living with her daughter.



Northern Nevada Elena De La Peña

A lovely Christmas potluck luncheon was hosted by **Tom and Carolyn Butler** in their home. **Mary Helen Thomas (Larry)** attended for which all were glad. Asked about her knees she said they are fine but her feet are now bothering her. **Elaine Schmidt** was in attendance without **John** as he was in Hearstone of Northern Nevada nursing facility due to pneumonia. He is now at home.

In other news the group learned that **Karla Bowman** will be on a Caribbean cruise in April. She also has new hearing aids that provide excellent relief. Last July over three days she did a song and dance in the Cotton Patch play put on during Art Town in Reno.

Velma Thornburgh (Alfred) will complete 98 years of age in April. She is doing well but has given up driving.

Tom Butler fell off a ladder; he said it fell apart under him. He suffered no serious injury although one shoulder was sore from it. He's

working on another book that has a Website about it: www adaywithjesus.net. It is an unorthodox commentary on the Gospel of John.

Art Gafke was having lower backpain which turned out to be sciatica. He had to use crutches in order to walk. Eventually he found relief with a cortisone injection to the spot. Spouse **Elena De La Pena** was driving a rental car for a couple of months until the local Nissan dealer got the parts to replace the front air bags made by Takada. Nissan covered the cost of the rental car.

John and Janice Emerson now have their middle daughter, Julie, living nearby. She moved to Sparks from Southern California in the Autumn. Older daughter Jody, a professional realtor, helped her sister find her new home.

Newest members **Rob and Dixie Jennings-Teats** are in Indonesia. They left mid December and will return in March. They post lovely photos from time to time on their FaceBook page. If you "friend" one or the other you can see them.

Jacque Meadows hosted her children and their children over the Christmas holidays. It was a busy and wonderful time at her house.



South Valley News Sylvia Corson

Ray Alderman lives in Brookdale Senior Living Community in Bakersfield. He continues to be well cared for by the staff. He is in the nursing area, Emeritus, where he gets care for his meds and nursing needs. Ray attends exercise classes to work on his shoulders primarily. He is frustrated that his eyesight is not what it used to be. He enjoys attending church, and transportation is provided by Emeritus. Christmas was special as he spent time with his daughter, Susan, and enjoyed being with his grandchildren. His grandson, Roman, continues his studies in architecture at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Dick Bayard still lives in his home with his daughter. He teaches Bible weekly at Quail Park Assisted Living Center in Visalia. Dick has mostly recovered from his broken leg and arm from a year ago, but the recovery has taken the whole year. He is now involved in a daily exercise regimen to keep his body functioning well. Dick is a volunteer with New Creation Ministries, a ministry to sexually addicted men in Fresno. These activities, combined with the activities at the Visalia United Methodist Church, keep him wondering, "How did I ever have time to work?"

John and Sylvia Corson sold their home in January, and moved to the Rosewood Retirement Community in Bakersfield, a distance of less than 5 miles! In October, they participated in the 13th annual Stephen Corson Award presentation for the "Outstanding Professor of Freshmen Students" at Pacific (UOP), an endowed award in memory of their son. John served on a committee, chaired by Brian Mark, to consider the future of the Wasco UMC, which supported Wasco's

discontinuation reluctantly. Sylvia has decided to "give up her pen" after 13 years of reporting RCA News. She thanks those who supported her news gathering over the years, and the cooperation of Nancy Daley especially.

Anita Dutt managed to avoid evacuation from the Thomas Fire, but her daughter Renee, who had just moved to Summerland, was not as lucky. They were covered with ash, but nothing of theirs burned. Anita says no one should take blue skies with white clouds for granted as they are a beautiful gift! Anita enjoyed Christmas with Renee, and her granddaughters, Brittany and Brooke. Granddaughter, Brittany, accompanied Anita to Palm Springs where they met son, Kevin, and his family to watch grandson, Ryan, a senior, play basketball in his 3rd and last Max Prep tournament.

Bob and Nancy Schwartz had a nice time in October at their time share at Lake Tahoe. Then, they spent a lovely week in Palm Springs in November. Christmas took them to Hawaii for a quiet holiday and relaxation. January saw them enjoying another time share week at Clear Lake. They are grateful that Bob has had no hospitalizations since September. In between the time share weeks, Nancy assisted her sister in moving to a new location. Bob and Nancy expect to be ready for some rest in February. (Question: where do you sign up for the "Time Share a Month Club," Bob and Nancy?)

Sharon Watson continues to monitor her health. She has no trips planned. Christmas was good. Son Jonathon's new bride, Cheryl, experienced an American style Christmas with all the good food and festivities with the family. Son Joel, who is in the Navy, is stationed in Japan, and was unable to be with them. Daughter Candy was in Texas. Sharon enjoyed the season with her

daughter, Heather, and her family, who live in Tehachapi. Heather combines motherhood with her work as a special education teacher and swim team coach. Sharon continues to enjoy her amazing doll house collection!!!

Harry Wood is married! Congratulations to Nancy and Harry! He shares this story: "**Nancy Reimer** and I met in a grief counseling group at Kaweah Delta Hospital. Her husband of 43 years died six months before I lost Ruth. We continued seeing each other in the Griefshare program at the Visalia UMC. A mutual friend invited us to a dinner party. It was the best dinner party I ever attended! And, Nancy and I started dating. During our courtship, we felt that as our love grew, so did our relationship with God. We will be married, Sunday, January 14, with just our families attending." Best Wishes to the newlyweds!

Personal Note: This beautiful love story, reminds us that "faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love!" Thanks for the wonderful conversations, your sharing, and love. It is time to "give up my pen." ~Sylvia

Editor's Note: If you feel moved by the spirit to be the new South Valley correspondent, please let Nancy know at nancydaley@ca-nv-rca.org.



Pacific Northwest Bert Schniepp

Bert and Linda Schniepp spent a few weeks in October at a couple of favorite northwestern RV sites along the Oregon coast. Although most of the time was pleasant, one weekend was so stormy that Hwy 101 they were to take south was badly flooded and closed in two places and they spent an extra day at one site. The rest of the fall and early winter was spent busily at home with community and church activities. The joy of the holiday celebration was sadly interrupted with the death of Bert's younger brother on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. They will be attending a family

memorial gathering in Southern California later in January. They are looking forward to spending some time with family and friends during that trip.

John and Eva Fugitt write that they have been reading each evening a chapter from various books. We take turns reading a paragraph and discussing insights. We finished THE LEAP by Steve Taylor calling us to come AWAKE to our potential. We then finished reading Spong's book: The Gospel of John. It is a great book for liberals. We are now reading The Dalai Lama's Big Book of Happiness. We enjoy reading the RCA newsletters. They send their blessings to all. They also added: "We neglected to add our email address on our Christmas Letter: jfugitt@mind.net. Happy New Year!"



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Every day First Responders struggle to identify the people they are trying to help. Perhaps their patient is unconscious. Perhaps disoriented. Perhaps simply too upset to give effective information. In the worst case scenario, they need to notify next of kin. It may take hours or days to track down who, precisely, that person is and find a phone number or address.

You don't need a special bracelet or necklace (although also helpful!). A simple note in your wallet and in your glove box would work. That is where First Responders check first.

Feel free to make copies of the form below and just tuck it into your wallet.

Name: _____

Medical ID/Allergies: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone #: _____

Alternate Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Pastoral Response Team

The Pastoral Response Team (PRT), created as a ministry of RCA a little more than one year ago, has been offering a variety of pastoral care ministries to our colleagues across the connection. Far too often—once retired—retirees, their spouses, and surviving spouses, find themselves without support during times of need. The PRT is attempting to fill this void. This ministry lies at the heart of the RCA. In addition to improving the connections we have with one another, this ministry offers support in those times most needed.

This ministry is loosely modeled after the Stephen's Ministry Program with which many of us are familiar. The support is offered on a short term basis by colleagues who have participated in training opportunities. A core team (which meets on a regular basis via video conferencing) offers confidential assistance and guidance to those offering support to their colleagues.

If you have any questions, or feel you might be in need of short-term pastoral care, you are invited to contact the Chair of the PRT, Carolee Catterall at 916-636-4942 or Nancy Daley at 916-539-4249.

Acronyms Explained:

RCA—Retired Clergy Association

VIM—Volunteers In Mission

RCC—Relational Care Committee

PRT—Pastoral Response Team

ACS—Annual Conference Session

DoG—Days of Grace

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In 1891, a group of caring and committed members within the Methodist Church realized that their pastors often retired without sufficient resources to live with a sense of security.

They had a vision to establish an endowment to support our retired clergy as they moved into the later stages of their lives. That year, with the very first gift of land in Mendocino County from Mr. Joseph Shepherd and his wife, The Endowment Board was founded.

Since the Board was launched, we have granted over \$44,000,000 to the Board of Pensions (BOP) and the Retired Clergy Association (RCA) to provide much needed healthcare subsidies, pensions and other programs to support our retired pastors and their spouses. For 125 years, we've nurtured a diverse portfolio of trusts, stocks, bonds and real estate holdings. In addition to this investment income, we have been blessed with generous donors who have helped build a robust endowment so that we can serve those who have served us for so many years.

For more information, please visit our new website:

www.endowmentboard.org

In the interest of better aligning our mission and ministry with what we do, the Board of Directors has adopted a new membership contribution structure. As you may already know, all clergy, spouses, and surviving spouses, who are retired from the California-Nevada Conference, are members of the RCA regardless of where in the world they choose to reside. We also welcome all retired United Methodist Clergy, spouses, and surviving spouses from other conferences who have chosen to live within the geographical boundaries of the Cal-Nevada Conference. In short, the only 'requirement' to be a member, is to have achieved the status of "retired".

For that reason, the Board felt that "dues" was not the proper description for monies given to support our operating budget. The following levels of membership and benefits were proposed and perfected by Doug McCoy and Betty Pagett. Thanks to them for their work! The Board of Directors approved this structure at the April Board Meeting. (Incidentally, we have learned that membership donations are tax deductible, but dues payments are not -- another good reason for the change.)


Your (now) tax deductible donation helps the RCA continue serving the Cal-Nevada retirees by subsidizing the Spring Fling retreat and the Annual Luncheon, to keep costs as low as possible. Your donation helps print and mail the Days of Grace newsletter and the Memorial Book for the ACS Memorial Service. It provides support for pastors to attend the Gathering of Orders and Spring Fling, and it pays for training and support to the Pastoral Response Team. Along with a very generous grant from the Conference Claimants Endowment Board, your donation also helps provide the per diem reimbursement to ease the financial burden of attending Annual Conference Session.

Your support allows us to continue being wonderfully "connectional" together, even in retirement.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

LEVEL	INDIVIDUAL	COUPLE	BENEFIT
BASIC: <i>Sing all... Sing lustily and with good courage</i>	\$25	\$40	
SUPPORTING: <i>Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience</i>	\$60	\$75	5% discount Spring Fling 25% discount ACS Luncheon
SUSTAINING: <i>Give all you can... In all ways you can</i>	\$100	\$150	10% discount Spring Fling 50% discount ACS Luncheon
SPONSOR: <i>Hearts Strangely Warmed</i>	\$250	\$350	15% discount Spring Fling ACS Luncheon Included for Current Year
LIFETIME: <i>Going on to Perfection</i>	\$1000	\$1500	20% discount Spring Fling ACS Luncheon for Life



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\$ _____ Other - Please specify: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Spring Fling
April 18-19, 2018

San Damiano Retreat Center
710 Highland Dr. Danville CA
925-837-8141

Dr. John Hillebrandt - Musician
Back by popular demand, Dr. Hillebrandt will be joining us for an encore performance. We look forward to enjoying his music once again.

Dr. Nazeer Ahmed – Presenter

Scholar, scientist, inventor, historian, and legislator, Dr. Nazeer Ahmed will join us for the 2018 Spring Fling to share his Islamic faith. We hope to learn more about Islam and how we, as Christians, can be better allies to Muslims at this time in history. Dr. Ahmed is the author of the Encyclopedia of Islamic History and several books on faith and spirituality. Dr. Ahmed was also a Chief Engineer on the Hubble Space Telescope, was an elected Member of the Legislature in Bangalore, and candidate for US Congress.

{COST}

Single Occupancy: \$120 per person
Double Occupancy: \$110 per person
Discounts:
First Timer: 50%
Supporting Member: 5%
Sustaining Member: 10%
Sponsoring Member: 15%
Lifetime Member: 20%

A limited number of half price scholarships are available.

Accommodations:
Double Beds (limited number)
Twin Beds
Linens Provided

Cancellation Policy:
Full Refund by April 1
Partial (1/2) Refund after April 1

Accommodation Needs:
If you have an attendant, please contact Nancy for more information.

{SCHEDULE}

Wednesday April 18
10am CHECK IN
11am Welcome
Noon Lunch
1pm Gathering with Music
1:30 Presentation
3pm Free Time
4:30 Time of Remembrance
6pm Dinner

Thursday April 19
8am Breakfast
9:15 Gathering with Music
9:30 Presentation
11am Announcements
11:30 Break to Pack Up
Noon Lunch

REGISTRATION FORM

Person 1 Name: _____

Person 2 Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Single Occupancy: 1 x \$120 \$120.00

Discount: First Timer 50% (subtract \$60 per person)
Supporting Member 5% (subtract \$6 per member)
Sustaining Member 10% (subtract \$12 per member)
Sponsoring Member 15% (subtract \$18 per member)
Lifetime Member 20% (subtract \$24 per member)
Discount Amount: \$_____

Double Occupancy: 2x\$110 \$220.00

Discount: First Timer 50% (subtract \$55/person)
Supporting Member 5% (subtract \$5.50/member)
Sustaining Member 10% (subtract \$11/member)
Sponsoring Member 15% (subtract \$16.50/member)
Lifetime Member 20% (subtract \$22/member)
Discount Amount: \$_____

TOTAL \$ _____

Membership discount applied per person, not per couple.

I am including a check _____ I am paying online _____

Online registration available at: www.ca-ny-rca.org under the EVENTS tab.

My roommate and I are not related and are sending in our registrations separately.

Please put me in the same room with (name) _____

Do you have any special needs? _____

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{remember}

Bring something to share for the snack table.
Fruit, veggies, nuts, cookies, or anything that can be considered "finger food"!

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Upcoming Events

April 2-17, 2018

VIM to Lake County

April 18-19, 2018

Spring Fling

San Damiano

June 20-23, 2018

Annual Conference

Session

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DoubleTree