San Francisco Interfaith Council

Celebrating our diverse faiths & spiritual traditions • Bringing people together to build understanding • Serving our community

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SFIC MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Thursday, June 11, 2015 8:00 am - 9:30 am

All are welcome! Bring a friend!

St. Mark's Lutheran Church - Heritage Hall (1111 O'Farrell St. at Franklin, San Francisco)

Please do not park in the St. Mark's parking lot as those spaces are rented to others. Parking is available across the street at St. Mary's Cathedral.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST HOST:

Grace Cathedral

MEDITATION:

Pastor Joanna Shenk, Associate Pastor First Mennonite Church of San Francisco

PRESENTATION:

Nancy Hahn, Director of Operations Food Runners

Nancy's first invitation to present at the SFIC Monthly Breakfast on December 11, 2014 unfortunately coincided with the storm that resulted in school closures and power outages throughout San Francisco. The mission and work of <u>Food Runners</u> and the benefit to a relationship with our congregations is so important that we felt this particular forum would be an appropriate time to reintroduce the Food Runners story.

Nancy Hahn has been with Food Runners since April of 2003. Prior to Food Runners, Nancy worked in the Bay Area restaurant business for 20 years. Nancy works directly with the Food Runners volunteers in dispatching the daily "food runs." Nancy also directs the Food Runners full-time truck driver and Food Runners' two, part-time bicycle couriers. When not dispatching food runs, Nancy divides her time between discovering new sources of excess food that can be donated instead of thrown away, as well as seeking out local agencies that are most in need and can best use the donations received by Food Runners. Nancy is thrilled to be part of the effort to keep the community green while serving San Franciscans in need.

The mission of Food Runners is to help alleviate hunger in San Francisco, to help prevent waste and to help create community. Food Runners is currently delivering over 16 tons of food a week that would otherwise be thrown away. Their volunteers relay food for over 4,500 meals in San Francisco each day.

2014-2015 Interfaith Winter Shelter Recognition Observance

Congregation Host Sites and Meal Providers
Episcopal Community Services
San Francisco Human Services Agency
San Francisco Night Ministry

In 1988, the City of San Francisco pleaded for more involvement from religious organizations to help with the growing problem of homelessness. The faith community responded and in doing so created the San Francisco Interfaith Council (SFIC). For over 25 years the SFIC has hosted the SF Interfaith Winter Shelter. Our partners in this signature program are Episcopal Community Services, the San Francisco Human Services Agency, San Francisco Night Ministry, four congregation host sites and over 30 congregations providing meals. This collaborative effort has worked to augment existing shelter opportunities during the coldest months of the year (November through February). The SF Interfaith Winter Shelter provides dinner, breakfast, and a safe, warm overnight rest for up to 100 homeless men each night. The shelter has become a leading example of interfaith cooperation within the United States and has intentionally encouraged and challenged our growing network of local congregations to open their spaces and their hearts.