



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, October 8, 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:

Ground Floor Public Affairs

MEDITATION:

Teresa Morales
The Baha'i Faith in San Francisco

PRESENTATION:

The Rev. Richard L. Smith
Founder
Mission Nightwalks

Before coming to the Bay Area, Richard worked for several years as a parish priest in Washington State. Later, after receiving a Ph.D. in Ethics and Social Theory from the Graduate Theological Union, he taught Religious Studies at various Bay Area universities, then worked as a technical writer in Silicon Valley while serving as a Priest Associate at St. John the Evangelist. During this time he worked heavily for immigration reform and for an end to violence in San Francisco's Mission District. In 2013, he became Vicar at St. John's. He lives in San Francisco with his partner Rob Tan and their son David.

Whether it's 14-year-old Rashawn Williams stabbed to death in our neighborhood, or our neighbors Amilcar Perez Lopez and City College student, Alex Nieto, both killed by San Francisco Police, too many of our neighbors have been needlessly killed or injured, and others sent to prison. Too many parents have shed too many tears. So twice each month, faith communities in San Francisco's Mission District walk the streets of our neighborhood where violence has occurred. Along the way, we stop to listen to the stories of our neighbors, sometimes talk with family and friends of those killed, and often pray for both the victims and the perpetrators of the violence. In our [Mission Nightwalks](#), we hope to bring not only comfort, but also a challenge - to ourselves, our neighbors, and our City - to uproot the causes of that violence, whether it is done by individuals, gangs, or law enforcement.

FAITH JOURNEY:

Rev. Norman Fong
Executive Director
Chinatown Community Development Center