

HOLY WISDOM ICC COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



*"We are Holy Wisdom Inclusive Catholic Community.
We joyfully embrace and live the gospel message of Jesus
with deeply rooted love."*

Sunday, July 9, 2017
5th Sunday after Pentecost – Year A

Dear Friends,

Happy 4th of July! I hope you are enjoying the lovely weather and holiday weekend.

Even as we celebrate our nation's independence, we are invited to ponder where we are going as a nation and as a people. From where I stand, things look challenging for many of our sisters and brothers and for our earth. As people of faith, who say we believe in the oneness of God's people and all creation, we have some work to do. But how can we make a positive difference?

A few months ago at our community meeting, after we had been accepted as a member community of Interfaith Works, Don, our representative to IW, asked us to decide which social justice issue we as a community are most passionate about. We chose to put our energy into learning more about immigration issues

and supporting those who potentially face deportation. To that end, Holy Wisdom is co-sponsoring an event to benefit CIELO, a bilingual and bicultural Latino center in the South Puget Sound area, offering educational, counseling and advocacy services to the Latino community. The event will be a potluck fundraiser at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday, August 20th. More information will follow in the newsletter and on our HW website.

Each summer for the past 22 years, I have spent a weekend with a wonderful community of folks dedicated to peace, social justice and spirituality. The Micah Community began with a group of former Jesuit volunteers and has expanded over the years to include many people who want to make a positive difference in the world. This year, our Micah gathering, focusing on issues of immigration and peace, will be Thursday, July 20th through Sunday morning, July 23rd at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island. Costs to stay are very reasonable and no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Come for the whole weekend or part of it. All are welcome and I'll be there! The flyer is included with this newsletter. Please email Patty with any questions, or call 360.320.2825.

We in HW have passion around homelessness and many are already involved in serving our houseless sisters and brothers. Renata, Walker and Tye have shared some of the issues that houseless folks face in our city and, along with Jim, have organized letter-writing campaigns encouraging City Council members to "Legalize Survival." These campaigns will be held once a month, as needed, after our regular mass and potluck.

I am so grateful to be part of a faith community that not only says "we joyfully embrace the gospel message of Jesus," but one which "lives it (acts on it) with deeply rooted love." Thank you for who you are and for your deep care and loving actions.

On another note, I promised to let you know about results of the bishop election in the Western Region of Roman Catholic Womenpriests. Two bishops have finally been selected and I am not one of them. I am deeply peaceful with the results and am excited to see where our region will go, with Jane Via from San Diego and Suzanne Thiel from Portland as our new bishops.

Well, dear friends, enough for now. I am heading back East to see family for a week, then on to Madison, Wisconsin for a national gathering of RCWPs. Please hold us in your hearts and prayers as together we listen for the Spirit's leading and envision our future. If you need anything while I'm gone, please email holywisdomicc@gmail.com and someone will get back with you.

Blessings and Love,
Diane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Meetings Suspended for Summer

Community meetings are now suspended for the summer months and will resume with our annual meeting on Sunday, September 17. Watch for details as the date approaches. Minutes from the May 18 meeting are included at the end of this newsletter.

Capital City Pride 2017

Thanks to all who marched with Holy Wisdom, brought cookies and welcomed folks at Capital City Pride! It was a wonderful, joy-filled event. Special thanks to Donna, Mary and Garn for all they did to make it happen.

Fundraiser Potluck for CIELO

Please mark your calendars for a potluck fundraiser in support of our local chapter of [CIELO](#) and benefitting those South Sound neighbors most vulnerable to deportation. Through education CIELO has helped individuals and their loved ones *know their rights*. It is our part to fund programs that serve to protect them.

The potluck will be held on Sunday, August 20, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1601 North Street in Olympia. The event is a collaborative effort among several local faith communities including Holy Wisdom, St. Benedict's, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and Interfaith Works. Stay tuned for more information!

Letter-writing in Support of Just Housing

Following mass this Saturday and after potluck, there will be another letter-writing opportunity for expressing to City Council our solidarity with Just Housing and our support of its efforts. Please plan to come and contribute your own written desires and opinions!

Bring Ingredient Lists to Potluck

Several of us, especially those with food sensitivities, would appreciate knowing ingredients of the delicious meal preparations shared at our potlucks. It would be helpful if for future gatherings you could plan to bring two copies of your ingredients list, one for each side of the table. Please include your name for any recipe requests.

Save Your Prescription Bottles!

Give your used plastic prescription bottles a second life by washing them, removing all labels and bringing them along to mass for the remainder of this year. We are looking for smaller sized bottles, 3" tall or less. 250 bottles are needed by January and will be filled with Vicks (an antifungal agent), then distributed for use in the L.A. Foot Care Ministry. Stubborn labels can be removed with a mixture of salt and coconut oil. Contact [Kathleen](#) with any questions.

A big thanks to all who have contributed so far. Please keep them coming!

Community Kitchen News

Next Community Kitchen will be Monday, August 7. Contact [Kathleen](#) if you would like to help cook or serve. We share cooking chores from 1:45 to 4:45 p.m., and serving and cleanup from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. Any contributions of garden produce and flowers for dining room bouquets are welcome and appreciated

Community Kitchen work continues with great joy and enthusiasm. Our crew is honored to serve high quality food to our neighbors in need, as acknowledged by grateful guests and staff alike. While Western Meats continues to sell to us at cost (\$130 for 40 pounds of extra lean beef), our funding is now depleted and we are seeking one-month donations from individuals or groups who would like to help. Checks should be written to Holy Wisdom and marked "for Community Kitchen meat." Many thanks for your contributions supporting this ministry. It takes a community to make it all possible.

New Book Group

A new book group is forming and we would love for you to join us. Contact [Jackie Huetter](#) for more information.

Service Opportunities

Socks for Drexel House. [Drexel House](#) is in constant need of men's and women's socks. You can help by bringing sock donations to mass and placing them in the basket at the gift table.

Funding Needed for SideWalk. [Sidewalk's](#) rapid rehousing project has been successful and now increased funding is needed to maintain progress. You can [donate here](#) to help end homelessness.

Blankets Needed for Interfaith Shelter. Blankets are needed for the [Interfaith Warming Center](#) downtown Olympia. Please take your donations directly to the shelter at 408 Olympia Avenue N.E.

Pasta and Rice for Food Bank. [Thurston County Food Bank](#) is in constant need of 1-3 pound bags of pasta and rice, along with no-cook items (e.g., sardines, ravioli, canned foods with a pull top). Please bring your gifts along to mass, or contact Jean at 360-786-8788 to offer your service.

FROM OUR COLLABORATORS

Interfaith Works

Interfaith Works, a collaborative partner with Holy Wisdom, has just published the July-August issue of its newsletter, which you can view and read [here](#).

Just Housing

Houseless Bill of Rights. The first draft is complete and will be presented at the City Council meeting on July 11 at 7 p.m. Feel free to attend the meeting and show your support. See Just Housing letter [here](#) on Holy Wisdom's website regarding updates following the recent Houseless Bill of Rights Convention.

Legalize Survival Demonstration. July 21, 1 p.m., at City Hall, supporting repeal of "survival ban" ordinances, declaration of a homelessness state of emergency, and endorsement of Houseless Bill of Rights.

Community Yard Sale. July 29, with proceeds funding cleanup of trash at city encampments. Suggested donations are listed [here](#) in a Just Housing letter posted on HW's website. If you have items to donate or are interested in volunteering, email [Tye Gundel](#) or call 360.402.0271. Details on time and place will follow.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[As Church Shifts, a Cardinal Welcomes Gays; They Embrace a Miracle, by Sharon Otterman](#)

[At the Edge of Inside, by David Brooks](#)

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Holy Wisdom Mass Dates. Saturday, July 8, and Saturday, July 22, 5 p.m. at St. Benedict's, preceded by **Centering Prayer at 4 p.m.** and followed by potluck.

Wednesday Centering Prayer/Meditation. Every Wednesday, 7 - 8 p.m., 2013 Bethel Street N.E., Olympia

Monday Contemplative Prayer at First Christian. Every Monday, noon - 1 p.m., in the library of First Christian Church, 701 Franklin Street S.E.

City Council Meeting: Support Houseless Bill of Rights. Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m., Olympia City Hall

Micah Gathering. Thursday, July 20 through Sunday morning, July 23, at the beach on Whidbey Island

Legalize Survival Demonstration. Friday, July 21, 1 p.m., Olympia City Hall

Just Housing Community Yard Sale. Saturday, July 29

Next Community Kitchen. Monday, August 7, at Olympia Salvation Army

Next Community Meeting. Sunday, September 17

CIELO Fundraiser Potluck. Sunday, August 20, 2 - 4 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1601 North Street, Olympia

USEFUL HW INFORMATION

Holy Wisdom Book of Prayers. Our Holy Wisdom Book of Prayers contains the names of those whom community members wish to remember in prayer. It will be set on the welcome table before each mass, where all are welcome to enter names of loved ones and those in need. If you are unable to attend mass,

you may email requests to [Diane](#) or [Kathleen](#), who will then make sure the names are entered for you. Also, at your request the names will be read aloud at mass.

Centering Prayer Opportunities. Centering prayer sessions are held before every Holy Wisdom mass and mid-week at two other venues. Please refer to the Events Summary in this newsletter or visit [our website](#) for details.

Fragrance-Free Community. Out of consideration for any chemically sensitive people among us, please refrain from using scented products when attending mass or other HW gatherings.

Sharing of Promotional Materials. HW members are welcome to display their own promotional materials on the kiosk table at the rear of church. Please collect your materials afterward, as anything left behind will be discarded.

Holy Wisdom Online. Visit [Holy Wisdom's website](#) and [our Facebook page](#) for more information on community events, involvements, opportunities or related news stories.

Share Your Photos. You are welcome to share your HW community photos for use on our website by emailing them in .jpeg format to [Diane](#) and [Kathleen](#), or directly to [Holy Wisdom](#).