



INTERFAITH PEACE MINISTRY OF ORANGE COUNTY

" Doing the work of faith-based peace with justice "

IPMOC CO-FOUNDER, DENNIS SHORT RETIRING

By Beverly Weatherill, Board Member, IPMOC

In July, 2010 Rev. Dennis Short retired from Harbor Christian Church where he served for fifteen years as Pastor. Dennis also served as Chaplain at Chapman University for 15 years, then pastored in three churches until his retirement. His legacy of accomplishments has made an impact in many areas.

Other agencies which have been blessed with Dennis' service include the Planned Parenthood Boards of Orange and San Bernardino counties, the Newport-Mesa-Irvine Interfaith Council. He is currently serving as Moderator for the Pacific Southwest Region of the Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ.

Dennis' commitment to peace and justice has led to several arrests following protests, and his quiet, confident manner in what he believes impresses even his adversaries.

It was at a conference on the "Dangers of the Arms Race" in November 1979, held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, that Dennis and Gwen Felton met and together formed the Interfaith Peace Ministry of Orange County. "Born" in October, 1980, IPM has continued to work on peace and justice issues for 30 years and Dennis has served as a member of the board since then.

Our sincere thanks, Dennis and Linda, for your loving, dedicated mission to make this a better, peaceful world.

EMERGENCY!!!

By Jeanne Whitesell, Board Member, IPMOC

One of the central missions of the Interfaith Peace Ministry of Orange County is to provide resources to promote peace, justice and

environmental harmony. We use our newsletter as one of the primary ways of fulfilling that mission. Because of the high cost of postage and printing, the printed version of the newsletter is in jeopardy.

One of the solutions to this dilemma is to e-mail the newsletter to all who wish to receive it. Please e-mail jswhitesell3211@yahoo.com or bev4peace@earthlink.net and indicate that you wish to receive the IPM newsletter via e-mail. Under no circumstances will we share your e-mail.

If you prefer to continue to receive the printed newsletter, send a current dues payment of \$25.

We hope you will support us as we work to keep the Interfaith Peace Ministry viable as a voice for peace and justice in Orange County.

Let us hear from you!

A CALL TO SEEK ANSWERS WITHOUT PROFILING

By Yvette Cabrera, Register Columnist (edited)

A few minutes after 7 a.m. Thursday, Jean Raun, 87, leaned against her walker and waved a sign at commuters whizzing past her on Broadway in downtown Laguna Beach. The sign read "Stop Racial Profiling." If the blare of honking horns and (mostly) thumbs up were any indication, Raun's message – shared by about eight other demonstrators – was getting through.

That Raun, a 45-year resident of Laguna Beach, would ignore constant back pain to spend an hour on her feet to express support for the city's undocumented immigrants says how much she cares about this issue. She cares so much, in fact, that she's demonstrated four times in the past four weeks with several dozen Laguna Beach residents. Her co-demonstrators include members of the League of Women Voter's Laguna Beach unit and parishioners of the city's Unitarian Universalist Fellowship church.

Their first demonstration, late last month, was prompted by news stories about residents who had spotted Border Patrol cars and federal agents apprehending immigrants in the city to check their legal status. A spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (an agency within the Department of Homeland Security) confirmed that federal agents were in Laguna Beach due to a recent uptick in maritime immigrant smuggling.

Raun believes we need an overhaul of our nation's immigration laws. But she also believes that targeting people on the street is the wrong approach, and she cites the League of Women Voter's national position opposing deportations of undocumented immigrants who have no history of serious criminal activity.

Raun worries that her humanitarian message is getting drowned out as voices grow louder to deport millions of people who are in the United States illegally. She also worries that the undocumented immigrants who live and work in Laguna Beach might not realize there are Americans who understand their plight and support them.

Typically, the activists who get the most attention are either the anti-illegal immigrant activists who patrol the U.S.-Mexico border or immigrant rights activists who march, en masse, to get their message out. But as Raun and her fellow demonstrators pointed out, "We don't all think alike." She's also willing to listen to other points of view. During a past demonstration at the bus depot, she had a conversation with a man who opined "If it's the law, you have to obey the law." To which, she said: "But if the law is unjust, what do you do?"

SUPPORT THE DREAM ACT

By Frederic W. Bush, Board Member, IPMOC

On July 1st, 2010, President Obama gave his first speech devoted to laying out his case for an overhaul of immigration laws since he became President. On July 2nd, the Wall Street Journal said the following about the President's speech:

The broad framework of the legislation Mr. Obama favors has been clear for some time, and on Thursday he again endorsed the underlying ideas. They include better securing the border, providing a path to

citizenship for those now here illegally and creating a guest-worker program. Mr. Obama presented no new ideas or initiatives, and it remained unclear how the measure could win approval in the Senate, where Republican backing is essential but so far elusive. That fact, combined with a busy congressional calendar, suggests that the chances for action this year are near zero.

Very little research is required to document that the Journal is correct in the conclusion that "the chances for action this year are near zero." With at least 36 of the 100 Senate seats and every House seat being contested in the November midterm elections, the Republican Party, unfortunately, may well make gains in both houses. Given this prospect, it will most likely be much more than a year before Congress is able even to make an attempt at immigration reform.

What can those of us who are in favor of the President's agenda do while we wait months - and possibly years - for the Congress to act? Though we doubtless cannot move immigration reform itself forward, we can make a difference for one category of immigrants - the undocumented teen-aged and adult children of undocumented aliens, who have or will graduate from US high schools. These children have been in the US so long that they are fully acculturated Americans who speak English. They cannot wait months, and perhaps years, for a comprehensive immigration reform bill to pass, as by then they may well have been deported. We can make this difference for these young people by pushing our Senators and Representatives to pass the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors legislation, or the DREAM Act.

Though forms of this legislation were first introduced years ago, the web site DREAMActivist.org succinctly describes its most recent form, introduced in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, on March 26, 2009, as follows:

The DREAM Act has four basic requirements, which are:

1. The immigrant entered the country before the age of 16;
2. has at least five years of continuous presence in the US

3. has graduated from high school or obtained a GED;
4. has a good moral character (no criminal record).

Immigrants who meet the above criteria, once the DREAM Act passes, will then have six years to either obtain a two-year college degree or complete two-years of military service. Then they will gain the chance to adjust their conditional permanent residency to U.S. citizenship.

The internet organization ACT ON THE DREAM ACT COALITION estimates that 65,000 undocumented students who graduate each year and are being denied the path to achieve the American dream.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT TO PASS THE DREAM ACT BY CONTACTING SENATORS BOXER AND FEINSTEIN AND YOUR LOCAL HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE AND URGING THEM TO SUPPORT THE ACT.

START

By Jeanne Whitesell, Board Member, IPMOC

The New START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) was signed on April 8, 2010 in Prague, Czech Republic. The signing by U.S. President Obama and Russian President Medvedev followed a year of extensive negotiations.

The new treaty limits the U.S. and Russia to no more than 1,550 deployed strategic warheads and 800 deployed and non-deployed delivery vehicles. The treaty also includes a streamlined and updated system of verification provisions to ensure each side that the other is complying with the treaty stipulations.

The New START will reduce U.S. and Russian nuclear weapons surplus and ensure a more stable nuclear relationship. The new agreement limits deployed strategic missiles and bombers as well as deployed warheads. The verification system allows the U.S. to look into Russian missiles and count actual numbers of warheads. The compliance and verification system protect against misunderstandings and worst case scenarios.

The U.S. and Russia possess approximately 95% of the entire world arsenal. A reduction in the bulk of the world's nuclear weapons lessens the

threat of nuclear weapons falling into the hands of terrorists.

The vote is now scheduled for September in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. You can help support ratification by asking your Senators to vote for it.

ACTION OPPORTUNITIES:

Go to <http://ocpeace.org/calendar.html> for more details.

WEEKLY ORANGE COUNTY PEACE EVENTS

EVERY TUESDAY at 7pm: **Everyday Peacemaking: Nonviolent Communication Practice Group**

Contact Terry LePage: 949-400-3379, or terry@opendoorcommunication.org

EVERY FRIDAY at 5pm: **Anti-War/Anti-Imperialism Protest** at Bristol & Anton in Costa Mesa.

Contact by email: Chuck Anderson - QUETZALCOATL38@aol.com.

EVERY SATURDAY at 11am: **Peace Demo** at Main Beach, Pacific Coast Hwy and Ocean Ave in Laguna Beach.

EVERY SATURDAY at 12pm: **Anti-War Demo** at Brea Blvd & Imperial Highway in Brea. Contact: Marcus Gourley runningdeeractivist@yahoo.com.

EVERY SUNDAY at noon: **"Enough"** demo at Huntington Beach Pier.

Contact by email: afitguy@excite.com

Website: www.theyoungturks.com/section/Enough

EVERY SUNDAY at 3pm: **Food Not Bombs** in Santa Ana, 26 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana. Help serve food. Contact by e-mail:

santaanafoodnotbombs@riseup.net

EVERY SUNDAY at 7pm: **Peace Vigil** at Huntington Beach Pier

Contact: mtheriault@socal.rr.com

TWICE MONTHLY ORANGE COUNTY PEACE EVENTS

EVERY FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY at 5:30pm: **Code Pink Antiwar Protest** in Orange at Glassell and Chapman (Orange Circle). Contact kathy@codepinkoc.org
Website: www.codepinkoc.org

EVERY FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY at 5pm:

Women in Black Demo at Harbor and Newport in Costa Mesa. Contact: Carlene at 949-720-7065 or Lilian at 714-545-1450

SECOND AND FOURTH SATURDAYS at 10am:

OC Peace Coalition general meeting at a new meeting place. Check www.ocpeace.org for location.

MONTHLY ORANGE COUNTY PEACE EVENTS

Military Families Speak Out. This active group has had some calendar changes. Check: www.mfsooc.org or call 562-833-8035 for up-to-date information.

USUALLY THIRD TUESDAY - 7:30-9:30:

Cousins Club at Irvine Ranch Water District, Irvine. Contact: www.cousinscluboc.org or e-mail: info@cousinscluboc.org

EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY - 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Patriots Against the War, Seal Beach Leisure World. Call 562-430-7509 or 562-430-1047.



Check out IPMOC.org!

Articles and suggestions for both the website and newsletters may be sent to jswitesell3211@yahoo.com.



OTHER EVENTS COMING UP

PCU-OC Conscientious Projector - War Made Easy exposes a pattern of government deception and media spin that has dragged the United States into one war after another. **Sunday, Sep 12**, Soul at Home. 17612 E. 17th St., Tustin. Co-sponsored by Soul at Home's Sunday Afternoon Matinee. More Info: John Forney | JForney170@aol.com | 909-917-6081

The Whittier Area Peace & Justice Coalition invites you to their **"4th Thursday" Film Series: The Power of Nightmares** on **Thursday Sep 23**, 7pm-8pm at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 7056 Washington Ave., Whittier, CA 90602.

The **2010 Caring For Creation Conference** will be held **Saturday, Oct 30th**, at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 2200 San Joaquin Hills Road, Newport Beach. Keynote speaker will be the Rt. Rev. Bill Swing, the Founder and President of the United Religions Initiative. For more info, contact OCICE via email at ecofaith@ocice.org.

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