



Media Advisory

“Change is in the Air”

An Interfaith Service celebrating OC Pride and the Queer/LGBT Community in Orange County

WHAT

The evening will be a celebration featuring speakers, and musicians from multiple faith traditions including Christians, Jews, Muslims, Unitarians, and Wiccans who will be offering inspiration and hospitality to Queer/LGBT Persons in our midst. We will offer love to all people in their journey to peace and fullness of life by celebrating every individual's self worth wherever they are on the spectrum of sexuality, sexual orientation, and sexual identity. Most specifically we will be honoring GLSEN – The Gay, Lesbian, & Straight Education Network for its work raising awareness regarding Queer/LGBT bullying in local schools.

WHEN

Friday, August 12, 2011, 7:00 PM

WHO

Sponsored by:

Progressive Interfaith Alliance OC
Muslims for Progressive Values
Methodist Federation for Social Action, Cal-Pac

Confirmed Participants include:

AJ Blackwood MDiv, Progressive Interfaith Alliance OC
Ani Zonneveld, Muslims for Progressive Values
Rev Gary Collins, St Mark Presbyterian Church
Christine Hernandez, Wiccan Practitioner
Rev Dr Karen Stoyanoff, Unitarian Universalist Church in Anaheim
Rabbi Janet Bieber, Singer, Educator and Interfaith Proponent
Rev Dr Sarah Halverson, Fairview Community Church
Sr MaryAnne Huepper CSJ, Emmaus Outreach Ministries
Rev Randy Besta, Christ Chapel Metropolitan Community Church
Stacie Buda, ministerial student, Common Ground Spiritual Center
Tom Loughrey, Unitarian Universalist Association Board of Trustee
Rev Tom Reinhart-Marean, Methodist Federation for Social Action, Cal-Pac

Music will be directed by conductor David Diorio and there will be special musical selections meditations performed by musicians, Summer Albayati-Tetouani MDiv, Lawrence Ingalls, and Ani Zonneveld.

WHERE

**St Mark Presbyterian Church
2200 San Joaquin Hills Rd
Newport Beach, CA 92660**

WHY

We are called not only by our faith traditions but also our community to heal the world. We recognize that events like OC Pride are opportunities for this healing to happen and therefore it is our duty and responsibility to recognize such events. We are proud to celebrate with all members of our communities and wish everyone an enjoyable and safe celebration.

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Founded in 2010 Progressive Interfaith Alliance OC is a based community of individuals and organizations devoted to changing the world around us by working together and proclaiming the progressive values of *welcome, equality, inclusion, acceptance, and love* for all people and for the implementation of each in our community.

GLSEN, the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, is the leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for all students. Established in 1990, GLSEN envisions a world in which every child learns to respect and accept all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. GLSEN seeks to develop school climates where difference is valued for the positive contribution it makes to creating a more vibrant and diverse community.