

# INTERFAITH COALITION FOR EARTH JUSTICE

February Newsletter of ICEJ  
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## ICEJ meets

February 11th @ 3:30PM

[Join us!](#)

## NEW ICEJ SPEAKER SERIES

**Stay tuned for additional information on ICEJ's new speaker series, where we will be inviting speakers to discuss various environmental issues. Our first will be with Dr. Aaron Gross.**

ICEJ will be hosting a series of online presentations over the course of this year. For our first, Dr. Aaron Gross of the University of San Diego will discuss the broad relationship between current animal agricultural practices and human pandemics-- specifically how industrial farming substantially increases the risk of another zoonotic (animal to human) pandemic. COVID was of course not caused by industrial farming, but Dr. Gross worries that unless we change these practices, more pandemics are likely in our future.

We have not yet set the exact date for Dr. Gross' presentation, so stay tuned--we will get the word out shortly.

## March Speaker: Dr. Aaron Gross

**Topic: the broad relationship  
between animal agriculture practices  
and human pandemics**



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## HELLO FROM PHIL PETRIE



For serious health reasons Rev. Jeanette Bragunier has had to take a leave of absence from her position as Coordinator for ICEJ. I will be filling in for Jeanette while she recuperates and I would like to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. I am an artist and founding member of both ICEJ and SanDiego350. My church is St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, where myself and a group of parishioners started our Simpler Living ministry in 2009. My wife Mary Doak teaches Christian theology at USD and our daughter Sara is attending Cal. State Northridge.

I want to say just three things that drive my faith and will, I hope, have a role in my work at ICEJ. Firstly, I think the environmental crisis is fundamentally caused by the hyper-consumerism of the West which has a profound spiritual dimension. Essentially we are trying to fill a God-sized hole with stuff and status.

Secondly, that religion can and must play an essential role in developing a lifestyle that is both better for the planet and more spiritually rounded.

## ICEJ INVITES YOU TO OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

Join us for our monthly meeting as we continue to solidify plans for our speaker program and discuss plans for Earth Day.

We will be meeting February 11th at 3:30 PM, [Contact us](#) for the link to join!



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### Hello from Phil

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Thirdly, that the interfaith dialogue that has arisen in the last 50+ years is one of the glories of our age and makes our hope for a truly global human civilization that much more possible. This does not mean we all agree and it does not mean that any of us should water down our faith, but it does mean that we listen to each other and learn from each other in real humility. Out of my faith tradition, I would say that each of us, indeed all of creation, is part of the face of God that we continually struggle to see clearly. The wider the circle of our love, the more of God's face we can discern. I look forward to working with you all in our collective endeavors.

Phil Petrie  
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# EXTERNAL EVENT; FRATELLI TUTTI -- SISTERS AND BROTHERS ALL

February 10th at 6:30 to 8:00 PM

We live in challenging times. Pope Francis has written an encyclical called Fratelli Tutti that speak about unity and fraternity. We are all brothers and sisters and need to listen to and enter into dialogue with those who think differently than we do.

Considering this, Fr. Emmet Farrell has taken the initiative to call together leading voices from the Muslim, Jewish, and Catholic traditions to add the voice of faith and hope from their different perspectives to address the present moment.

**Five speakers will interpret the message of Pope Francis from different faith perspectives, as it applies to a specific area of our national reality.**

- **Sr. Kathleen Warren**, Franciscan Sister
- **Iman Taha Hasanne**, From the Islamic Center S. D.
- **Fr. Chris Ponnet**, Pax Christi So.Cal
- **Rabbi Laurie Coskey**, Chavurah Kol Haneshamah
- **Robert Ehnou**, Director of Restorative Justice

[Click here for additional information and how to register!](#)



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NECESSARILY CALL FOR AN  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE  
WORTH OF EVERY HUMAN  
PERSON, ALWAYS AND  
EVERYWHERE  
(POPE FRANCIS, FRATELLI TUTTI)



## Poor People's Campaign

The Poor People's Campaign has launched Moral Mondays for the administrations first 100 days to advance their 14 policy priorities, [found here](#). Additional information can be found on the [PPC's Facebook page](#).

In addition, California's PPC Faith Working group is meeting monthly. The next meeting is Monday, February 1th at 4 PM. [Click to register](#)



## MEET THE COALITION

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We are clergy and laypeople from diverse faith backgrounds, working together to empower faith communities to advocate and educate around climate justice. We provide presentations, outreach, and educational materials.

We are building our coalition, and new members are always welcome to join us! To have you or your organization join ICEJ, please email our coordinator, Phil Petrie at [petriep2@gmail.com](mailto:petriep2@gmail.com).