

MEDIA ALERT

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“Building Inclusive Communities”
Faith and Immigrant Leaders Discuss Immigration
Free conference on Tuesday, May 15 at 9:00 am – 12:00 noon in Berkeley

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7, 2007 – KQED and The San Francisco Foundation’s FAITHS Program present “*Building Inclusive Communities*” on Tuesday, May 15 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Faith and immigrant leaders are invited to discuss the current challenges to civil and immigrant rights, including the ICE raids and the latest federal and state legislation. Attendees will receive a free DVD of the KQED documentary “Immigrant Voices-American Stories” to build awareness within their organizations around issues of immigration. The half-day program is free of charge. Boxed lunches will be provided.

WHAT: “*Building Inclusive Communities: A Bay Area Immigrant and Faith Leadership Convening*”

- Presentations on the current challenges to civil and immigrant rights
- Media resources and training for congregational education

WHEN: Tuesday, May 15, 2007
9:00 am to 12:00 noon

WHERE: Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Center, 2140 Durant, Berkeley, CA
[BART Station: Downtown Berkeley]

RSVP: RSVPs are necessary. Respond with your contact information by Thursday, May 10 to Tessa Rouverol Callejo at The San Francisco Foundation’s FAITHS Program at (415) 733-8541 or trc@sff.org

TRANSLATION SERVICES:

To reserve Spanish translation services, call (415) 553-2284

CO-SPONSORS:

- Black Alliance for Just Immigration
- Catholic Charities CYO
- Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization
- East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
- Good Samaritans of the East Bay
- Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights
- Lutheran Social Services of Northern California
- Multicultural Institute, Priority Africa Network
- PANA Institute for Leadership Development and Study of Pacific Asian North American Religion
- Progressive Jewish Alliance
- San Francisco Presbytery Justice, Advocacy and Caring Committee

KQED’s Immigration in Focus (www.kqed.org/immigrationinfocus) is a collection of thought-provoking programs, special reports and events about the complex issues surrounding immigration. With California at the center of the immigration debate, KQED recognizes the need for accurate, balanced information and provides a platform for productive and inclusive dialogue from all perspectives. Support for Immigration in Focus is generously provided by the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund (www.haasjr.org).

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