



The Resurrection of Christ

God's Call to Show the Power of Love

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Dear Louann,

God's call on our lives is especially strong in these days leading up to the Resurrection. These are stories of men and women who have answered the Lord by serving the men, women and youth inside.

Perhaps you can feel God's heart beat as you read them.



Like a Mighty Stream

By Rev. Ra Amen

Chaplain - Juvenile Hall

Did you know that almost all of the 30 fastest-growing occupations in the next decade will require at least some background in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM)? In addition, people of color are under-represented in the science and technology industries. In the early 1980s, I decided to do something about it by



Juvenile Hall youth use Littlebit technology to learn about in connections

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Elyin Soto-Arnold of Baptist Church in San Francisco, Deb Partain of Foothills Congregational-UCC in Los Altos, and Bruce Friesen of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Saratoga distribute communion during the monthly worship service by the Foothills Congregational Church Jail Ministry Team.

God's call on our lives is especially strong in these days leading to the Resurrection. This is the story of a woman who found her place to serve by doing what Jesus has called us to do: feed the hungry, visit those who are sick, clothe the naked and visit those in jail.

Her life, and the lives of those she touches, will never be the same. Such is the power of God's love in action. Become part of the team. Join with us in carrying the Good News to

majoring in Community Studies with a focus in Computer Technology Education for people of color. Today as the J Hall chaplain I am once again finding a way to do something encouraging and training minority youth to consider career field of STEM.



CIC volunteers, Michael Kubba (Grace Presbyterian Church) and Grover Clay (Southbay Community Church), both engineers, mentor young men in technology and faith.

In partnership with Juvenile Hall volunteers Michael Kubba and Grover Clay (both engineers) we have developed the S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Religion, Education, Arts and Music) program. STREAM exposes under-represented youth to the STEM using religion to illustrate the source from which all originates; we use art as a medium to express the intersection of artistic creativity to STEM.



Michael and Grover set up for STREAM class at Juv'y.

Students will be taught using a variety of class experiences including multimedia presentation. Guest speakers from various industries will also help lead workshops and special discussions to give youth a broader understanding and connection to S.T.E.A.M.

those who are hungry to hear it.

This is her story. It could be yours as well.

CIC - MY STORY

By Ann Marie Burger

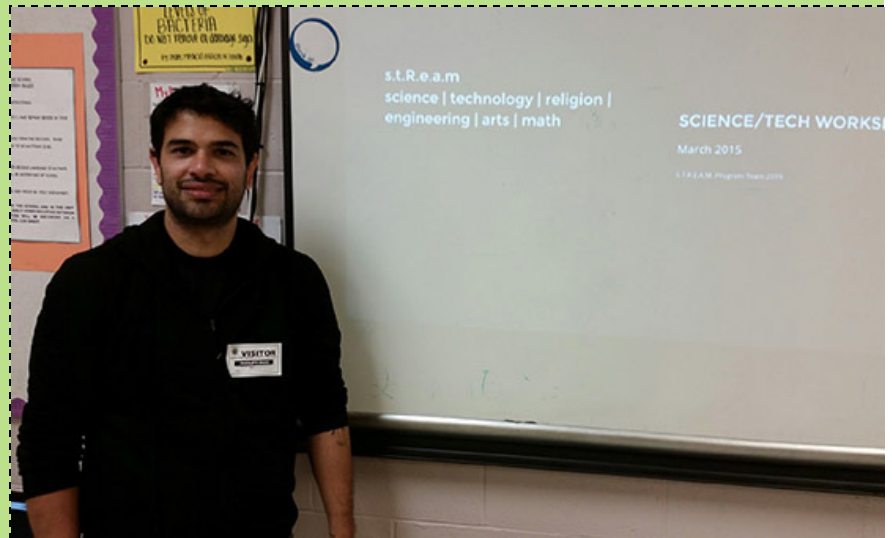
I have a very good friend (Bruce Friesen show in the photo above) who has been involved with CIC and its mission for many years. He would talk about his involvement but not in any detail. All I really knew was that his evenings and some weekends were often occupied with commitments to this "Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy" -- whatever that was. He didn't push.

I was busy.....lots to do. My focus was elsewhere.

Then one day I found myself with extra time, and "very good friend" moved to fill my extra hours. Suddenly I began to hear more about his passion to serve Jesus by serving those children of God who are, seemingly, the least of our concern and the last of those touched by God's love.

It was difficult work he was doing. Long, frustrating hours among people who we dismiss as "criminals" - uncarining, unwashed, not part of our society of "good" people. But then he told me of one or two moments when Jesus reached out and touched him AND an incarcerated person at the same moment, in each other's

from lectures and coursework, each student will participate in hands-on workshops helping connect the various themes with biblical and real world examples and applications. We want to create a supportive, yet challenging learning environment



Mike Kubba teaches in STREAM

The program is a 13-week series of 90-minute classes geared toward young males and females ages 13 to 17. The program is open to all regardless of their faith tradition or religious persuasion.

There are many reasons for the lack of diversity in the teaching profession (e.g., lack of qualified applicants, bias against those who are not qualified, flawed secondary education in black and Hispanic communities, and a lack of minority role models) just to name a few. Despite the obstacle, it is imperative that we strive to make STEM as much a part of our collective lifestyle as sports, dancing and religion. We must endeavor to become scientists and artists in our science.

presence, and they had something in common - the most important thing of all - the recognition that with God's love we can all be saved.

He was eloquent; I was immediately interested. I accepted his offer to join the CIC Board of Directors, and I have not looked back to regret one moment. I have helped at some services inside and have looked into the eyes of a few who cling to God's love as their last, best hope. I have met those who serve inside on a daily basis, and they have become people I admire without reservation.

And now I am one more person who tells the Good News to others. Often. Proudly. Humble in the presence of God's love.

Please join Ann Marie in experiencing the Call of Jesus by supporting CIC financially, by volunteering and by your prayers.

You too can experience the joy of serving Our Lord and our community by participating in this ministry of hope and love.



**JAIL
MINISTRY**



Incarcerated youth at Juvenile Hall are primarily people of color.

Our hope is to add a few trickles to what may one day be "like a mighty stream" of minorities into the fields of math, science, engineering and technology. Then their God-given talents and gifts will flow forth to form a type of "Joseph's technocracy of many colors" workforce working together to create the future of our community."

Oh, what a day of rejoicing it will be.

The Good News Made Tangible

By Rev. Evelyn Vigil
Chaplain - Main Jail

One of the central practices of the Christian faith is the Eucharist, the bread and the wine as celebration and remembrance of the Last Supper, recognized in communion during worship services.

The Jail Ministry team from Foothills Congregational Church in Los Altos brings communion every month to men hungry for the love of God.

By calling each man by name and offering the bread

TRAINING



**Sunday, April 26
at 1:30 -5:30 pm
Grace Baptist Church
484 E. San Fernando**

(The church parking lot entrance is on 10th St) There is very little parking so please plan to find parking on the street.

juice as remembrance of the Last Supper Jesus shared with on the night he was betrayed, all who participate are drawn into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Our Lord and Savior. It is the Good News made tangible.

Jesus came to live among us, sharing our sorrows, hardships, and many, giving us new life in the new covenant. Yes, he was betrayed, suffered greatly and died on the cross.

But he was buried and rose again. The Resurrection reminds us that the days may be dark and the road ahead seems rough and uncertain, but God is with us on the journey.

God's love will see us through, and by sharing in the Eucharist in chapel, the men who are leaving know that they are strengthened for the days ahead, the difficult and joyous time when they leave. They choose whether to continue their new lives with the Lord or return to their old ways.

A simple bit of bread and juice serves to remind them that there is more to this life than what we see. Worship and Eucharist reminds us that God's glory surrounds us and when our souls are nourished, we find comfort and fulfillment in the simple act of breaking bread together.

May it ever be so.

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LAPTOP NEEDED

A laptop that is HDMI capable to connect to a powerpoint projector for the men's chapel at Elmwood. This will be used for teaching purposes.

God's blessings and peace be on you in week of holy remembrance and celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

Rev. David Robinson, executive director,
the CIC staff and board of directors

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