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## Pastor's Column

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### **Faith Not Fear Summit—Standing Together to Protect Our Families**

“And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness, against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, against those who turn away an alien—because they do not fear Me, says the Lord of Hosts” (Malachi 3:5).

Rooted in faith, our families are ready to stand in solidarity with our most threatened community members and neighbors.

Bishop Robert McElroy, the Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego, Bishop George McKinney of St. Stephen's Church of God in Christ in San Diego, Bishop Terrell Fletcher of the City of Hope International Church in San Diego, and Imam Taha Hassane, Imam of the Islamic Center of San Diego, and other Faith Leaders from San Diego County are convening an “Assembly of Peoples” on Wednesday, April 19, at 6:30pm, at a site in San Diego yet to be determined.

At this event they are pledging and encouraging others to take united action to protect all families, protect immigrants and refugees, protect everyone's right to healthcare, and protect our neighborhoods with compassionate policing.

**The Vision of this Event:** To form a united, mobilized, inspired group of leaders from our local faith communities that will work in partnership to protect each other and secure justice for everyone.

**The Purpose of this Event:** The main purpose of the event is to obtain commitments from people to encourage them to join in efforts of forming solidarity teams that will respond to ICE raids; stand against instances of hate; and to resist moves to return to “tough on crime” and “stop and frisk” policing policies. Attendees will be commissioned to form teams and receive follow-up training. Congressional delegates and other local elected officials will be invited as well as all local media/broadcasting outlets.

Watch the bulletin for more information. Also contact Sr. Maureen Brown, CSJ, our Pastoral Associate, who is the liaison to the San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP) who is sponsoring this event. You may contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or [maureenb@stmoside.org](mailto:maureenb@stmoside.org).

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