

"An Eye for an Eye?"

THE SAN DIEGO FAITH COMMUNITY
CONFRONTS THE DEATH PENALTY



Thursday, February 22, 2007

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Islamic Center of San Diego

7050 Eckstrom Ave.

(Hwy 805, Balboa Avenue exit. Go west, Left at First Traffic Light).

San Diego, CA, 92111.

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Participants will be invited to make a freewill offering to continue the important work of California People of Faith Working Against the Death Penalty

About California People of Faith

CPF works to educate and mobilize faith communities to act to abolish the death penalty in California. We are a nonpartisan, statewide, interfaith organization. Our members include Muslims, Christians, Jews, Buddhists, and people from various other faith traditions. As communities of faith, we join together to take responsibility for the killing of our citizens by the State of California. As people of faith, we understand that the wisdom of many faith traditions calls us to a higher and often difficult standard of love, forgiveness, and justice that is rooted not in retribution but rather in redemption and restoration. The death penalty denies the sacredness of human life. Spiritually, the death penalty diminishes us all. As we invest in vengeance, we divest ourselves of compassion. As we support retribution, we neglect restorative justice. We cannot be a community of compassion and unity if we choose to destroy one another. The State of California should not be allowed to kill in our name. We invite you to gather with people of many faith traditions for an evening of discussion on the death penalty.

Sponsored by the San Diego Chapter of California People of Faith Working Against the Death Penalty (CPF), this workshop will feature two speakers whose personal stories encompass the themes of violence, justice, redemption, and forgiveness. The evening will also include an overview of the death penalty in California by Michael Peddecord, Dr. P.H., Professor Emeritus, Graduate School of Public Health, San Diego State University, including the movement for a moratorium and abolition efforts.

Featured Speakers



From Death Row to Redemption

Pastor Billy Neal Moore,

*Author of, ***I Shall Not Die: Seventy-Two Hours on Death Watch.****

Billy Moore spent almost 17 years on Georgia's death row for the robbery-murder of 77-year-old Fredger Stapleton. Moore confessed to the murder, pled guilty, and was given a death sentence. Moved by his remorse, the victim's family forgave him and began a campaign to set him free.

He attracted international attention when Mother Teresa personally contacted the Georgia Board of Pardons on his behalf and the Reverend Jesse Jackson joined in the campaign to spare his life. Seven days before his scheduled execution, he received clemency and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. Following his parole in 1993, he was ordained a Pentecostal minister. His freedom, as he puts it, is a call from God to speak to all people about the death penalty.



Forgiving the Unforgivable – A Journey of Hope

Azim Khamisa

Azim Khamisa is an inspiration. Hailed by dignitaries from around the world, Azim carries a message of forgiveness, peace and hope into a world in desperate need of each. Following the loss of his only son Tariq in 1995 to a senseless murder, Azim chose the path of forgiveness and compassion rather than revenge and bitterness, and this amazing choice led to the establishment of the Tariq

Khamisa Foundation (TKF) and the subsequent forgiveness movement which has reached millions.

A successful international investment banker, Azim has spoken to audiences of adults, juveniles and children, ranging from small school gatherings to audiences into the thousands, including – on the occasion of a special rally in Washington DC in 1995 – a crowd of 300,000.



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Evening Program

- 6:00 p.m.** – Doors open – Refreshments
- 6:25 p.m.** – Welcome and Opening Prayer
- 6:30 p.m.** – Michael Peddecord, Dr. P.H. – Overview of the
Death Penalty in California
- 6:45 p.m.** – Azim Khamisa – Forgiving the Unforgivable
– a Journey of Hope – Azim will be introduced by Ples
Felix, the grandfather and guardian of Tony Hicks,
convicted of murdering Tariq Khamisa, Azim's son.
- 7:30 p.m.** – Break
- 7:45 p.m.** – Billy Neal Moore – From Death Row to
Redemption
- 8:30 p.m.** – Questions and Answers – Azim, Billy, and Michael
- 8:50 p.m.** – Closing Remarks and Prayer

For questions please contact Kent Peters at
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