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Church Pastor of the month:

Fr. Jan Lundberg—
Senior Father of St. Therese Catholic Church (<http://www.sts-alh.org/sttheresechurch/>) entered the Carmel Monastery in 1986. The name Carmelite derives from Mt. Carmel, in the Holy Land (near Haifa). It is the location where the prophet St. Elijah, and his followers, lived and where God's covenant with His people was successfully defended against idol worshippers. Carmelite friars especially emphasize the Rule—the **wholehearted** love and service of Christ, fostered by the necessary means of prayer, both liturgical and private, evangelization and pastoral care. They value **authentic** living out of God's love. Father Jan is a faithful follower of Christ Jesus our Lord. We thank God for him!



Our MISSION is to be catalysts that inspire, connect and mobilize people toward personal and community transformation by bringing God's hope, love and shalom to all in the city of Alhambra.

Our VISION is to see Alhambra transformed as God's people live out the Great Commission in Alhambra and as people of good faith and people of good will work together for city transformation; to see God's Kingdom come to Alhambra as it is in Heaven.

Inspiring people to pray for Alhambra, to have a Kingdom paradigm and to share stories of what God is doing in Alhambra

We pray together:

"God's Kingdom come, God's will be done in Alhambra as it is in Heaven" Matthew 6:10.

Pray 4 Alhambra **October 2007** Prayer focus: **Alhambra Fire Department**

Prayer points are distributed to every Alhambra Church monthly in English, Chinese & Spanish and can be downloaded @ www.kingdomcauses.org



Authenticity

What does it mean to be authentic? Do we know when we are? Does it mean that we are true to who we are and whose (God) we are? Does it mean that we don't have hidden motives or reasons for doing something?

Authenticity makes us ask the questions—why we do the things we do and what we reflect on the outside match what we feel on the inside? When seven Alhambra churches and many more local agencies/organizations came together on 10/28 to partner for the Harvest Festival—I was blessed by the authentic love people had for the community and the genuine desire to bless and serve the children and adults that came. Brennan Manning (one of my favorite speakers) said, "What we do in Christ may express the ultimate truth of what we are in Christ more than anything else". I am encouraged by the Church of Alhambra who showed Alhambra who they are in Jesus by their acts of partnership, service and love during the Harvest Festival.

Authenticity Quotes

Authentic = truthful, correct; the quality of being genuine or not corrupted from the original. Implies good faith and sincerity of intention; not false.

"**Authentic** Christianity never destroys what is good. It makes it grow, transfigures it, and enriches itself from it."

"Do not think that love, in order to be **genuine**, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired." Mother Teresa

Connecting the Church and engaging the Church and City

1st Annual Alhambra Pastors Appreciation Breakfast

(Bethany Church, October 25, 2007)

Ten years ago I began praying for the pastors in Alhambra and asked the Lord if there would be a time/place where they could be cared for/encouraged in a corporate setting. My eyes began to tear up as my prayer was being answered right before me on 10/25 as 20 pastors gathered. This event was hosted by the mental health task force and made possible by the partnership of the local Alhambra Churches who brought cards and gifts for their pastors in addition to serving them breakfast. Amber Nyland led a special worship time, retired Pastor Jim Sturgis gave a moving exhortation from Galatians on not growing weary in doing good, Laura Depp (MFT) gave encouragement in the area of self-care, Beyond All Words/Solely4Him Dance Team offered a beautiful rendition of The Lord's Prayer. The best part was looking around the room and to see how blessed we are by the amazing diversity and experience of the pastors represented. Let's continue to pray for our pastors and their ministries!



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Prayer Needs:

1. Please pray for a unified prayer movement for Alhambra.
2. Praise God for His faithfulness in the Harvest Festival. Around 600 people came to this event that brought together 7 churches and many other local agencies/organizations. It was exciting to see the Church partnered together for the purpose of blessing the community. Please see the website for pictures and more details.
4. Please pray for prayer & financial (to be 100% funded) partners; for expanded ownership of God's work in Alhambra.
5. Please pray for a volunteer administrative assistant.

Serving together....

Saturday, November 3: Serving lunch to homeless at URM. Please see website for more info/to sign up.

Save the dates:

- **Wednesday, November 21st (7:30pm)** - Alhambra Community Thanksgiving Celebration at Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church (1850 W. Hellman Ave, Alhambra), 626/284-3229.
- **Sunday, December 2nd (4-6pm)** - Piano Concert Benefit for Kingdom Causes Alhambra featuring Dr. Lily Chou (Julliard trained pianist and Assistant to the Pastor at Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church). Suggested donation \$10 . Location: 1st UMC Alhambra. Everyone welcome!
- **Saturday, December 15th from (6:30-8:30pm)** —Outdoor Christmas Concert at 1st UMC parking lot. Please call Tam, Emmaus Lutheran Church (626/289-3664) for more info.

Introducing Kingdom Causes Alhambra Intern Esther Siu

Before coming to the States, Esther lived with her family in Hong Kong. At the completion of high school, she moved to the States and received her bachelors degree from the University of Oregon. After working in the legal field for several years, she decided it was time respond to God' call for her life. She is currently an M.Div. student at Fuller Theological Seminary and she is working at her church (Chinese Bible Missions Church) as a wedding coordinator. She enjoys classes she took from the Psychology department at Fuller but her passion is Old Testament studies. She lives in Pasadena with her husband and a yellow Lab named Reina. We are so blessed & excited to have Esther on the team. Her focus will be the mental health task force. To contact Esther, please email at: Es-



Mobilizing people around key Kingdom issues

Emergency Preparedness Task Force—meets the 4th Sunday of the month from 3-4:30 pm at Bethany Church.
Co-Leaders: Chaplain Phil Hilliard and Chaplain Mary Glenn

Mental Health Task Force—Meets monthly; please see website for more info. Chair: Dr. Christine Wong.

Youth Task Force/Believe (mentoring program for at-risk youth - BELIEVE: Directors John Lewis and Mary Glenn). October 4th over 40 students and adults came together at the YMCA for the first Alhambra Youth Task Force meeting. The meeting goals were for introductions/networking (who we are/what we do), analysis of Alhambra youth needs, and strategizing ways to collaborate and partner together to meet those needs.

To get involved in task forces, please email/call us!



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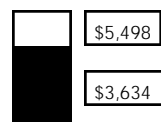
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How can you partner with Kingdom Causes Alhambra?

God is bringing together people of good faith and people of good will to bring about His Kingdom purposes in Alhambra. Kingdom Causes Alhambra is responsible for raising ministry advancement funds for the work here including staff salaries and local program funds.

The monthly budget is \$5,498. We are grateful for individuals, local churches (ATLPC, Bethany Church, Chinese Bible Missions Church, Emmaus Lutheran Church, 1st Baptist Church and 1st United Methodist Foundation) and businesses who have partnered financially. **We are fully operational but only 66% funded and we need your partnership to keep this work going.** *Would you please consider joining the monthly partner/support team? Please make checks payable to Kingdom Causes Alhambra. Thank you!*



Philippians 4:8 Finally, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.