



Center for Spiritual Living  
Capistrano Valley

# Adventure in Faith 2011

Our annual program of commitment:  
spiritual & financial

Celebrating Adventure in Faith

October 16

*Dear Ones,*

Thank you!

It is hard to believe but we are almost through celebrating Adventure in Faith 2011. As I am writing this we are into the fourth week of joining together as a community and family at our Center.

Personally, it has been a wonderful journey for me. I have enjoyed the services and activities at the Center and at other venues. I was sorry to have missed the shooting gallery, I was looking forward to it. The participation by our members has been amazing; I am truly grateful and blessed.

### **Celebration**

On October 16 we have our final celebration with the "Wholly, Holy Hoedown" which, as always, promises to be lots of fun with games, dancing, plenty of food and possibilities of winning the opportunity drawing prizes.

### **Adventure Man**

Next Saturday Adventure Man, aka Wade Wooldridge, has planned a ballroom lesson at Londance Studio in Laguna Niguel, and there may be a flash mob adventure in the works.

My intention was to pick the perfect steering committee and Spirit provided exactly that.

My intention for Adventure in Faith was to pick the perfect team as steering committee and Spirit provided exactly that.

### **Co-Chair**

My Co-Chair Kim Province always said YES to all requests; she attended committee meetings, helped arrange with lunch for the first three Sundays and was and still is available. Thank you Kim.

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*Doris Palardy*

Dr. Heather Clark  
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**Adventure in Faith 2011 Steering Committee**

# Chair's Thank You, Continued from page 1.

## Spiritual Practices Team

Reverend Judee, as always, also said YES. Along with her spiritual team she presented us beautiful meditations and affirmations for all four Sundays and planned interesting and sacred Wednesday Wisdom services.

## Marketing Team

The marketing team under the direction of Kimberly Wooldridge was efficient and oh so funny. The weekly skits made us all laugh out loud and always got the point across. The extra bonus was her husband Wade whose idea it was to put Adventure back into Adventure in Faith. He presented the steering committee with so many choices of what we could do as a church family; the creativity of both Kimberly and Wade is limitless. I am blessed by having them on my team.

## Sacred Circles Team

A big Thank You to Kathy Storey as leader of the Sacred Circle Team. Kathy and her team wrote the curriculum for the four weeks, found the hosts for the homes to hold the circles and trained the facilitators. We had a total of 11 homes on almost every day of the week except Wednesday.

## Presentation Team

Larry Shrimp recruited our sharers for Sunday services and did a fabulous job.



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*Wholly Holy Hoedown*

Sunday October 16 After Second Service

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children of all ages!



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## Youth Team

Our children were ably guided by Pattie Mercado when they distributed the gifts every Sunday during services.

## Newsletter & Media

What can I say about Pam Roche? She reminds us when the articles are due, she publishes, she does Facebook and Meet-ups, she does just about everything connected with getting the word out and keeping us on schedule. My heart is filled with thanksgiving for Pam.

## Art Team

The Art Team has a wonderful and multi-talented leader in Eli Herrera. Wow, I picked the exact right person. I had set lofty goals, but she certainly exceeded all of them. The art was magnificent and diverse, along with the auction of the various dinners and events. We raised around \$6,100, so applause please!

## Celebration Team

Mia Cook handles the Celebration Sunday, October 16, so please come and join in.

## Spiritual Advisor

Last, but not least, Thank you to Dr. Heather, our spiritual leader, who so graciously went along with almost anything I presented.

The music and the musicians were great and I hope you enjoyed Reverend Edwene Gaines as much as I did.

My Spirit is renewed and I am so motivated to bring even more good into my life.

Thank you all for participating, for giving, for attending the services, events, sacred circles and the auction and, next Sunday, the celebration.

My heart is overflowing with Love for all of You.

Love and Light,  
*Doris*



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Celebration Picnic

# Wholly Holy Hoedown

Ya'll c'mon down for fun, FOOD,  
dance, music, more fun and...  
more FOOD, and games for  
children of all ages!



Sunday, October 16  
After Second Service  
12 - 3 p.m.  
at the center

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# The Pledge

Although we focus on financial commitment during this month more than any other, this is by no means the only time for commitments.

In some respects, we are constantly examining our lives — re-evaluating our goals. For we are constantly evolving and growing. A level of financial commitment that may not have made sense at one point in time, may make beautiful sense two, three, six, even eight months hence. We needn't think we must wait for the next Adventure in Faith to make our financial commitment to our center, or even to *increase* our commitment.

Making a financial commitment to the place where we are spiritually fed is a statement of faith and belief. But it is also an act of personal exploration. And personal exploration is a fundamental part of growth.

In a few months, when Adventure in Faith has faded from memory, take another look at your life in this center. If at that time you feel guided to make or increase your financial commitment to our Center, you are welcome to do so.

# The Power of Commitment

“Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation) there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no man could have dreamed would have come his way. I have learned a deep respect for one of Goethe's couplets:

*Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.”*

From the book, *The Scottish Himalayan Expedition, 1951*, by William H. Murray, famous Scottish mountaineer.



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