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Earth Day Follow-up

by Gale Lynch, co-chair for ASC's Peace and Justice Concerns Committee

On April 22, the All Seminary Council (ASC) Peace and Justice Concerns Committee sponsored an Earth Day festival to celebrate God's creation and encourage the community to live as better stewards. Tables in the Garth were staffed by volunteer Earth Day proponents ready to hand out information and discuss topics such as alternative transportation, recycling, composting, creative clothing/thrift shopping, vegetarian eating, wilderness experiences, and trees. There were also several people creating t-shirt masterpieces at the tie-dye table. Live music was perfomed by the duo Paravel (Andrew Koehl and Kathleen Salsbury) and by Beth Meres (who was also staffing the trees table).

As Christians we are called to be wise stewards of God's creation, to live simply and justly. Ron Sider, in his book *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*, recently while here on the Fuller campus, has encouraged us to examine how our choices affect the poor and marginalized around us and throughout the world. You might still be asking yourself, “What can I do? How can I make a difference?” But we should not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed. Let us instead be inspired by the example of Christ and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit as we seek to minimize our own wastefulness and tackle the injustice around us. Then we can move out in concrete action. Below and inside are some of the tips and information handed out during the Earth Day festival. As a first step to living as better stewards and more justly, let us prayerfully consider how we might adopt one or two of these ideas.

Energy Saving Tips at Home

by Andrew Koehl, student spouse

(1) Turn Down Your Water Heater.
Adjust your water heater to the point that when you take a shower, you add no cold water to the hot. Also, when you leave for a weekend or longer, turn your water heater down to “Vacation” setting.

(2) Read Your Electric Meter To Keep Track Of Your Consumption.
By doing this, you can check your consumption mid-month to see if you need to make adjustments. This will encourage you to turn off lights, etc. Make a game of seeing how little electricity you can use in a month. Also, by looking on your electric bill, you can see how much you are paying per KWH (kilowatt hour) and figure out how much your bill will be. Never be surprised by a high electric bill again!

(3) Keep Your Appliances In Check.
If leaving on a long vacation, try to use up what is in your fridge and then unplug it. The fridge is a huge electricity hog.

(4) Turn Off The Lights.
Whenever possible leave on only the ones you are using at that time.

(5) Use Air Conditioners As Little As Possible.
Instead, open all windows at night, and pull air through with a fan.

(6) Close Shades And Windows During The Day—especially those which are directly in the sun, to keep hot air from coming in.

(7) Wear More Clothes In The Winter And Use More Blankets...
so that you can keep the temperature lower.

(8) When Taking A Shower
Turn off the water when you are soaping up. In other words: get wet, turn the shower off, soap up your body and hair, turn the shower back on to rinse.

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THE SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

This scholarship provides financial support to seminarians preparing for full-time Christian ministry among the Chinese. For application information please write to:

TSSFC
108 Fieldstone Way
Lansdale, PA 19446

THE SANTA BARBARA FOUNDATION—JACK GIMBEL LOAN

10 interest-free, 10-year maturity loans of varying amounts are available for applicants who have attended schools in Santa Barbara County from 7th through 12th grade and are enrolled in graduate programs for the 1997-98 academic year. For more information, contact the foundation itself.

Vicki Wedmore, Student Aid Program Asst.
15 East Carrillo St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2780
(805) 966-2345

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

American Baptist ethnic seminarians whose initial language is not English may apply for these scholarships of varied amounts for which there is no application deadline. One can obtain eligibility information in the Office of Financial Aid. However, applications are available only through:

Rev. Perla D. Belo
National Ministries
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851
1-800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2468 or 2462.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

While scholarships available and application deadlines vary according to specific Rotary clubs, many scholarships cover complete funding for travel, study, and living abroad for an academic or calendar year. Some local clubs are currently accepting applications for the 1999-2000 academic year, and deadlines range between March and July of 1998. For more information, visit the organization’s homepage at www.rotary.org (where details and applications are available for downloading) or write:

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International
One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201.

LINDBERGH FOUNDATION

There will be nine grants awarded in amounts up to $10,580 each for projects addressing the issue of balance in various fields. The applications will be reviewed for technical merit and for potential contribution to the Lindbergh vision of balance. This application needs some serious thought and some research, so please do not wait until the last minute to pick one up from the Office of Financial Aid. The deadline for all materials is June 16. Read the application for information on where to send the materials.

THE REVEREND J.K. FUKUSHIMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship seeks to assist the education of persons pursuing major courses of study in areas which will develop the skills and understanding necessary to further the development of Christian ministries. A median amount of $500 is available per candidate. The applications must be postmarked by May 31. For applications please write to or call:

The Board of Trustees
Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church
144 S. Greenwood Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640-4694
(213) 721-5568

Financial Aid is located on the second floor of Stephan Hall and can be reached by calling (626) 584-5421

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In-house users will be charged for notices from their departments which exceed 50 words in length or which run longer than two weeks.

Advertisement Information: Notices from individuals or churches for events not directly sponsored by a Fuller office or organization will be printed in the “Ads” section and charged per word.

Come and join us this Wednesday, May 20, in the First Congregational Church at 10 a.m. as we welcome School of World Mission professor Paul Pierson.

The Thursday Chapel meets in Travis Auditorium at 10 a.m. Judy Peace will share a personal testimony. There will also be a time of praise and worship led by the Chapel Worship Team.
ACTUAL CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS:

- The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- Ladies’ Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- Evening Massage—6 p.m.
- The pastor would appreciate if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.
- The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.
- Ushers will eat latecomers.
- The third verse of “Blessed Assurance” will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, “Break Forth into Joy.”
- A songfest was hell at the Methodist church Wednesday.
- Due to the rector’s illness, Wednesday’s healing service will be discontinued until further notice.
- Stewardship Offering: “Jesus Paid It All”
- The music for today’s service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare’s Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister’s daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.
- Twenty-two members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.
- Don’t let worry kill you. Let the Church help.
- Thursday night—Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- Wednesday, the Ladies’ Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing “Put Me In My Little Bed” accompanied by the pastor.
- The service will close with “Little Drops of Water.” One of the ladies will start (quietly) and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be “What is Hell?” Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- The 1996 Spring Council Retreat will be hell May 10 and 11.
- Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.
- 8 new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Mrs. Johnson will be entering the hospital this week for testes.
- The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan, who are preparing for the girth of their first child.
- The Lutheran Men’s group will meet at 6 p.m. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, and dessert will be served for a nominal feel.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church’s new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: “I Upped My Pledge—Up Yours!”
The following groups will be meeting on Monday mornings from 10 to 10:50 a.m., with exceptions as noted.

**Denominational Groups**

This time is set aside for you to worship, for support, to network, and to connect with denominational issues.

- **American Baptist**
  - Psych. Bldg. 116
- **Charismatic Episcopal**
  - Catalyst
- **Evangelical Covenant**
  - CFD Learning Center
  - 465 Ford Place
- **Lutheran (all)**
  - 2nd Wednesday of each month
  - 12-2 p.m.
  - Faculty Commons
- **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**
  - Payton 303
- **Reformed Church in America/CRC**
  - Psychiat. Bldg. 120
- **Roman Catholic**
  - Library Chapel, 10:15 a.m.
- **United Methodist**
  - Psychiat. Bldg. 130
- **Vineyard**
  - Travis Auditorium

**Other Groups**

- **Japanese Students**
  - Psychiat. Bldg. 314
- **Korean Students**
  - Payton 301
- **Messianic Jews**
  - Glasser Hall, First Floor
- **Military Chaplains**
  - Catalyst

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**COMPOSTING**

**Saying Thank You to Jesus Over and Over**

by Andrew Koehl

By composting we take the overabundance of God's blessing and return it to him through his creation as a thank offering. Composting should not be seen merely as another thing you should do, but as an opportunity for worship—earthly, rich, physical, satisfying worship—not to mention fun and the satisfaction of knowing you are caring for something for which God also cares deeply; you are sharing his heart for his creation. Up to 35% of what we send to fill smelly, earth-gobbling landfills can be composted—that is, turned into wonderfully rich soil for use in yard or garden. And the amazing thing about composting is that you don’t do it—it is carried out by some of the smallest of God’s creatures—little microorganisms and bugs and worms that love to do this sort of thing. It is a cool thing indeed to partner with God’s creatures towards a common goal. This is the adventure which is before you! And best of all, composting is easy; the little microbes and other creatures love to do it—they are eager and willing, and one way or another they will get the job done. So don’t feel like you have to do every little thing perfectly. Compost happens! What you learn from this article will merely help you to intensify and speed up the natural process.

**What Is Compost?**

Compost is very rich soil comprised of broken-down vegetable matter. When added to lawns and gardens, it contributes much needed nutrients and micronutrients and greatly improves soil structure and the ability of the soil to retain water and nutrients. Compost releases its nutrients over time, which is very good for the garden throughout the growing season. It also adds beneficial organisms such as earthworms and friendly insects that continue to build up healthy soil. In other words—it is a source of new life from death. In this way it signifies the love of God in Christ.

**How Do I Make Compost?**

(1) Get a bucket or small tupperware container to keep by your sink. Then put any unused vegetable matter into the bucket until it is filled, when you will empty it onto your compost pile. This will include such things as banana and orange peels, corn cobs, vegetables that have gone bad, coffee grounds, etc. If you have the inclination, cut anything big like a banana peel or a corn cob up to speed decomposition.

(2) Make your compost pile.

**The Structure**

This can be done in a variety of ways. You can either just make a pile of materials without anything to contain them, or you can buy four stakes and a roll of chicken wire to make a squarish container for your compost.

Make it so that one side can swing open, so that you will be able to access the contents and turn them over. You can also build a three-sided wooden structure—whatever strikes your fancy and fits the materials to which you have access. The height of the structure is usually from 3'-4' high. The width is usually about 3'-5'.

**The Materials**

To get your compost pile started, the best material is grass clippings. They heat up and get your microbes in gear very quickly. Besides that, add whatever other vegetable matter you have at hand, such as leaves, dead flowers and plants, etc. After a while most compost piles heat up significantly, up to 150 degrees Fahrenheit in the middle. It’s a raging party these little microbes throw—and you are the guest of honor who gets all the party favors.

(3) Add water. If you haven’t had much rain, it’s good to water down your pile. The most active pile will be one which has some moisture evenly distributed through the pile, but isn’t too damp. The microbes need three basic things—vegetable matter, air, and water. Without water, decomposition will be slow. With too much, it will compress things and not leave room for the second crucial ingredient.

(4) Turn the pile weekly (or so). This makes sure that your pile is properly aerated as well as ensuring that the decomposition activity gets spread throughout the pile—thus you are mixing the old matter, where the microorganisms are chomping away, with nice new material for them to work on. And again—you are making sure that there is enough air.

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Getting Started with RECYCLING

by Andrew Koehl

If you have been thinking about recycling, but just haven’t gotten the oomph to do it, this article will give you the practical tips you need to start today. Approach it as an act of worship and love for God, the Creator. Once you begin, you really gain a sense of appreciation for all the things God has created, instead of just using them and discarding them. If you are in a spiritual rut, start recycling! In doing so we act out physically what God does spiritually for us when he “works all things to the good for those who seek Him.” Recycling is physical liturgy, and a sweet part of Kingdom life.

(1) At the 99 Cents Only store at the corner of Los Robles and Villa, buy a few plastic bins (laundry baskets) to collect materials in. Put these somewhere handy—outside your back door, in the laundry room, in the kitchen, etc.

(2) Rinse recyclables briefly (don’t worry about getting them spotless) and put them into your bins.

(3) When the bins are full, take them to the Cal-Tech recycling center. It is an easy and quick trip by car. Carpool with others if you want. Go South on Lake, left on Del Mar, and then right on Holliston into the campus. You’ll see the recycling center on your left.

What do you recycle? Almost everything. (If you compost your vegetable matter too—see composting article—you will recycle almost everything you use!) The Cal-Tech center is very complete. You can recycle all plastic items, glass, tin cans, white paper, colored paper (including Post-its), comingle paper (i.e. any other kind of paper), newspaper, aluminum, chip board paper (i.e. all cardboard boxes, toilet paper rolls, oatmeal boxes, etc.), magazines, catalogues, phone books, and styrofoam. For recycling at Fuller—Contact the Peace and Justice Concerns committee to become a part of bringing a comprehensive recycling program to Fuller. Call Gale at (626) 792-2737 or Max at (818) 500-0819. We would love to start recycling as a community here on campus to show our appreciation and thankfulness for God’s creative activity, and as an ongoing component of our community worship. Get involved today!

Composting

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Note: when you first start your pile, don’t turn it for three weeks or so, and then for two weeks or so after that, in order to ensure that decomposition gets a good start before undergoing the upheaval of the pile turnings. If you forget to turn your pile for a while, it’s no big deal, but compost will be made more quickly if you turn regularly.

(5) Add activator if you want. Some people like to add an activator to their compost to get things cooking faster. (I’ve never done this and have had great success without it.) Here are things you can mix into your pile as activators—someone else’s compost, soil, alfalfa meal, blood meal, bone meal, cow manure, cotton seed meal, fish meal, or the compost activator which is marketed as such at a garden store.

(6) Use your compost! When your compost is finished, use it in your garden, either by mixing it into the soil evenly, or by putting it into the holes in which you plant your plants. Depending on a variety of factors, you will have usable compost in anywhere from 1 month to 6 months. In the summer it happens faster than in the winter.

“Finished” compost is crumbly—mostly it looks like dirt, while some of the tougher elements may remain intact—such as husks from corn, etc. Even these, though, should crush easily in your hand when the compost is finished. Finished compost is also very dark in color, and smells sweet and earthy. It is also about the temperature of the outside environment—compost that is still significantly warmer than the environment needs more time to decompose. Again, it isn’t crucial that you use your compost at just the right time. Undecomposed matter in your compost will just emphasize the time-release quality of the final product. Have fun and don’t worry! A great resource on composting is the book Let it Rot! by Stu Campbell, published by Storey Books. I bought mine at Vroman’s for $11.95. (I used this book for information for this article, especially point #6.) In the book Campbell also talks about indoor worm composting—a great idea if you don’t have room for an outdoor compost pile! It’s a fun method for kids, who for some reason can really appreciate a good worm!
Additions

Five-week course:
Session I (June 22–July 24)
OT553 Song of Songs (Swanson, S) 4 units TTh 5–8:50 p.m.
Prereq: LG502 OTCE

Two-week courses:
Session 2 (July 6–July 17)
CH583 History of Armenian Christianity (Haleblian, KG) 4 units Daily 8–11:50 a.m.
Session 5 (August 17–28)
DP505 Presbyterian Polity and Worship (Sperry, JM) 4 units Daily 5–8:50 p.m. MIN6

Early Fall Intensives
(September 8–18)
CH549 Presbyterian Creeds (Thompson, J) 4 units Daily 8–11:50 a.m.
GM520 Foundations for Spiritual Life (Postema, D) Daily 8–11:50 a.m. SPIR

Deletions

Five-week course:
Session 1 (June 22–July 24)
OT570 Job and Human Suffering

Two-week courses:
Session 2 (July 6–July 17)
DP533 History of the Armenian Evangelical Movement (replaced with CH583)

Corrections/Modifications
(Corrected information is in bold type.)

Five-week course:
Session I (June 22–July 24)
OT502 Hebrew Prophets (Cole)

Two-week courses:
Session 1 (June 22–July 3)
ET518 Ethics of Everyday Life 8–11:50 a.m.
Session 2 (July 6–July 17)
NS518 Dead Sea Scrolls and the New Testament
Prerequisites: NS500 & NS501; or NS502

School of World Mission

Please note the following changes to the summer 1998 course schedule (as of April 14, 1998):

Addition

One-week course:
September 8–11
MI792/892 Doctoral Seminar (Gilliland, D) 0 units T–F 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

Deletion

ML521 Developing Giftedness in Leaders

Energy Tips

(9) Flush Toilet Infrequently.
For those that can handle a little #1 collection, you will save quite a bit of water. (“If it’s yellow, let it mellow. If it’s brown, flush it down!”)

(10) Use Your Car as Little As Possible.
Walk whenever you can and buy a cheap bicycle. It’s amazing how far you can go on a bicycle. Also, when buying a car, buy one with good fuel economy, and buy one which is old enough so that you can feel comfortable carrying only the minimum liability insurance on it.

About the SEMI in general:
Martyn Smith, our new editor as of June 1, would like to hear from you! He will be looking for articles and columns on a wide variety of topics. Is there something that’s been on your mind?
• What topics would you like to see the SEMI cover next year?

• Would you like to write a column or article for the SEMI? On what subject(s)?

Your name: ________________________________
Phone #: ________________________________
Box #: ________________________________

—Don’t forget to fill out the other side and return surveys to SEMI, Box 0951—
Why I’m a Vegetarian
what it has to do with God, the world, and all that...

by Beth Meres Grecu, M.A. Intercultural Studies

I get the question a lot, from Christians and non-Christians, here in the United States and abroad, usually as we’re sitting down to eat: “Why don’t you eat meat?”

During my first few years as a vegetarian, I would try to answer as honestly and comprehensively as possible and, fifteen minutes later, would find that our food had gotten cold, as all had politely listened to my long answer. Now I usually give the short answer: “Well, it’s kind of complicated.” But I’m willing to go into it if they really want to know. Some do want to know and some don’t—that’s fine with me. But just for the record—for those who want to know—here’s the long answer!

First of all, there are almost as many reasons people become vegetarians as there are kinds of vegetarians. Unlike many vegetarians, I didn’t choose to stop eating meat for nutritional reasons, although I recognize that there are nutritional benefits to a vegetarian lifestyle. And I also did not choose vegetarianism because I believe, philosophically, that it is categorically wrong for humans to eat animals (although, interestingly enough, it does appear that before the fall, humans ate only plants and the explicit permission to eat animals was expressed after the flood—Gen. 1:29-31 and Gen. 9:3-4).

Really, my reason for choosing to be a vegetarian was expressed after the question a lot, from Christians and non-Christians, here in the United States and abroad, usually as we’re sitting down to eat: “Why don’t you eat meat?”

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As a Christian, I have the utmost concern for my role as a steward of what God has given me. I see that one of the first tasks God gave to humans in Genesis was that of stewardship. God made humans stewards of creation. We weren’t just given power over every plant and beast; we were given responsibility for them. It was about twelve years ago that I started to become aware of just how poor a job we humans have done with this commission.

I grew up on a little family homestead in the woods where we raised our own pigs, goats, chickens, rabbits—for food. We took good care of our animals. We appreciated their place in creation and understood their ecological role. That is a world not many people get to experience. The meat that most of us buy in the store today comes from factory farms. There are very, very few small family farms left in this country; they have been driven out of business by the “animal factories,” a term used by Jim Mason and Peter Singer. So not only are we removed from the opportunity to understand animals in the context of creation (we don’t ever see a pig or cow or chicken; we just see packages in the supermarket), we also don’t realize the corruption involved in producing what we’re eating.

Factory farming is bad for everyone except the companies that are making money off of it. As I mentioned earlier, it is bad for small farmers. Unable to compete with the low prices of factory farmed meat, small farmers can barely make a living and are losing their farms at an astonishing rate.

Factory farming also thrives on the poor treatment of animals. There is virtually no disagreement about the basic facts of how animals are treated on factory farms. You can refer to the book Animal Factories (Mason and Singer) for the gory details. In short, it is much cheaper for a factory farm to maintain overcrowded and inhumane conditions (and then to pump antibiotics into the animal feed to keep disease under control) than to improve the living conditions of the animals. The industry is motivated by profit and views animals solely as products. Animals are certainly not treated as a gift of God to sustain us.

Finally, factory farming is bad for the consumer. It produces meat full of chemicals and often disease. Over time, people have become resistant to the antibiotics that once could have treated their illnesses because they have regularly absorbed so many antibiotics into their systems by eating meat. Some European countries will not even buy U.S.-produced meat, because it is so virus-ridden and under-tested that is like a ticking time bomb should someone happen to undercook it. Factory farms, if you’ve ever seen one, are horrific. They are vivid evidence of corporate greed and disrespect for the creation that God gave us stewardship of.

The meat industry has global ecological impact as well. Water pollution, deforestation, soil erosion, energy shortages, and land use are all affected by meat production. Livestock agriculture requires a vastly greater use of natural resources than plant food agriculture (10 to 1,000 times greater), and results in greater depletion of these resources with the same or even less nutritional return. Only a tiny percentage of the world’s population can afford to eat so wastefully. With the level of endemic poverty and starvation going on in the world, the West must exercise some conscience about the way it consumes and uses the world’s resources.

So, to sum up this long answer, my choice to stop eating meat was a choice to stop supporting the meat industry—a boycott, if you will—so I could better honor my role as a steward of God’s creation. It is true that there is much amiss in this fallen world, and human failure to practice good stewardship is just one of the world’s ills. And it’s also true that we can’t crusade for every cause. But what I am advocating is not a crusade. I figure that I do what I can about the things God puts on my heart. And a lifestyle choice, such as choosing to eat some things and not others, is actually a relatively simple way to respond to the problem of which God has made me aware.

We pretend sometimes that the earth is ours, but as the psalmist writes, “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” What does it mean for me to start living as if this were true, as if God does own the earth (and holds it dear) and has named me a caretaker of it? What are ways I can live more responsibly—ways that don’t become my life mission, but become a daily means of being obedient to God as His steward? Different people embrace different means: recycling, eating further down on the food chain, boycotting industries that greatly contribute to the earth’s destruction, carpooling, riding a bike to work, planting a tree. There’s certainly no shortage of choices, and no shortage of opportunities to be better stewards.

If vegetarianism sounds interesting to you, there are many resources out there for you. A good place to start is A Vegetarian Sourcebook, by Keith Akers.
**CAMPUS EVENTS**

**C.S. Lewis Society**
**Wednesday, 5/20 @ 7:30 p.m.**

The Southern California C.S. Lewis Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month (excluding December and summer months) at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Commons. Join us on May 20 as we hear Thomas Peters present “Scientism vs. Christianity in the science fiction of H.G. Wells vs. C.S. Lewis.”

**The Celtic Way of Prayer**
**Friday, 5/22 @ 7 p.m.**

Learn about the prayers and religious poetry of the Celtic Christian church at the Faculty Commons, Friday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. There will be time for meditation and an Evening Prayer service. Bring your own poetry to share with others. Questions? Call Helen at (909) 600-0075.

**Psychotherapy with Sexually Abused Clients**
**Thursday, 5/28 @ 10-11 a.m.**

Charlene Underhill has done extensive research in the area of sexual abuse. She will present effective therapy tools to use with clients who have been sexually abused. All are welcome! Location: SOP lounge.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Memorial Weekend Hike**
**Saturday, 5/23 @ 8:30-noon**

Fuller hikers are invited to experience beautiful Chantry Flats in Santa Anita Canyon. Hikers meet and leave at 8:30 a.m. sharp from the Psychology parking lot. Back at noon. The terrain is mild, the waterfall spectacular, and the experience exhilarating. Reserve a space by calling Randy Parks at (626) 584-5435 by Thursday, May 21.

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**September 9–18**

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