

Write to Heal
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Mentor, teacher, friend, and founder of the *Amherst Writers and Artists*, *Pat Schneider*, says, "the purpose of creative writing is to promote writing as a tool for changing the course of a life." The *Spirit of Creative Healing Ministry* provides such a tool toward healing through creative writing and other arts, and provides pastoral care, exploring/teaching theology, and administers the Word and sacraments.

Women's Action to Gain Economic Security (WAGES)
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WAGES eco-friendly cleaning cooperatives make a difference in the lives of immigrant women in the Bay Area. Startup loans, accounting services, business planning, legal assistance, and healthy work environment training give economic security and dignity to those in the housecleaning industry.

Earth Stewards
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Giving mercy to present and future generations of all life on Earth. NCNC Earth Stewards are volunteers working with UCC congregations and associations to encourage and support environmentally sustainable policies and practices. Members develop educational materials, organize workshops, lead presentations, and join conversations with congregations and communities. See the web page on the NCNC web site.



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Q:

"...and who
was
neighbor to
him?"

- Jesus -

Q: How can you put your heart behind your dollars?

A: Study the often hidden causes of cultural deficits where mercy is lacking.

A: Participate with your faith community in making a difference!

A: ... the one who had mercy ...

Please consider making a generous donation to the California Neighbors' and Neighbors in Need offerings.

Enclosed are some of the California community ministries able to serve BECAUSE of your gifts.

Their ministries reach:

- the sick
- the homeless
- the immigrant
- children & youth.

The Welcome Ministry
Contact: Vicar Megan Rohrer
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Giving companionship and care to the homeless and addicted on the streets of San Francisco. This ministry brings the home-ed and the home-less together for hospitality, food, and referrals in one of the high density urban neighborhoods of San Francisco. Serving those who are addicted, ill, poor, or elderly in a setting of community fellowship is what Megan Rohrer calls, "a ministry of presence."



Q: How can you put your heart behind your dollars?

Puente de la Costa Sur
Contact: Rev. Wendy Taylor
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Giving mercy to our immigrant workers in the coastside fields of California. THE MEN ALONE project of Wendy Taylor's ministry in the Pescadero area responds to give hospitality and relief from loneliness to farm field laborers far their families. Gifts of welcome bags, bikes, blankets, books, and beans are all symbols of love and care that go along with other services: counseling and consoling; story-telling; referrals to job and health services; and personal needs of many kinds.



A: Invite a speaker to hear & learn more about their unusual ministry.

Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM)
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FIRM helps thousands of Fresno's SE Asian, Slavic, and African refugee families with jobs, elder citizenship, mental health, housing rights, and neighborhood and preschool programs in one of America's poorest regions. Sophia DeWitt works with Health, Elder, Housing and Citizenship programs. Funds support FIRM's housing and community organizing, improving health, safety, and civic engagement among refugees.



A: Pray for and learn about those most in need in your community.