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## REGISTRATION

### DATE AND TIME

**Monday, February 18, 2019**  
(President's Day)

Registration: 8:15 – 8:45  
Conference: 8:45 – 2:30  
**Lunch included**

### ADDRESS AND PARKING

 **Temple Beth Israel**  
3033 N. Towne Ave, Pomona.

Between major cross-streets  
Bonita and Foothill.  
Ample parking in the rear.

### ADMISSION

Standard Admission fee: \$10  
Students: \$5

If register after Feb. 11th  
or at the door: \$15\*  
Under 18: No Charge\*

\*Please note: Seating is limited, so RSVP required for all who will pay at the door and for youths under 18 admitted free. To RSVP, call (909) 542-9551 or email [verity@forneyandsons.com](mailto:verity@forneyandsons.com)

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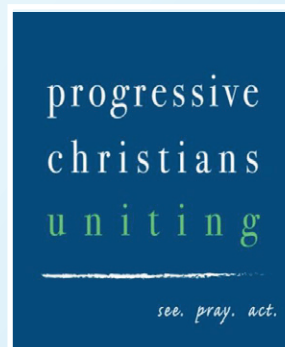
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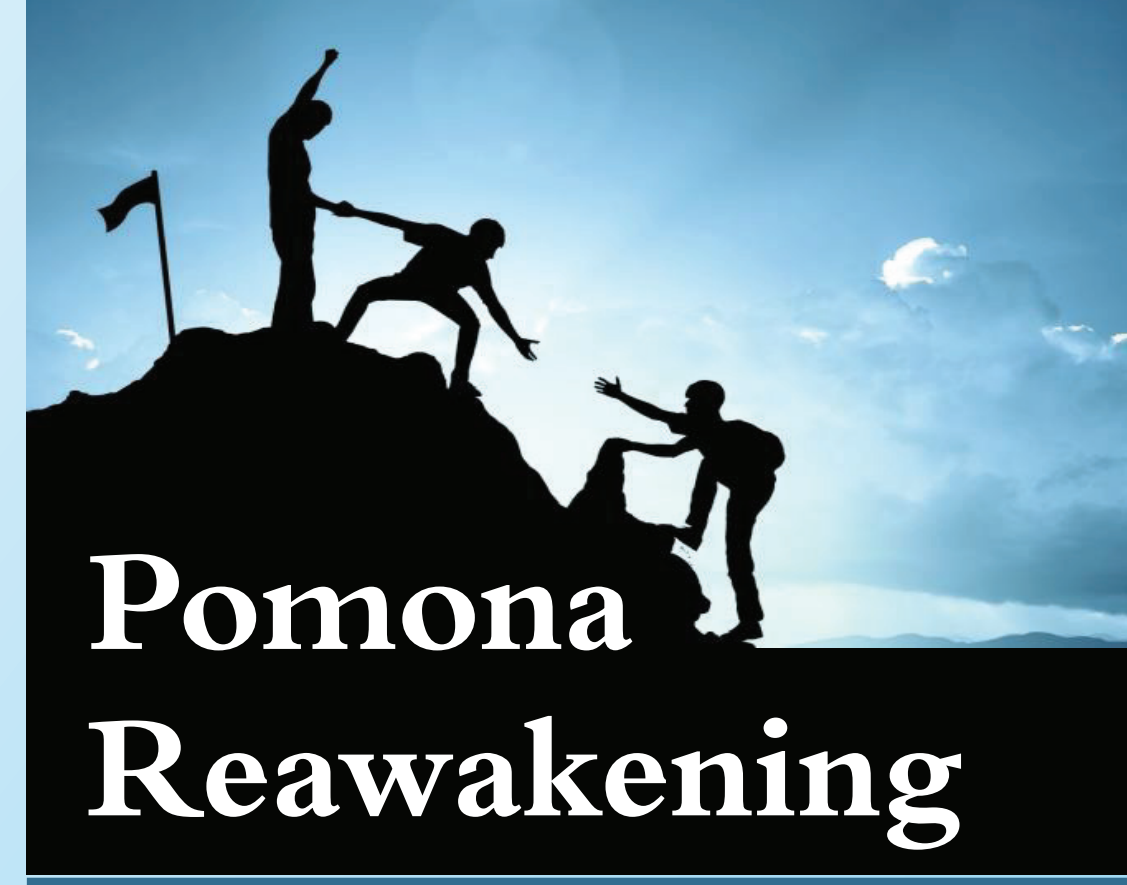
## THE GENESIS OF THE POMONA REAWAKENING CONFERENCE

Progressive Christians Uniting, Inc., (PCU) initiated this conference. PCU is a social justice and faith-based organization calling for hope and action that lead to a more just and compassionate world. PCU brings people of good will together to work for transformational change.

PCU has a Pomona Valley project called Agenda for a Prophetic Faith, and for the next two years the programmatic theme of this project is Engaged Compassion. This emphasis has been inspired by The Compassionate Cities Project, led by Rev. Jan Chase, Minister, Unity Church of Pomona, and Dr. Laura Burgis, Trustee, International Charter for Compassion. Their leadership and the enthusiastic support of the larger community reflect the yearning for a more humane society. The conference described herein is a response to this yearning. PCU, the Compassionate Cities Project, and all of the listed sponsors represent many who believe that compassion – engaged compassion – is essential to a just and livable world and to the very survival of the human family and our earthly home.

Please note the following churches that have supported Agenda for a Prophetic Faith: Claremont Presbyterian Church, Claremont United Methodist Church, Claremont United Church of Christ, First Christian Church of Ontario, La Verne Church of the Brethren.

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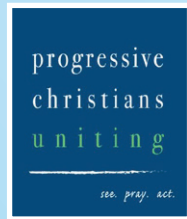
# Pomona Reawakening

## Celebrating Milestones & Taking it to the Next Level

**Monday**  
**February 18, 2019**  
**8:15 - 2:30**

**VENUE**  
**Temple Beth Israel**  
**3033 N. Towne Ave.**  
**Pomona, CA 91767**

# A SUMMONS



## Agenda FOR A Prophetic Faith

**It's been said that the only true awakening or reform in a community is based on compassion-engaged compassion. This is the sort of awakening happening in Pomona.**

In 2018, the Pomona city council and PUSD board of trustees signed on to the International Charter of Compassion, joining a global family of almost 500 cities committing to compassion as a core value.

This is a *compelling* value. Compassion is best understood as walking with those who suffer and joining with them in finding hope, opportunities, justice and peace. Compassion can mean the difference between callousness and caring, divisiveness and diversity, rejection and restoration. It can change the tone and structures of a city and a region.

This awakening has begun. A partial list: The city is currently establishing an innovative service center for homeless men and women, has declared noncooperation with repressive immigration enforcement, and local organizations are reaching out with enrichment programs for youths and re-entry options for ex-felons.

Let's celebrate such milestones while also taking it to the next level. Tough challenges remain, and we all can have a role in building on the gains and meeting the challenges. The workshops are designed accordingly.

The day will begin with the heartfelt words of a man who has suffered a massive family tragedy and moved on to the kind of creative compassion that can remake lives – and a community. With the additional comments of Mayor Sandoval and a compelling variety of workshops, let's be inspired, informed, and *engaged*.

As residents of Pomona and neighboring cities, let's give *traction* to the commitment to compassion. Let's be agents of change that will ripple all through Pomona and beyond.

# ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



## AZIM KHAMISA

is a man with a mission. While pursuing a successful, world-traveling career as an investment banker, he and his family suffered an unspeakable loss. His college-student son was senselessly shot and killed. In the midst of grief and anger, he consulted his faith and made a decision that had transformative power for his life, the life of the shooter, and countless more. The decision was to go the way of forgiveness and compassion. He formed

the Tariq Khamisa Foundation, became an agent of institutional change, and has authored books advocating for personal and social transformation through compassion and restoration. He has been inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr., Board of Sponsors at Morehouse College and received numerous awards for his impact on the lives of youths, felons, schools, faith organizations, and the larger society.

## TIM SANDOVAL

Mayor of Pomona, attended public schools in Pomona and graduated from UC Riverside. He has a background in youth work, teaching English, and serving as co-founder and program director of Bright Prospect. This is a mentoring organization that has helped more than two-thousand youths become the first in their families to graduate from college. Many have returned to invest their talents in Pomona. Tim Sandoval brings a fresh perspective to his position as Pomona's mayor. He demonstrates through his numerous involvements several keen interests, such as youth programs, urban sustainability and beautification, assistance for the marginalized, and the arts.



# THE PROGRAM

**8:15 Registration**, coffee and breakfast snacks, networking

**8:45 Welcome**, Host Rabbi Jonathan Kupetz,  
**Music**, Cantor Paul Buch  
**Introduction of the Event**, Richard Bunce, PCU Project Director

**9:00 Introduction of Speaker**, Jan Chase,  
Minister, Unity Church of Pomona  
**First Keynote**: Azim Khamisa,  
**Q and A**

**10:10 Break**

**10:30 Music**, Cantor Paul Buch  
**Introduction of Speaker**, Jeanette Royston, President, NAACP  
**Second Keynote**: Mayor Tim Sandoval,  
**Q and A**  
**Poetry**, Spoken Word Artists: Eternal Mind and Lyrically Twisted

**Pass to Workshops**

**11:30 Workshops**

**12:30 Lunch, Words of Appreciation**

**1:30 Workshops Repeated**

**2:30 Conference Concludes**

# WORKSHOPS

*Regarding engaged compassion, here are the main questions for the workshops: What's going well? Have there been recent breakthroughs? What are the tough, remaining challenges? How can those attending the workshop engage?*

- 1. Affordable Housing: Complexities and Possibilities:** John Nolte, Esq., Organizer for PUSH ( Pomona Unified for Stable Housing), former Pomona City Councilperson; Kirk Pelser, Pomona Deputy City Manager; Don Pryne, Consultant for affordable, supportive housing, retired from career in city management. Workshop Chair: Dr. Thomas Allison, Esq.
- 2. Care for the Environment:** Maria Teresa Alonso, Executive Director, Huerta Del Valle (urban farming); Randy Beckandam, Executive Director, Amy's Farm (urban farming); Devon Hartman, Founder and CEO, Community Home Energy Retrofit Project, (newly efficient solar energy panels to be produced in Pomona as nonprofit enterprise). Workshop Chair: Javier Munoz
- 3. Converting Homelessness to New Beginnings:** Sergeant Anthony Catanese, Pomona Police Department; Reggie Clark, Program Manager, Volunteers of American (VOA), Pomona Office; Rolando Lumbsden, VOA case manager; Toni Navarro, Executive Director, Tri-City Mental Health Services. Workshop Chair: Mary Tawadros
- 4. Love Yourself, Love Your Neighbor, Building Capacity for Compassion:** Almitra Henderson, Director, Compassionate Leadership, Human Values Center; Dr. Frank Rogers, Professor , Claremont School of Theology, author
- 5. Security and Opportunity for Immigrant Neighbors:** Javier Hernandez, Executive Director, Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice: Angela Sanbrano, Vice President, Latino-Latina Roundtable, board chair, CARECEN, Co-Executive Director, NDLO; Alex Sanchez: Founder and Director, Homies Unidos. Workshop Chair: Madeline Rios
- 6. The Power of Spoken Word:** Eternal Mind, Spoken Word Artist; Tyrone Stokes, AKA Lyrically Twisted, Rapper, Spoken Word Artist
- 7. Toward a More Humane Justice System: Prevention, Re-entry, Restoration:** Rev. Nora Jacob, Restorative Justice Minister, Urban Mission, Pomona; Azim Khamisa, keynoter, Founder , Tariq Khamisa Foundation; Phillip Senteno, Founder and Director, Forward Progress. Workshop Chair: Rev. Jan Chase
- 8. Youth Speaks to the Compassion Challenge:** Vincha Fossett, Village Academy High School, PUSD; Abid Kazmi, City of Knowledge; Marleni Munguia, Cal Poly Pomona (formerly PUSD); Fernando Navarro, Garey High School, PUSD: Workshop Chair: Paul Knopf