

Many of you have expressed concern about the difficult circumstances impacting our local day laborers. Tim Hartshorn, Exec. Director of the So. Co. Cross Cultural Council, spoke to our congregation last year. Dr. Hartshorn works closely with the Interfaith Council, and last week an emergency all-faiths meeting was held at Neighborhood Congregational. Given the danger facing workers in many cities, the tough decision was made to temporarily close the hiring site, located in Laguna Cyn. For the laborers, this decision provides protection, but leaves them without any income. The Interfaith community has responded by putting together an "Emergency Grocery Program." July was our "launch month," and it was very successful, thank you, LBUMC! Throughout the month of Aug., you can assist by continuing to bring food staples* to church. We deliver the next day to the NCC church, where boxes are packed for families in need. If you'd like to help, you can pick up a grocery list from Kay or Joy on the patio, then purchase a few items to drop in a bin on the bench, as you enter the sanctuary. New note: **Smaller cans/jars are now preferred (allowing us to pack more boxes), tho' some of you have generously supplied Costco size jars, thank you!** If you'd like to do more, your family can sign up with Kay to pack boxes at the NCC, 340 St. Ann's Drive, Laguna Beach, any Mon., from 6-7 pm. Thank you to all who have been joining us, on Mondays! For more info, email Kay at ostensen4@outlook.com **Thank you** for your compassion and generosity!

*Note: The most needed staples are corn tortillas, white rice, cooking oil, and peanut butter. Canned items include the following: Pinto or black beans, tomatoes, and tuna. Long-lasting produce items, such as limes, onions, bananas, and potatoes are also greatly appreciated.