**Interfaith Youth Council of Orange County's 13th Annual Faith Forum & Festival**

**TEENS EXPRESSING THEIR FAITH THROUGH ART, MUSIC, AND DIALOGUE**

**INTERFAITH YOUTH FORUM**

**THIS YEAR'S THEME "Is Religion Cool?"**

**Sunday March 19th, 2017 11:00am-5:00pm**

The Jain Center of Southern California

8072 Commonwealth Ave, Buena Park, CA 90621

All high school age faith groups are invited to come and join with 150 to 175 other high school students from various faith traditions to participate in the Interfaith Youth Council of Orange County‘s Annual Interfaith Youth Forum. More than ever, our county and world need young leaders who are willing to learn from each other and build stronger communities!

**FAITH FORUM**

The purpose of this Interfaith Youth Forum is to bring together young people from diverse ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds, and to engage them in dialogue.  True dialogue is a conversation on a common subject between two or more persons of differing points of view and/or backgrounds.  We feel that this commitment to dialogue will affect relationships in a constructive way in our places of worship and in our community.

The forum itself involves having eight religiously diverse high school-age students, one adult, and youth leader around each table to discuss common questions.  Our youth leaders act as facilitators, but it is stressed that it is the students we want to hear from.

RSVP for our FAITH FORUM by February 19th, 2017

**FAITH FESTIVAL**

The forum will be followed by the Faith Festival where families of the participants are welcomed to join. The Festival will include musical performances of all types from diverse religious communities. The differing performing arts include but are not limited to singing, dancing, instrumental music, storytelling, etc.

To Participate in our Faith Festival (Music, Song, Dance), RSVP by February 25th, 2017

**ART GALLERY**

This event will include and Art Gallery display of students’ work, highlighting their expressions of faith, and artwork promoting learning, understanding, leadership, and service. Art includes any painting, illustration, sculpture, photography or other visual art.

Art Work for our Art Galley must be submitted by: March 10th, 2017