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42ND PASADENA MAYOR'S INTERFAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST, MAY 7

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WHAT: ***Uniting Pasadena***, the 42nd annual Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, presented by Friends in Deed, a Pasadena interfaith collaborative serving the homeless and low-income members of our community.

WHEN: **Thurs., May 7, 2015, 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.**

WHERE: **Pasadena Convention Center**, Exhibit Hall A, 300 E. Green St., Pasadena, CA 91101

WHY: To unite the Pasadena community--for a better, stronger city

TICKETS AND INFO: www.friendsindeedpas.org, (626) 797-2402(cq),
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As the first public event for the new Pasadena mayor, the 42nd annual Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast will be the mayor's first proof of leadership in bringing the city together.

Or so say community insiders about the May 7 event.

"It's an opportunity for the mayor to share his or her commitment to bringing us together as a city," said Denise Campbell(cq), chairwoman of the interfaith-breakfast committee of Friends in Deed, the Pasadena nonprofit that is hosting the annual event. "And it's a chance for the mayor to talk about how he or she will work to lead our community in the spirit of unity."

Friends in Deed—a 121-year-old interfaith collaborative--helps financially struggling San Gabriel Valley residents with the Women's Room, a daytime shelter; the Food Pantry; a bad-weather shelter and other social-service programs. Tickets to the breakfast are \$35 per person, while sponsorships and Table Sponsors range from \$750 to \$1,500.

Whoever is elected—Terry(cq) Tornek(cq) or Jacque(cq) Robinson(cq)—will be the first new mayor in 16 years and only the second directly elected mayor in city history.

The prayer breakfast, which will be held at the Pasadena Convention Center, is part of a national web of mayors' breakfasts--held on or around National Prayer Day, May 7—which have helped heal racial, religious and other divides in our country since 1973.

At the Pasadena event, religious leaders will deliver Muslim, Jewish and Christian prayers. Two visiting Tibetan monks will also bless the proceedings. Former Mayor Bill Bogaard(cq) will introduce the new mayor, who will say a few words. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Jerry(cq) D. Campbell(cq), former president of Claremont Lincoln University, an interreligious university formerly known as the Claremont School of Theology. Campbell, a former longtime resident of the City of Roses, will speak on “Uniting Pasadena.”

Pasadena vocalist Melissa(cq) Sharee(cq) will sing the national anthem, a children's choir from Willard(cq) Elementary School will entertain guests, and Junior ROTCs will perform color-guard duties. “We have tried to be thoughtful and mindful of all kinds of community members--including our youth,” said Denise Campbell, the event chairwoman. The master of ceremonies will be Richard(cq) Chinen(cq), past president of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses.

For tickets and information about the interfaith prayer breakfast, go to: www.friendsindeedpas.org, (626) 797-2402(cq) or director@friendsindeedpas.org.