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## **Rev. Cecil "Chip" Murray to receive 2014 Courageous Peacemaker Award**

On Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace (ICUJP) will present the 2014 George Regas Courageous Peacemaker Award to Reverend Dr. Cecil L. "Chip" Murray for his steadfast leadership in South Los Angeles, especially in the African-American community. Murray will be honored at Holman United Methodist Church, 3320 W. Adams, Los Angeles, 90018, with a ticketed reception beginning at 5:30 pm and a free public program at 7 pm.

Murray is most well-known for his peacemaking work after the 1992 Los Angeles Riots and his work in building community by fighting for more jobs, affordable housing, homeownership, HIV/AIDS awareness, among a wide variety of other social justice issues.

Although now retired from the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, he continues his work, specifically in the Passing the Mantle project, which trains clergy from African-American churches in California in effective development and organizational skills.

Congresswoman Barbara Lee will also be presented with a Special Leadership Award for her tireless pursuit of Peace.

For sponsorships, advertising or more information on ordering tickets for either or both events go to <u>www.icujp.org/regasaward2014</u> or call 310-704-3217.

ICUJP was founded in Los Angeles after Sept. 11, 2001, to support the work of faith leaders from Buddhist, Christian, Islamic, Jewish and other spiritual faiths and traditions who are proponents of peace and against war and violence. ICUJP insists on respect for human rights, international law and the use of peaceful means in the resolution of conflicts.

Both events are wheelchair accessible and disability affirmative. For accommodations, call 72 hours in advance.

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