

## BELOVED COMMUNITY STATEMENT OF VALUES

A Beloved Community can begin in conflict and suffering and end in reconciliation, justice, and forgiveness. Its heart is always love and each one of its chambers has room for diverse community members as we find ways of entering into new and liberating relationships with each other.

The foundations of such a community are: *being fully heard and seen, trusting and being trusted, and, finally, freely giving and getting support.*

In a Beloved Community, individuals mirror the best parts of each other and themselves, reflecting what a more enlightened future might look like: in a Beloved Community one always wants only the best for others and is fully committed to the empowerment of all community members.

### BELOVED COMMUNITY PARTNERS



**and THRIVE, SGYC, EVPLA,  
St. Michael's Church, STESA**

### MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> IN REMEMBRANCE

**Christopher Ross Michaels-Martinez (20)**

**Cheng Yuan "James" Hong (20)**

**George Chen (19)**

**Weihan "David" Wang (20)**

**Katie Cooper (22)**

**Veronika Weiss (19)**



### MISSION STATEMENT

We recognize the evolving need for space in which we can engage with each other about the issues that matter in Isla Vista. The Isla Vista Conference: The Beloved Community seeks to strengthen a culture of sharing by engaging in community-wide dialogue, education and action that allows us to explore our unique perspectives on how we got to this time in the history of Isla Vista and where we can go from here.

The Beloved Community thrives when it lives by its core foundational values. For the 3rd Beloved Community Conference, we collectively decided to join our partners' calls for Equity, Inclusion, and Activism.

Let's begin by being fully heard and seen...

## COMMUNITY COLLABORATION EVENTS

### FRIDAY, MAY 18

#### 6:00-10:00pm: Spring Showcase

##### St. George Youth Center

The St. George Youth Center presents its first Spring Showcase starring our very own SGYC youth. It will be a night celebrating art and our Beloved Isla Vista. Including but not limited to fantastic performances by SGYC youth and staff, Mariachi, a sneak peak at our upcoming mural, Jeffrey's Jazz, opening of Bluenite Ceremony, and much more. We will be opening up the stage from 7:30-8:00 pm for a Community Call Open Mic Session for all those part of Our Beloved Isla Vista partners. Food and drinks will be served! Event made possible by SGYC, UCLinks, Jeffrey's Jazz and UCSB's Art Re/form Lab.

### SATURDAY, MAY 19

#### MCC Social Justice Conference

##### Mad as Hell: Our Mind, Our Bodies, Our Power

[www.facebook.com/events/192263228047498](http://www.facebook.com/events/192263228047498)



#### 12:15-1:45pm: Isla Vista Tenants Union Workshop

The Isla Vista Tenants Union is an integral part of the community whose mission involves educating, organizing, and advocating on behalf of Isla Vista residents to protect their rights as tenants. IVTU will be presenting our comprehensive report on Housing Insecurity in Isla Vista by analyzing housing affordability, stability, security, and access. The purpose of our workshop is to inform public officials, university faculty, and the general public of the profound impacts of houselessness, not only on those who experience it, but on the whole of the community. We will also be conducting a hands-on-learning workshop to engage the audience in a collective reflection of the current housing crisis affecting tenants, students, and communities nationwide.

#### 2:00-4:00pm: Isla Vista Food Co-op

This workshop is being presented at the MCC Social Justice Conference

#### Workshop Block 3: *Bigger Than Us All*

The final workshop will bring self-advocacy and local activism into the perspective of the inner-workings of institutional/ broader oppression we are fighting against while making changes within our local community.

The Cooperative Movement is a local, national, and enormous international movement that is bridging the complex gap between communities of workers, consumers, producers, and their own self-determination through economic democracy. The Isla Vista Food Co-op is an incubator grocery store. We are a strong example of a cooperative space that helps fill and fuel a socio-political gap through the intentional strategic priorities that steer our work in the community, in our case using the grocery cart as the vehicle for social change. Through the lens of our Beloved Community, this workshop will offer a perspective on what an accessible, inclusive, and equitable food system can look like, and how every day decisions can feed the future, seed the next generation, and mobilize contributions to a healthier Isla Vista and beyond.

#### 4:15-4:45 PM Networking Mixer!

## ONGOING BELOVED COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Beloved Community is an open, and evolving space with ongoing events and collaborations to strengthen our collective work. We will continue our collaborative work into the future. Please, see our Facebook for Beloved Community events.**

#### MAY 23: Planting Seeds!

**In remembrance of the 6 students who died on the May 23, 2014 massacre.**