

You are cordially invited to be a *POMONARIUM*'s Founding Board Member!

Today, like every downtown city, twenty to thirty homeless who have no home or comfortable beds to sleep on, wonder around the Pomona civic plaza. Most of these suffer with wounds from broken families and from serious health pains: high blood pressure, arthritis, back suffering, hernia and depression, diabetes and so on. Nobody dares to cure the root of the pains; rather, people only feed them with meals occasionally and the government soothes their pain temporarily, providing painkilling medicines.

The Pomona homeless, who vary in their ethnicity, ranging from Anglo Caucasian, Hispanic, and afro American, need more than "Bread only." It is evident that they need a place to sleep that is not a public park or on the street sides. The homeless long for more meaningful relationships since most of them are victims of broken families. Their symptoms need holistic approaches such as physical exercise and spiritual practices.

The homeless need a safe place for care, trust and fun. One of the ongoing activities for them has been a weekly t'ai chi practice: slow body movements and a better breathing technique which transforms their minds and bodies towards health.



POMONARIUM is

1. a place where basic physiological needs are met: food, clothing, and sleep are provided.
2. a homey environment including emotional needs: security and trust are imbedded.
3. a productive working place where persons become competent through simple labor: gardening, carpentry, pottery making and so on.
4. an intentional living community where a person's life is renewed morally, intellectually and spiritually.

POMONARIUM relates to two sources:

Archeologically, old towns own a living well in the center of the village called the *Lavatorium*. Here, thirstiness is quenched by the fresh water, dirty and sweating bodies are washed out, and people's lives get revitalized by meeting new faces and sharing stories.

Historically the Fountain of living water (*fons vitae*) originated in the Christian tradition and the Bible:

A fertile land where flourishing crops and fruits can be harvested (Jeremiah 2:13),

Eternal life where people will never be thirsty by the spiritual nourishment of Jesus Christ (John 4:14),

And a Faith community where ones' tears are wiped away and one's life is transformed (Revelation 7:17).

The homeless are victims of the cycle of selfish individualism, over-consumerism and ruthless capitalism. It is urgent that wounded people need an earth centered, communal and holistic lifestyle.

The homeless need a home environment of spiritual/physical exercise: morning and evening prayer/meditation, household chores, communal meals, etc. *Pomonarium* seeks to find the property for building a living community with the homeless.

Pomonarium (Pomona-Laboratorium) cordially invites you as the founding board members who straitened a crooked reality.

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