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US Government offers fee waiver for immigrants seeking citizenship

The United States Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ((USCIS), is offering a fee waiver for the citizenship processing fee for those who apply for citizenship before December 31, 2008. The processing fee is normally \$675. However, USCIS can waive the fee for applicants who demonstrate that they are unable to pay.

Many ICO congregations offer a variety of immigration and citizenship services, reflecting the tremendous socio-economic and ethnic diversity of the ICO network. St. Athanasius Catholic Church offers citizenship and English-as-a-second-language (ESL) courses, as well as a citizenship form processing workshop. St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach also provide ESL classes, and Mt. Carmel Cambodian Center offers citizenship classes and form processing assistance.

	St. Athanasius	St. Luke's	Mt. Carmel	UUCLB
ESL	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8pm	Sundays, 2-4pm		Yes
Citizenship	Fridays, 7-8pm		Tuesday & Wednesday nights	
Form Processing	Monthly, first Thursday		Yes	
Information	Josie (562) 423-7864	Dave Hall (562) 436-4047	Mary Blatz (562) 394-2216	UUCLB (562) 597-8445

St. Matthew's to host immigration forum

St. Matthew's Catholic Church will host an immigration forum in February. The forum will focus on immigrants' legal rights and the citizenship process.

The forum is scheduled for Sunday, February 8, 2009, starting at 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact St. Matthew's at (562) 439-0931, or ICO Community Organizer [Xochitl Hernandez](#).



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Coming February 7: ICO's 3rd Annual Meeting



Check your inbox or your mailbox for more information about ICO's 3rd Annual Meeting, coming February 7 to First Congregational Church UCC.

We will, as in years past, celebrate the diversity and vibrancy that is at the core of our work. Member congregations are encouraged to bring at least two dishes that are emblematic of their cultural heritage, with enough made to serve 30 people. We are also looking for donations and gift baskets to feature both in our raffle and in our silent auction. Finally, and most importantly, we are looking for you. We need volunteers for set-up and clean-up, to manage the auction and raffle, and to coordinate donations, food and entertainment. And, above all, we are looking for you to come and join us as we celebrate ICO's gifts.

So, join us for food, fellowship and fun. Contact your local ICO leader, or us at the ICO office, to be part of the annual meeting. And don't forget to visit our website for more information and updates.

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