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Local Bishops and COPA host a community conversation:

“Peace, Power and Youth: A community conversation”

Saturday, March 23, 2013, 10 am -Noon

All-Saints Episcopal Church, 437 Rogers Ave., Watsonville, CA

COPA is hosting a community conversation on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Watsonville, CA. ([see flier](#))

Bishop Richard Garcia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Monterey and Bishop Mary Grey-Reeves of the Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real will lead a community conversation regarding peace, power and youth in our community. Given recent events on an international, national and local level, the community will gather to discuss opportunities to build and strengthen authentic youth – adult relationships as the foundation to addressing violence and peace in our community and to creating opportunities for our young adults to thrive.

The community conversation brings leaders of faith, education, and youth groups together to identify opportunities for increased collaboration to allow both our youth and community to thrive. The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray Reeves, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real and the Most Rev. Richard Garcia D.D. of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Monterey will join Maria Orozco, Trustee of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Jenny Sarmiento, CEO of Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, Gina Castañeda, as well as leaders from Watsonville Youth City Council for a panel discussion.

There will be small group meetings after the panel discussion.

Following the community conversation will be a “Youth Hangout” from Noon to 2 pm; a time to interact with youth as they engage in different activities.