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## A Special Appeal from the Council's Board *Trillions for War, Pennies for Peace—We're all in this Together*

Some folks are simply amazed that the Council does what it does on so little.

For 25 years, we have championed issues of peace and justice through speakers, demonstrations, and community education. We have lobbied Frankfort and confronted elected officials. We've staffed booths, designed brochures, sewn banners. We've published *Peaceways*, bringing powerful national and local voices for peace and justice into your home.

The Council functions as a justice information hub, alerting the community to talks, meetings, conferences, films, demonstrations, and political actions. As technology changed, we created websites and an e-mail list to augment our newsletter.

Passionate and committed Council members volunteer countless hours making all this happen.

Our message today is more critical than ever and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

For years the Council has had an impact while operating on a

shoestring—without an office and with almost no staff.

This year, at the invitation of the Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice, we began sharing a small downtown office space. We are excited to be a partner in what we hope will be an expanding collection of social justice and peace groups to use this centrally located resource. But even our small rent contribution of \$250 a month stresses our budget.

Our goal for the coming year involves a minimal organizational budget of \$28,000 — a budget less than what our country spends on the Iraq War alone in just six seconds!

On page 5 of this issue of *Peaceways* we have a summary of what it will cost us to do the work we deem essential this year.

If you are already a supporting member of CKCPJ, we appreciate your affirmation of our mission. It is through your financial support and your contributions of time that the Council has been able to accomplish our work for the past 25 years of

work. We urge you now to do all you can, and to renew or enlarge your previous level of support.

In this issue of *Peaceways* we have attached an envelope that would normally come in the mail with our appeal letter. If the envelope is missing, please send your donation to our office at **112 North Upper Street, Lexington, KY 40507**

If you are new to the Council, please consider joining us in this important work. ■

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Submissions of articles or items in the Calendar are welcome. Contact the editor, Gail M. Koehler at 859-335-5701 or [gmkkentucky@gmail.com](mailto:gmkkentucky@gmail.com). **Deadline: the first Wednesday of the month.**

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# Founding History of CKCPJ 1983-1991

by Betsy Neale

In the fall of 1983 I moved to Lexington from Maine where I had been active with the American Friends Service Committee and the Nuclear Freeze movement. I found no organization here working on that issue. Instead, a number of small groups worked on peace and justice issues as separate entities.

I wanted to bring these organizations together to increase both their awareness of each other and their effectiveness. Will Hayes, retired president of Alice Lloyd College, mentored me by supplying me with names of individuals and groups.

As I met with these groups, they expressed interest in the idea of forming an umbrella organization, and in November 1983, the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice was created.

In those early years the Council included peace and justice groups from a number of faiths including: Roman Catholic, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Unitarian, Baha'i, Jewish, and Quaker. It included organizations working on peace and justice in Central America, the Philippines, and Iran, and local chapters of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Democratic Socialists of America, the ACLU, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and the United Nations Association. In addition, a local chapter of the Nuclear Freeze Campaign was founded and became a member of the Council.

During the 1980s presidency of Ronald Reagan, there was widespread fear that the U.S. arms build up was a threat to global peace, especially through its program to install Cruise missiles in Europe. In

those years many of us also opposed U. S. interventions in Central America. Reactionary policies of the U. S. government fostered the growth of the peace and justice movement nationally and here in Lexington. It's ironic to remember that we thought the Reagan administration was as bad as a presidency could get!

One incident from those days shows progress achieved in one area of social justice. In 1987, when there was minimal support for the civil rights of lesbians and gay men, a national gay rights march was held in Washington. A co-chair of the Council was a lesbian who was not out in public life or to most of those on the Council board.

When the board was asked to endorse the march, it was unable to find consensus. You can imagine how painful this was for our co-chair. Painful too was the fact that those who opposed the endorsement had no idea of how personal the issue was for one of their own.

The refusal to endorse only made her less inclined to be open with the board. Yet, we continued to grapple with the issue, and at a later meeting the board agreed to: 1) place an ad in the Herald-Leader at the time of the march affirming support for the human rights of lesbians and gay men, 2) sponsor a self-education workshop on lesbian and gay issues, and 3) begin outreach to the gay community.

I served as the Executive Director of the Council from its early days until about 1991 when I went to graduate school, and Michael Fogler became the Executive Director.

*Betsy Neale is now a sexuality educator leading workshops throughout Kentucky, teaching parents to talk with their children about sex.*

# Some Historical Highlights of CKCPJ Since 1983

<b>1983</b>	Betsy Neale first part-time paid staff	<b>1999</b>	CKCPJ website launched
<b>1983-1986</b>	Work on the nuclear freeze	<b>2001-present</b>	Peace Action Task Group forms under CKCPJ auspices
<b>1984-1988</b>	Opposition to U.S. interventions in Central America	<b>2003</b>	CKCPJ rallies before beginning of the Iraq War draw 150-300 persons
<b>1987</b>	1st edition of <i>Peaceways</i> newsletter — mimeographed		Work to restore voting rights for convicted felons
<b>1988</b>	First Annual Peace Fair and Dinner		Interest in environmental concerns and sustainable economic development prompts increased activity
<b>1990</b>	CKCPJ protests beginning of the 1st Gulf War -900 people in Phoenix Park		
<b>1990</b>	Michael Fogler named Director; part-time paid staff	<b>2004</b>	“Justicelist” listserv begins
<b>1990</b>	<i>Peaceways</i> no longer mimeographed — computers and printing press	<b>2006</b>	The 200th issue of <i>Peaceways</i> published
<b>1991-2001</b>	Protests of Iraq sanctions and bombing		Fair trade initiatives begun
<b>1996</b>	Michael Fogler steps down as Director, remains newsletter editor	<b>2007</b>	Council Board reorganized— change to nominated, younger, more diverse Board
<b>1997</b>	Candice Watson hired as administrative assistant		Acquire office space at 112 N. Upper; Jill Hanna hired as on-site, administrative co-ordinator.
<b>1997-present</b>	Lexington Living Wage Campaign under CKCPJ auspices		Michael Fogler retires after 18 years service Gail Koehler hired as new <i>Peaceways</i> editor
		<b>2008</b>	CKCPJ celebrates its 25th anniversary

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*Editor’s Note: Compiling this historical record of the Council’s work is an ongoing project—if you have corrections or clarifications please send them to Gail M. Koehler at [gmkkentucky@gmail.com](mailto:gmkkentucky@gmail.com), or call 859.335.5701. It is our goal to present the list on our website and at our 25th Anniversary celebrations in October.* ■

## Our Founding Intentions and Evolving Concerns

### Founding characteristics:

- an organization of organizations
- both secular and religious in same organization
- consensus decision-making
- two co-chairs -- male and female, serve staggered two-year terms
- agreement to disagree about abortion and Isreal/Palestine.

### Founding principles:

1. Nonviolent solutions to conflict
2. Equitable distribution of the world’s resources
3. Acceptance of diversity in people, political systems, and beliefs.
4. Respect for the dignity of every individual; and
5. Human rights for all people, regardless of race; ethnicity; sex; sexual orientation; age; or

disabilities; religious, political and philosophical beliefs.

In our 25 years of work, our concerns have expanded to include the environment, global warming, and sustainability. We have also come to address such issues as Fair Trade, a living wage, health care inequities, prison reform, and restoration of voting rights. ■

# Looking Ahead To Our Future— Working Toward Peace and Justice For All

by Rosie Moosnick

When I first came to the Council as a Co-chair, nearly two years ago, I encountered a small, dedicated group of activists. I also saw a group that sought new energy from young people, people of color, people from many religious and sexual orientations, military families, as well as people from all class backgrounds.

To incorporate new energy necessitated that we first strengthen the organization, which meant unnumbered meetings dedicated to clarifying the bylaws, the accounting system, and the board structure, among other less inspiring tasks. After a year, I was pleased to see progress.

A variety of people have joined the Council's Board ready to work. Nabeel, for instance, comes to us after working for the Council on American Islamic Relations. Soredya brings not only her enthusiasm to our monthly meetings but intimate knowledge of sweat shops, having suffered such work in Honduras. Now, under CKCPJ's banner, she is eager to educate children about consumer choices and ethical work practices.

So many people do such good work: Billie amazes us with her availability to numerous homeless people, building trust with people we might otherwise fear—many of them veterans. Rebecca brings boundless energy to the Council with her singular

orchestration of the annual spring Peace and Global Citizenship festival. Jim's profound commitment to sustainability and racial justice can be felt throughout the community and benefits us all.

With Board members such as these—and others whom I have not mentioned—it is exciting to be around the Council: it is composed of active individuals who have created an engaged organization. Indeed, our involvement in the community has only grown.

- \* we are building momentum for peace education to be integrated into college and university departments in the region
- \* we remain committed to building a progressive presence in the region through our monthly newsletter, *Peaceways*, and with our nonstop electronic updates about progressive activities courtesy of Richard Mitchell
- \* we are promoting fair trade through fair trade goods and by creating a fair trade curriculum
- \* we remain dedicated to making a voice for peace visible through our ongoing vigils and rallies
- \* we continue to be committed to a living wage via an ongoing dialogue with other groups about how to make it a city-wide reality

I can't help but be proud of what we have and continue to

accomplish, especially considering that our budget is tiny. Of course, I am always seeking improvement. We are still too white, too distant from young people, too middle class, and, of course, we raise too little money.

Many of us have given countless hours volunteering—a luxury unavailable to those who are constrained by long work hours. Many of us have also personally paid for flyers, suppers to thank volunteers, invitations to various events, spots on buses to peace rallies around the country, just to name a few expenses not officially budgeted.

This is a practice that cannot continue: such expenses are growing, and intimate involvement in the Council cannot be limited to those who have some financial resources.

In the past, we have raised around \$12,000 through our phon-a-thons and holiday letters. We believe a realistic assessment puts our costs around \$28,000 considering, for instance, that \$10,000 a year goes to running *Peaceways*. We've outlined the details of the work we want to do and the resources we need to be able to do it in the charts on the next page.

Please, think about giving to the Council if you never have before, to help pay for your monthly issue of *Peaceways*. If you have given previously, please consider increasing your giving to mark the Council's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

# Twenty–Five Years on a Shoestring

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice, we want to thank you for your support over these past 25 years.

We want you to know how we spend the money you entrust to us. We are most appreciative of your confidence in CKCPJ's commitment to social justice and peace in Central Kentucky. You will note in the chart on this page that the newsletter you hold in your hands is our single largest expense. Almost 1,100 people receive each issue of *Peaceways*. The cost of publishing *Peaceways* is approximately \$10.00 per subscriber.

In 2007, 225 of those 1,100 readers made a financial contribution to CKCPJ. Last year we raised approximately \$12,500. This averages about \$55 per contributor.

Our other local activities cost an additional \$20.00 per subscriber. To maintain our 112 North Upper Street presence, *Peaceways*, and our current level of activity, our budgetary needs for 2008 are \$28,000.

We ask for your financial consideration. More important we ask for your participation to make Central Kentucky a more peaceful and just place for all of us to live.

Please consider making a donation to support our important work and help us make even more of a difference right where we live. You can use envelope enclosed or if that is missing please mail your donation to the CKCPJ office at 112 N. Upper St. Lexington, KY 40507.

## Our Financial Picture

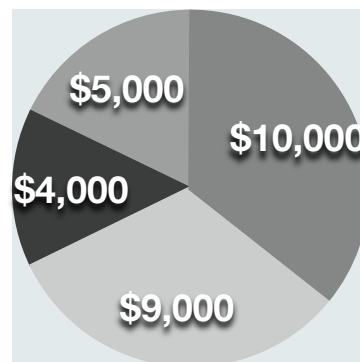
**2007 Revenue: \$12,500 — Raised through two phone-a-thons and our holiday mailing**

**2008 Goal: \$28,000**

## How We Plan to Spend It

Planned Expenses	Amount
Peaceways Newsletter	\$10,000
Rent, Utilities, Administration	\$9,000
Publicity, Printing, Supplies	\$4,000
25th Anniversary, Presenters, Grant Writing	\$5,000
<b>Total Planned Expenses</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>

### Expenses



- Peaceways Newsletter
- Rent, Utilities, Administration
- Publicity, Printing, Supplies
- 25th Anniversary, Presenters, Grant Writing

**CKCPJ now has the capability to take automatic electronic deposits. For more information contact Jill Hanna at 859 255-6999 or [jhanna.ckcpj@gmail.com](mailto:jhanna.ckcpj@gmail.com).**

**Thank you for your support.  
We can't do this important work without you!**

# The Rest of One Story

by Billie Mallory

In August 2007 during our Iraq Summer event in Phoenix Park we held a 24-hour vigil for peace and justice. Along with our dedicated vigil participants, at the Park there were a number of homeless individuals who stayed with us during the heat of the day and the dark of the night. We got to know a number of them by name, people we would otherwise have just passed by.

We learned that a number of them were veterans. One such man was named Frank. Frank is almost seven feet tall. He said he was from Arizona, living homeless in Lexington, lost and alone, trying to kick a long-time drug habit. He made new friends with his winning smile and stayed in the Park through the night to “keep our back” as we witnessed for peace.

A few days later, I got a call from Hope Springs Church where

Frank had ended up on the doorstep with a gash on his head. He said he was “sick and tired of being sick and tired.”

It turned out that after a little first aid and lending a listening ear, the pastor of the church called me because Frank remembered me from the vigil in Phoenix Park.

Frank said he was ready to get off the street and get help for his drug problems. In my work with the homeless of Lexington I knew of the Lexington Mission’s work with veterans and I suggested their program.

While the Mission is often full, on this day there was an opening and Frank was able to begin that very day on a nine-month faith-based intensive drug treatment. While I was happy to have played a part in getting Frank the help he needed, I didn’t expect to hear from him again.

Yet just weeks ago on a cold and dreary early April day I saw

Frank on the street with a smile on his face as big as Arizona. We greeted each other, and I learned he was about to graduate from the program. He had plans to reunite with his family after spending twenty years on the street.

I congratulated him and told him I knew how hard he had to work to get to this point. He insisted that it was meeting us at the vigil and having someone to call when he was in great need that really set him on the way to having this success.

So: the rest of the story is that though the Council sponsors many events and supports numerous causes, and while our members stand on many corners and attend meetings, we also touch individual lives in ways that we might never know.

I know my day was made brighter by Frank’s news. I couldn’t help thinking “so maybe there is a measure of justice in the world and a little peace in Frank’s heart!”

*Billie Mallory is a CKCPJ Board Member.*

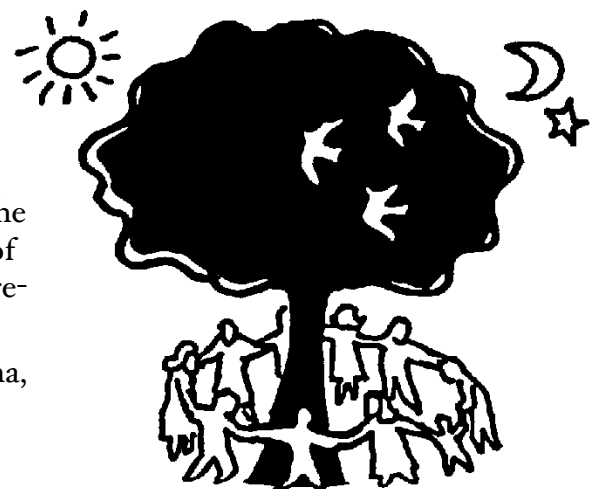
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## Did You Know You Can Read *Peaceways* Online?

Our website now has a link to the current issue of *Peaceways*: it’s posted as soon as the copy goes to press. Archived issues are also available all the way through 2007

While we want every one of our members to have access to the calendar and articles published in *Peaceways*, we realize that some of you feel strongly about using natural resources wisely and might prefer not to receive a paper copy of the newsletter through the mail.

You can let us know your preferences by contacting Jill Hanna, our administrative coordinator, who can be reached at [jhanna.ckcpj@gmail.com](mailto:jhanna.ckcpj@gmail.com) or by calling 859-255-6999.



# Events at a Glance

<i><b>Date/Time</b></i>	<i><b>Event Description</b></i>	<i><b>Contact</b></i>
<p>● <b>Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>7:00 pm</b></p>	<p>Reception and Planning at 112 N. Upper St. for our <b>20 Days for Peace and Justice</b> 25th Anniversary celebration in October -- see back page for details</p>	<p>For more information: Rosie Moosnick at 859.268.5260 or <a href="mailto:rmoosnick@insightbb.com">rmoosnick@insightbb.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>SAVE THE DATE</b> During Lexington's Diversity Festival Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> downtown</p>	<p><b>PRIDE FESTIVAL 2008</b> <b>WE ARE FAMILY</b>  Entertainers, music, shows, vendors and more!</p>	<p>For more information: contact Mary Crone at 859.266.5904 or <a href="mailto:marycrone@insightbb.com">marycrone@insightbb.com</a></p>
<p>1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>CKCPJ Board Meeting</b>, KCCJ offices, 112 N. Upper St. All welcome.</p>	<p>Rosie Moosnick 859.268.5260</p>
<p>Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace</b>, Triangle Park in downtown Lexington.</p>	
<p>1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Kentucky Migrant Network</b>, Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road</p>	<p>Miguel Rodriguez, Chair <a href="mailto:miguelug929@yahoo.com">miguelug929@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky</b>, KCCJ office, 112 N Upper St.</p>	<p>Paul Brown, Chair, <a href="mailto:heme1588@yahoo.com">heme1588@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Lexington Living Wage Campaign Meeting</b> Community Action Council, 710 W. High Street</p>	<p>Richard Mitchell 859-327-6277</p>
<p>1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month 4:00-6:30</p>	<p><b>Franciscan Peace Center</b>, 3389 Squire Oak. <a href="http://FranciscanVision.org">FranciscanVision.org</a></p>	<p>Pat Griffin 859-230-1986</p>
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month 7:00 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA)</b>, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.</p>	<p>Dick Renfro 859.255.7029</p>
<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. of the month 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC)</b>, Episcopal Diocese Mission House, 4th St. and Martin Luther King</p>	<p>Dave Newton 859.420.8919</p>
<p>TBA -- call John Walker, right, for details</p>	<p><b>Gardeners of the Bluegrass</b>, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.</p>	<p>John Walker 859-225-3866</p>
<p>Every Sunday 2:30-4:00pm</p>	<p><b>NAMI Lexington</b> Support Groups -- Faye Morton Center, Eastern State Hospital, Lexington, Wendall Building basement</p>	<p>call 859.272.7891 or go to <a href="http://lexington.nami.org">lexington.nami.org</a> for info</p>

● *Denotes article in this issue containing more information.*



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If civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships—the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together, in the same world, at peace.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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# Come Join Us 7 pm Thursday May 22nd

in our offices at 112 N. Upper St.  
for a Reception and to Plan for our celebration:

## 20 Days for Peace and Justice

### October 4th—October 24th

As the Council approaches its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we want to celebrate this milestone with social justice events throughout the region.. We invite you to join us in planning **20 Days for Peace and Justice from October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 24<sup>th</sup>**. These days will be set aside to highlight and celebrate justice and peace work in our region. We are asking groups, individuals, artists, and concerned citizens to sponsor a day, a morning, or an evening during this time to showcase our collective and individual efforts. Because we view not only the event but the planning of it as part of a long-term process to build a progressive voice in central Kentucky, we have already spent many hours diligently preparing for your involvement. With this in mind, we invite you to join us **for a reception on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm, 112 N. Upper**, to talk about the fall and to be a part of progressive coalition building.

For more information: Rosie Moosnick at 859.268.5260 or [rmoosnick@insightbb.com](mailto:rmoosnick@insightbb.com).

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WHAT WE CANT  
DO ALONE  
WE CAN DO  
TOGETHER!

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