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20 Days for Peace and Justice  
October 4th - October 24th

## The Living Arts & Science Center Joins 20 Days Celebrations

As this issue of *Peaceways* goes to press, the Council's **20 Days for Peace and Justice** series of events—celebrating its 25 years of work in Central Kentucky—are taking final shape for October.

Look for announcements, flyers and posters with the 20 Days logo (designed for us by Erin Fifield) around town. And be sure to check our dedicated website for details on the events and participating groups: [www.twentydaysforpeaceandjustice.org](http://www.twentydaysforpeaceandjustice.org).

We are very pleased to welcome the involvement of the Living Arts and Science Center (LASC), an organization joining in the celebration with classes focused on some of the celebration's Peace and Justice themes.

Prior to the full 20 Days celebrations in October, on September 26<sup>th</sup> (a No-School Day for Fayette County schools) the LASC will pre-

sent **Nature Crafted**, a recycled art class; **Art as Instrument for Change**, where students will take a look at today's society and discuss ways to use art to educate, inform and to discuss a point of view; and **Eco Art 101**, which will focus on art created with natural materials.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of October (also No-School Days for Fayette County schools), the LASC will present **Food for Thought**, an art class that will look at food and hunger; **Illustrate Your Opinion**, where students will select a topic and illustrate their point of view; and a **Day of the Dead** class that will involve the students in this colorful and ancient Latin American holiday.

These unique, multi-disciplinary, and interactive classes focus on art and the many human and environmental issues for which artists and their works can speak so powerfully.

No-School Day classes at the LASC are available for children from K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and take

place from 8:00 AM–5:30 PM. Students may take one or more classes per day.

Complete class descriptions for the LASC's more than 90 Fall classes—for children 18-months old up to adults—can be found at [www.LASCLEX.org](http://www.LASCLEX.org), or by calling 859.252.5222. ■

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# Council News and Updates

## Support Board Members Soreyda Begley and Jim Embry

On August 17th, **Soreyda Begley** competes in Atlanta, Georgia, in “Designed for a Purpose—Going Green for Fashion,” a competitive fashion show where all proceeds will benefit Dress for Success Atlanta, Inc. Designers were challenged to create a mini collection that included a plus size business suit, sportswear, two originals and a recycled garment.

Dress for Success is an international not-for-profit organization with the mission to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire and a network of support to help them thrive in work and in life. Since starting operations in 1997, Dress for Success has expanded to 80+ cities in the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the UK. To date, Dress for Success worldwide has helped more than 300,000 women work towards self-sufficiency. Dress for Success Atlanta has suited more than 10,000 women since 1997. To learn more or make a contribution call 404.589.1177 or visit [www.dressforsuccess.org/atlanta](http://www.dressforsuccess.org/atlanta).

**Jim Embry** has been selected to serve as a delegate to Terra Madre 2008, the slow food/local food systems international gathering, which is being held October 23<sup>rd</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> in Turin, Italy ([www.terramadre2008.org](http://www.terramadre2008.org)). He will be representing Lexington, Kentucky, and the USA in this international gathering involving participants from more than 150 other countries.

Jim says he'd like the trip to benefit the local community by serving as a catalyst for more education and action around: 1) our Kentucky Proud program; 2) farm-to-school/college, farm-to-hospital, farm-to-grocery stores, markets and CSAs; 3) food policy councils and, 4) how local food systems benefit our health and nutrition, lower energy use, and foster cultural diversity, intergenerational dialogue and quality of life.

To make the most of this opportunity, he'd appreciate organizational and promotional support. You can arrange for him to come and speak to your group or school by contacting him at 859.312.7024 or [jgembro@cs.com](mailto:jgembro@cs.com). Financial donations to support this trip are warmly accepted and can be directed to the Council offices at 112 N. Upper St. Lexington KY 40507. For regular updates on Jim's activities, see the Sustainable Communities Network at [www.SustainLex.org](http://www.SustainLex.org).

## Welcome Humanitarian

We are very pleased to welcome as a new member of the Council the **Humanitarian**, an organization long dedicated to understanding and celebrating human diversity, rejecting intolerance and bigotry, and affirming our common humanity. The Humanitarian is made up of a diverse group of people in Lexington, Kentucky, who want to create awareness about all the peoples of our region and to make this information available to everyone. For more information, see their website at [www.humanitarian.org](http://www.humanitarian.org), or contact the President, Gloria Rie, at 110 North Upper Street, Lexington, KY 40507; phone 859.254.5055; email at [Humanitarian@qx.net](mailto:Humanitarian@qx.net).

If your organization would like to join the Council, please contact Jill Hanna, our Administrative Co-Ordinator at [jhanna.ckcpj@gmail.com](mailto:jhanna.ckcpj@gmail.com) (or call 859.255.6999). If you have made a recent membership donation and do not see your organization listed at left, contact *Peaceways* editor Gail M. Koehler. at [gmkkentucky@gmail.com](mailto:gmkkentucky@gmail.com) or 859.335.5701.

# Building Community on North Limestone

by Kurt Gohde and Kremena Todorova

*Earlier this year two professors from Transylvania University created an innovative class that met weekly at Al's Bar on the corner of Limestone and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Here, they describe the class and invite Peaceways readers to become involved in the 2009 incarnation of this unique educational experience.*

We created "Community Engagement through the Arts" as a way to engage students from Transylvania University with the neighborhood to the north of us through a sustained, semester-long interaction.

As we prepared to teach the class, we saw these as our main goals:

- enable students to recognize our already existing connections with the neighborhood;
- teach them to be attentive to the issues our neighbors identify as key for the well-being of the community, rather than assume that we can decide for them; and
- craft a project that addresses one of the community's major concerns.

In the course of the semester, we invited representatives of the Lexington Division of Police, local journalists, leaders of grassroots organizations, politicians, and small-business owners to speak about their own commitments to the North Limestone community.

Our students recorded oral history interviews with people

who live and work in the neighborhood, and wrote weekly reflections based on NPR's *This I Believe* essay series.

We did not fully anticipate our own growing commitment to the North Limestone community, and now plan to teach the course again beginning in January 2009.

We have been working on ways to sustain our ties to the neighborhood between semesters, with the hope that we can offer this course every year.

To best facilitate this, and in an effort to become accountable to the community, we sought feedback from all the people with whom the class interacted.

We are also cultivating new connections as we work on refining the course.

If you want to hear more about the class, or if you would like to work with us on it, email either: Kurt Gohde at [kgohde@transy.edu](mailto:kgohde@transy.edu), or Kremena Todorova at [ktodorova@transy.edu](mailto:ktodorova@transy.edu).



## Nothing is More Crucial for Equality and Justice

**A tangible result of the class was a 20 page chapbook that collected a number of the participants' reflections. Patrick Smith's piece introduces the collection. Below is an excerpt:**

Every time I see a homeless person, I make a point to say "hello" and smile. Usually they will return the gesture. I do this because of a particular homeless woman I met. Her name is Melissa. She is a published writer and is substantially more articulate than most Transy students. She told me that when people say hello to her, they are acknowledging that she is a human being. This encounter changed my life. My experience with this woman was all I needed to empathize with the homeless community.

I would not say hello to homeless people had I not taken this course, Community Engagement Through the Arts, where I met Melissa. It had been culturally ingrained in me to keep a safe distance from the homeless community. If I had kept this distance, my perception of the homeless would not have changed. This is what [this class] is about—education by means of interaction.

Education through interaction is far from the typical university experience. ... The value of community must be experienced. Saying hello to the homeless is just one way to express community's importance. The only motivation for this interaction is to acknowledge that all people are equally human. Communities are created by interactions like this one...

...the true value of education through interaction [is] gaining the ability to empathize. Nothing is more crucial for equality and justice than this.



# A 63-year-old warning – will we heed it?

by Rebecca Glasscock

Up until the morning of August 6, 1945, the city of Hiroshima was untouched by the firebombs that other cities, such as Tokyo, had endured during the war. This city of 255,000 was deliberately saved as a virgin target, to potentially test the impact of a nuclear “experiment.”

That morning at 8:15, a nuclear weapon dubbed “Little Boy” was dropped from the Enola Gay.

This nuclear bomb, dropped three weeks after the Trinity test, was primitive and “inefficient” by today’s standards. The explosion was equivalent to 13 kilotons of TNT, and fission of less than 2% of the U-235 occurred. Yet, the bomb destroyed 69% of the city’s infrastructure and killed 80,000 immediately.

By the end of 1945, 140,000 (over half the city’s population) were dead. Since 1945, many thousands more have died and suffered as a result of their exposures to radiation.

In 1955, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park was built, to remember those who suffered and died, warn against the use of nuclear weapons, and teach peace.

Each year, many thousands come to the park and the museum. But, unfortunately, humanity seems to be forgetting (or never realized) the dangers of nuclear weapons.

With a sense of urgency, the City of Hiroshima committed to send delegations to U.S. cities to

remind us of the horror of nuclear weapons and to implore us to work diligently and fearlessly for nuclear disarmament.

Lexington was greatly honored with a visit from this Hiroshima delegation on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Miyoko Watanabe, a 78-year-old Hiroshima bomb survivor, shared with the audience at Lexington’s Unitarian Universalist Church her memories of that awful morning.

It had started as a beautiful day. People had not been directed to the fallout shelters. Then came the orange light followed by the darkness. People were walking with their skin dripping from the ends of their fingers. She saw a toddler with his internal organs spilling out, a baby still nursing her dead mother, and countless burn victims begging for water. Her dad was badly burned and died a few days after the bomb blast. Her older brother died 18 years later of leukemia. To this day, she is tormented by not being able to do more to help them and others.

After Ms. Watanabe’s presentation, Steve Leeper, chair of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, reminded the audience that this tragedy was generated by a small, primitive weapon.

We now have nuclear weapons that are 3,000 times or more powerful. We cannot allow the proliferation of these weapons. Fortunately, we do have a treaty. This international agreement, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, is reviewed every five years.

The last review was very disappointing, with little progress made. The next review will be in 2010.

Mr. Leeper argues that it is absolutely essential that progress be made at this review. He warns that, otherwise, global nuclear proliferation will occur – and that nuclear weapons will likely be used.

**To let our leaders know that we want the U.S. to commit to a nuclear weapon-free country and world, Mr. Leeper asked the citizens of Lexington to do the following:**

- (1) learn about the Mayors for Peace initiative and encourage Mayor Newberry to sign on ([www.mayorsforpeace.org](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org));
- (2) sign and then solicit additional signatures for the “Cities are not targets project” ([www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/list/36.htm](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/topic/list/36.htm)); and
- (3) educate yourself and others about nuclear weapons and the Non-Proliferation Treaty (read the text of the treaty at <http://disarmament.un.org/wmd/npt/npttext.html>).

Billie Mallory, CKCPJ board member, summed up the message: “We need to take a stand with our own government by raising our voices and demanding NEVER AGAIN!”

*Rebecca Glasscock is a member of both the CKCPJ board and our Peace Action Task Group.*

# Help Make Lexington the Next City for Peace!

As of May 2008, 287 U.S. cities and towns have adopted resolutions to become Cities for Peace. In addition, at the 2007 U. S. Conference of Mayors convention, a “Bring Home the Troops” resolution was introduced and passed.

For more information about the Cities for Peace movement, a national program instituted by the Institute for Policy Studies, go to [www.citiesforprogress.org](http://www.citiesforprogress.org).

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice, representing 32 social justice, peace, and environmental organizations, asks that the LFUCG Council join peaceful communities across the United States in becoming a City for Peace. We are proposing that the LFUCG Council pass a specific Peace City Resolution.

## Why a resolution?

The City for Peace Resolution lists the many ways that the Iraq War has: 1) harmed Iraq, as well as U.S. relations in the Middle East and U.S. relations with the rest of the world; 2) cost the U.S. in terms of wounded, traumatized, and dead U.S. soldiers; 3) cost Iraq in terms of refugees and dead civilians; and 4) cost the U.S., and particularly Kentucky, in terms of current dollars and future debt.

## What does the proposed resolution ask?

In light of the above, the resolution asks 1) for an immediate and orderly withdrawal of all United States military personnel from Iraq, 2) creation of a multi-national peace force, and 3) restitution to the people and government of Iraq.

To see the full text of the resolution—and for a printable version of that text—go to our website [www.peaceandjusticeky.org](http://www.peaceandjusticeky.org) and click the Action! button to visit the page titled Help Make Lexington–Fayette County a City for Peace. Or, go direct to the page: [www.peaceandjusticeky.org/LexforPeace.htm](http://www.peaceandjusticeky.org/LexforPeace.htm).

## How can I help?

If you'd like to see Lexington–Fayette County become a City for Peace, please encourage your Council member (listed below) to support a City for Peace Resolution. Ask that our draft resolution be used as a starting point for discussion.

Mayor: Jim Newberry, 258.3100, [mayor@lfucg.com](mailto:mayor@lfucg.com)

Vice Mayor: Jim Gray, 258.3202, [jgray@lfucg.com](mailto:jgray@lfucg.com)

At-large: Linda Gorton, 258.3200, [lgorton@lfucg.com](mailto:lgorton@lfucg.com)

At-large: Chuck Ellinger II, 258.3212, [cellinge@lfucg.com](mailto:cellinge@lfucg.com)

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*For more information, please email Rebecca Glasscock at [rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu](mailto:rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu).*

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# Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky Annual Summit September 16<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> in Lexington

The Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky (HHCK) kicks off its annual summit Tuesday morning, the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, at the Four Points Sheraton with a keynote presentation by Terri Druessi Smith, coauthor of the book *Bridges Out of Poverty*. Ms. Smith will also lead a workshop on poverty.

Later on Tuesday, HHCK hosts its first Annual Coalition

Meeting and Dinner to celebrate 20 years advocating on the issues of homelessness and affordable housing for the Commonwealth.

For those past 20 years, HHCK has been the only statewide coalition bringing urban and rural advocates together to address the challenges of meeting the needs of Kentuckians who are homeless and those who are precariously housed.

The summit continues on Wednesday when Dr. Sam Tsemberis, founder and Executive Director of Pathways to Housing, will present a workshop.

For more information on the coalition, to see the full summit schedule, or to register, contact HHCK at 101 Burch Court, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; phone: 502.223.1834 or see their website at [www.hhck.org](http://www.hhck.org).

# 2008 CROP Hunger Walk: Sept. 28 Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

The Greater Lexington CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk invites people of all ages and faiths to join in providing resources to fight hunger around the world and around the corner.

Funds raised through the CROP Walk help people in more than 80 countries through self-help devel-



opment, disaster response, and refugee services.

Locally, in 2007, \$17,545.00 was raised by the Greater Lexington CROP Hunger Walk with approximately 400 walkers coming from 30 groups.

Due to that success, Lexington's God's Pantry Food Bank received a Church World Service grant equivalent to 25%

of the funds raised by the CROP Walk.

For information on how to join the next CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, September 28, 2008, contact the local Walk Coordinator toll free 888.297.2767 or send an e-mail to [in@churchworldservice.org](mailto:in@churchworldservice.org).

You can join online as either a walker or as a sponsor by going to [www.lexingtoncropwalk.blogspot.com](http://www.lexingtoncropwalk.blogspot.com) and clicking on the "Register today" box.

Don't live in the Lexington area? Find a CROP Hunger Walk near you by calling toll free 888.297.2767.

Your participation helps more than you can know.

As President Jimmy Carter said: "We know that a peaceful world cannot long exist one-third rich and two-thirds hungry."

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## From the Franciscan Peace Center: An Invitation to Practice Falun Gong at the Arboretum

What is Falun Gong? Falun Gong is also known as Falun Dafa. The website [www.falundafa.org](http://www.falundafa.org) indicates that "these are two names for the same practice. They can be used interchangeably. 'Falun Gong' translates as 'Practice of the Law Wheel' or 'Law Wheel Qigong,' while 'Falun Dafa translates as Great Way of the Law Wheel.'" The practice has an ancient history.

In 1992, Mr. Li Hongzhi (referred to respectfully by practitioners as "Master" or "Teacher") first taught Falun Dafa publicly. Those who attended experienced such profound benefits that they told friends and family and the number of practitioners grew very quickly. By 1998, at least 70 million people had taken up the practice in China alone.

The Falun Dafa has five sets of exercises that are gentle, slow, and easy to learn. Today, Dafa is prac-

ticed and cherished by over 100 million people in over 80 countries, and has received a plethora of honors.

People of all nationalities, races, socio-economic backgrounds, gender, ages, occupations, and different faiths are welcome to practice, at their own pace, and for as long as they choose.

Local assistants and veteran practitioners teach the exercises, always free of charge, at practice sites in cities and towns around the world.

In Lexington, Hai and Haiyan, veteran practitioners, generously donate their time to assist us in learning the exercises at the Arboretum on Saturdays at 8:30 am. The group meets on the lawn adjacent to the Welcome Center and is divided according to everyone's learning needs and led accordingly. All are

welcome to begin at any time.

An additional practice day is offered at the same location on Wednesdays at 7 pm. This is a practice only without instruction.

Our instructors suggest that in between times we practice from the web site [www.falundafa.org](http://www.falundafa.org). " After clicking on "English," choose "How to Learn," then click on "Learn the Exercises" and watch the videos with verbal instructions and music.

Learning Falun Dafa involves both studying the principles and practicing the exercises. Hai and Haiyan encourage practitioners to read the book "Falun Gong" which is available on the same web site in pdf format, again, free of charge. Please note: in case of rain, we meet under the wisteria-covered canopy.

For more information contact the Franciscan Peace Center at 859.230.1986 or [FranciscanVision@aol.com](mailto:FranciscanVision@aol.com).

# Events at a Glance

<i><b>Date/Time</b></i>	<i><b>Event Description</b></i>	<i><b>Contact</b></i>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>August 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6:30 pm</b> at the Central Library theatre, downtown Lexington</p>	<p><b>National Women's Equality Day:</b> Bluegrass Women's Political Caucus presents Eleanor Jordan, executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Women, speaking on Women's Issues in the Commonwealth. <b>Free and open to the public.</b></p>	<p>For more information: Annette Mayer <a href="mailto:annette@the-mayers.com">annette@the-mayers.com</a> 859.266.6073</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>September 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>through Sunday,</b> <b>September 21<sup>st</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Festival Latino de Lexington 2008:</b> Last year, more than 10,000 people celebrated Lexington's Latino community in downtown Lexington. <b>All activities are FREE.</b> For details of events suited to the entire family, see website: <a href="http://www.lfucg.com/parks/special_festival_latino.asp">www.lfucg.com/parks/special_festival_latino.asp</a>.</p>	<p>For more information: Rudy Cruse <a href="mailto:ccruse@lfucg.com">ccruse@lfucg.com</a> 859.288.2988</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>September 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:30 am – 3:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> annual Kentucky Hispanic and Immigrant Networking Summit:</b> presented by The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights at the UK Cooperative Extension Office on 1117 Frankfort Road in Shelbyville, <b>Free and open to the public. Call or email to register.</b></p>	<p>Juan Peña <a href="mailto:juan.pena@ky.gov">juan.pena@ky.gov</a> 502.595.4024 Ext. 47</p>
<p>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>CKCPJ Board Meeting,</b> in our offices at 112 N. Upper St. All are welcome.</p>	<p>Nabeel Jawahir, Co-chair 859.619.3369</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 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:miguelugr929@yahoo.com">miguelugr929@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 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:hemer1588@yahoo.com">hemer1588@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Lexington Living Wage Campaign Meeting</b> Community Action Council, 710 W. High Street</p>	<p>Richard Mitchell 859.277.6106</p>
<p>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 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> Wednesday 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 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</p>



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Hope is not for wimps; it is for  
the strong-hearted who can recognize how  
bad things are and yet not be deterred,  
not be paralyzed.

— Frances Moore Lappe

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## Bits and Peaces

### Resist the Wall

Texas-based group Resist the Wall calls for nationwide protest of the U.S./Mexico border wall, currently under construction in south Texas. The wall harms border communities and the natural environment while adding to the “militarization” of the border region: imprisonment of immigrant families, military-style highway checkpoints, increased police and military presence, and raids on factories and communities.

Most residents of Texas’ Rio Grande Valley, where Resist the Wall is based, oppose the wall. A recent protest there drew 500 people. More protests in Texas are planned, but nationwide solidarity is needed.

**Please write to Congress and the media opposing the wall.** If you belong to an organization that would like to endorse one of the upcoming protests, or organize a solidarity rally, or if you have any questions, please contact Resist the Wall at [annwcass@aol.com](mailto:annwcass@aol.com). Thank you for your support.

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### Peacemaking Minister Will Speak at UK Newman Center

The first of the Newman Foundation’s 2008 Distinguished Speakers this fall is Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. He will speak at the Newman Center (320 Rose Lane in downtown Lexington) on **Thursday, September 18th at 7:30 p.m.**

Jonathan is an Associate Minister at the historically black St. John Baptist Church and is engaged in peacemaking and reconciliation efforts in Durham, N.C..

He also directs the School for Conversion ([newmonasticism.org](http://newmonasticism.org)), an alternative seminary that hosts courses around the country.

Jonathan’s will be speaking about “a new monastic movement in the church, telling stories of hope beneath the radar in forgotten places.”

This event is free and open to the public and refreshments follow the presentation.

For a copy of the Speakers series brochure, or if you have any questions, call 859.255.0880 Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

### Roots and Heritage Festival in September

Lexington’s annual Roots & Heritage Festival events highlight contributions by African-Americans and promotes pride and cultural continuity among area residents through cultural exchange.

Since its origins in 1989 as a small neighborhood street fair, the Roots & Heritage Festival has grown to the status of a major cultural event that attracts thousands of festival-goers from across the state and beyond.

This year, a wide variety of events and activities take place throughout the month of September, including art exhibits, literary readings, midnight basketball, a golf tournament, film presentations, children’s programming, theater, a comedy night, a health fair and ball, a nationally renowned speaker, and the ever popular two-day street festival, held this year from **Friday, September 05, 2008 through Sunday, September 07, 2008.**

For more information see the web site at [www.rootsandheritagefestival.com](http://www.rootsandheritagefestival.com) or email [cynthiam@lfucg.com](mailto:cynthiam@lfucg.com).