

PEACEWAYS



Issue # 231

September 2009

The Newsletter of the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice
112 N. Upper St. Lexington KY 40507 859.255.6999

E-mail List: richard.mitchell@insightbb.com Website: www.peaceandjusticeky.org

VOICES for Peace and Justice
...the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends towards justice. -MLK Jr.

Come join us!

"Let us realize that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice": Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s impassioned call for continued struggle echoes through the decades, encouraging dedicated people of goodwill to press on, helping bend that arc. In the spirit of shared labor toward common causes, the Voices for Peace and Justice 2009 event series presents a rich collaboration of organizations.

The first weekend of October brings "Pathways to Peace," co-ordinated by the Franciscan Peace Center of Lexington. Details follow on this page, and events occurring through the rest of October can be found on pages 4 and 5. Unless otherwise noted, events are free and open to the public.

Strong Women, Thurs. Oct. 1 at 7:30 pm, at the University of Kentucky Newman Center, 320 Rose Lane, Lexington. This live dramatization of the experiences of women who have been incarcerated in Cook County, Illinois, jails, showcases their creative and poetic

expressions and is a production of Still Point Theatre Collective. This event is the first in the Newman Foundation's 2009-2010 Distinguished Speaker Series.

Pray the Devil Back to Hell, Fri. Oct. 2, 7 to 9 pm at the Lexington Public Library Theater, 140 E. Main St., Lexington. A multi award-winning film, *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* is a gripping account of a group of brave and visionary women who demanded peace for Liberia, a nation torn to shreds by civil war. Reception and discussion to follow in the Library's Art Gallery. Sponsored in partnership with One World Films and CKCPJ.

Dances of Universal Peace, Sat. Oct. 3, 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd., Lexington. For all ages, the Dances are simple, joyous, and multi-cultural, using sacred phrases, chants, music and movement from the many spiritual traditions. Please bring your favorite "peace-filled" snack, appetizer, or finger food to share. Facilitator is Fran Belvin.

Francis of Assisi: Reluctant Saint, Sat., Oct. 3, 7:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 1730 Summerhill Drive, Lexington. Based on the book by Donald Spoto, this production gets behind the legend to discover a man who lived in a time much like our own, filled with violence and upheaval; a man who played many roles: wealthy lothario, soldier, businessman, preacher, defender of the poor, and a rebel who never hesitated to speak the truth to the powerful.

Beyond Our Differences, Sun. Oct. 4, 2:00 to 5:30 pm at the Lexington Public Library Theater, 140 E. Main St., Lexington. This PBS documentary provides a tapestry of distinct voices, expressing a universal expression of hope and the courage to promote social change. Reception and discussion to follow in Conference Room A, where Rev. Bob Silvanik presents "Creating Spiritual Paths to Peace." Karen Armstrong's "Charter for Compassion" will be introduced, promoting the principles of the Golden Rule. Sponsored in partnership with One World Films, The Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass, and CKCPJ.

see pages 4 and 5
for more Voices events

Voices logo by Erin Fifield

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace & Justice

Board of Directors: Arne Bathke (co-chair), Soreyda Begley, Joan Braune, Rebecca DiLoreto, Jim Embry, Mary Ann Ghosal, Rebecca Glasscock (co-chair), Chester Grundy, Teresa Hendricks, Randolph Hollingsworth, Stepahie Hopkins, Nabeel Jawahir, Steve Kay, Billie allory, Richard Mitchell, Bruce Mundy, Howard Myers (treasurer), Kerby Neill, Rabbi Uri Smith

Member Organizations: ACLU—Central Kentucky Chapter, Amnesty International UK Chapter, Bahá'is of Lexington, Berea Friends Meeting, Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program, Catholic Action Center, Central Christian Church, Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, Commission for Peace and Justice—Lexington Catholic Diocese, Franciscan Peace Center, Gay and Lesbian Services Organization (GLSO), Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky, Humanitarium, Hunter Presbyterian Church, Islamic Society of Central Kentucky, Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty—Central Kentucky Chapter, Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (KCIRR), Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice (KCCJ), Lexington Fair Housing Council, Lexington Fairness, Lexington Friends Meeting, Lexington Hispanic Association (Asociacion de Hispanos Unidos), Lexington Labor Council—Jobs With Justice Committee, Lexington Living Wage Campaign, Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church, Newman Center at UK, North East Lexington Initiative, One World Film Festival, Peace and Justice Coalition (Bluegrass Community and Technical College) Progress—student group at Transylvania University, Second Presbyterian Church, Shambhala Center, Sustainable Communities Network, Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington, United Nations Association—Blue Grass Chapter.

Staff: Editor of *Peaceways*, Gail M.Koehler, contact information below.



Peaceways is published ten times a year by the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice, 112 N. Upper St., Lexington KY 40507.

Submissions of articles or items in the Calendar are welcome. Contact the editor, Gail M. Koehler at 859.335.5701 or gmkkentucky@gmail.com. **Deadline: the first Wednesday of the month.**

The views expressed in *Peaceways* are those of the authors, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice.

~ Council Alerts, Reports, Updates ~

Restoring Voting Rights

At its September meeting, CKCPJ's board agreed to sign in support of a Request for a Thematic Hearing filed by the ACLU, the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights, and The Sentencing Project. The Request is filed with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights at the Organization of American States (www.oas.org), and discusses the discriminatory nature of harsh felon disfranchisement laws and cumbersome reinstatement procedures.

This is an issue we will be following closely. According to the Sentencing Project, an estimated 5.3 million Americans are denied the right to vote nationally because of laws that prohibit voting by people with felony convictions, yet nearly 4 million of those individuals are living and working in their communities.

In July, House Judiciary Committee Chairman, John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), and Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution Chairman, Russ Feingold (D-WI), introduced the Democracy Restoration Act in both chambers of Congress.

According to the ACLU's website, passage of the Act would:

- Create a uniform standard across the country in federal elections.
- Strengthen democracy by creating a broader and more just base of voter participation.
- Aid law enforcement by encouraging participation in civic life, assisting reintegration and rebuilding ties to community.
- Facilitate electoral administration by streamlining registration and eliminating opportunity for erroneous purges of eligible voters.
- Eliminate the confusion about who is eligible to vote.

You can call the capitol switchboard at 202.224.3121 or email your Representative and Senators to urge them to support and co-sponsor the Democracy Restoration Act.

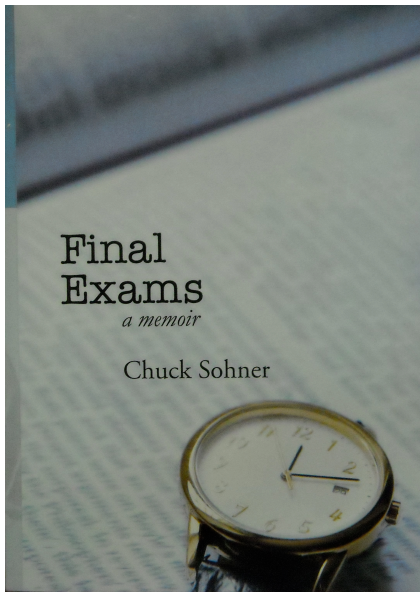
Watch our justicelist e-mail alerts for upcoming actions and lobbying opportunities on these and other important matters. If you are not yet a subscriber but would like to be, send a note to Richard Mitchell at: richard.mitchell@insightbb.com.

"[A.J.] Muste once said, 'There is no way to peace. Peace is the way.' He might well have added—at least it would have helped me—this: the way of peace must also include weakness, fear, frustration, anger, confusion, the continuous search for identity. And it must include absurdity. You never get it right. Unless getting it right is to know that there is no God concerned about the salvation of your personal ego, American protestant history and our parents' agendas notwithstanding; to know that it is not God's voice we will discover but, rather, the privilege of being yet another anonymous if indispensable contributor to humanity; to keep on going, to keep on listening, that is getting it right."

—Alan Brick, Quaker writer, in his memoir

"Up From Chester: Hiroshima, Haverford, and Beyond"

Fanfare for our Common Humanity



book review by Jeffery Feyman
Final Exams: a memoir
 by Chuck Sohner (Xlibris, 2009)

Many long-time readers of *Peaceways* will remember the author of *Final Exams: a memoir* with great fondness. Chuck Sohner was a guiding figure in progressive politics of Lexington from the time he arrived here from California in 1988 until his death in 2003. During those years, he was an indefatigable activist on behalf of the causes of peace and social justice, serving on the Board of CKCPJ, the Lexington Living Wage Campaign, and the Lexington-Fayette County Ethics Commission. Perhaps his most inspiring efforts were on behalf of the struggle by Lexington's sanitation workers for better pay and working conditions. No one who knew Chuck could help but be impressed by his great eloquence and deep humanity. His memoir reinforces that impression.



"Chuck was an uncommon common man, who without pedigree or power or great wealth nevertheless embodied an aristocracy of the soul..."

Chuck was born in 1928 (the same year as Mickey Mouse, he wryly informs his readers). His memoir covers the formative years of his childhood and early adulthood, up to the early 1960s. It was edited and published posthumously by his wife Michelle, who was assisted by family friends Rona Roberts and Susan Janacek. Little revision was needed on their part.

With prodigious expressive skills first developed as a public speaker in high school and college, and later honed as a college professor, radio talk-show host, and political candidate and activist, Chuck was well-known as a master wordsmith. He was also well-known as a pack-rat, and his narrative is laced with charmingly obscure facts drawn from his own life and times. The text is vintage Chuck — full of warmth, self-deprecating humor, and wise insights into the human condition. The memoir's title *Final Exams* reflects the

book's premise to be the culminating, critical self-assessment of the author's work as a human being. Brutally honest with himself and his readers, Chuck is a tough grader. What makes the memoir unique," Michelle observes in her epilogue, is the way in which he wove "historical events and political thought into his personal story." Always the professor, Chuck con-

stantly digresses from his own narrative to place his life in the context of broader social, cultural, and economic forces at work in America and the world. A child of the depression era, he keenly understood that his own personal experiences were also some-

how shared by others. This reflects one of the two "fundamental convictions" in forming his politics, namely, that people are shaped by circumstances beyond their control.

Chuck's second fundamental conviction was his belief in human equality. Together, these fundamental convictions guided him toward a fervent commitment to our common humanity and the dignity of the common man and, consequently, to a profound "dissatisfaction with the prevailing economic and social order."

This vision is unabashedly left wing, and Chuck proudly declared himself a "certifiable member of aging leftists." Whereas many of today's liberals adhere to a politics of identity in which "the personal is the political," Chuck's leftism derived from a much older progressive tradition espousing a universal human community in which "the political is the personal."

Chuck not only articulated this vision. His life was also its incarnation. The memoir of that life challenges its readers to see that, despite our individual differences, we all face a shared obligation to treat those around us with decency and respect.

The book also reveals—from behind his modest circumstances and unprepossessing demeanor—a remarkable personality of inspiring moral acuity and nobility of heart. Chuck was an uncommon common man, who without pedigree or power or great wealth nevertheless embodied an aristocracy of the soul, pointing our way to an aristocracy of everyone.

Jeffrey Freyman is a professor of political science at Transylvania University and was a colleague of Chuck's on Transylvania's faculty. He is a long-time member of CKCPJ and a past co-chair of our board.

VOICES for Peace and Justice

...the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends towards justice. -MLK Jr.

a rich collaboration...

...continued from our front page.

Unless otherwise noted, events are free and open to the public.:

Kentucky debut of *Coal Country*, Wed. Oct. 7, 7:30 pm, for movie, music and discussion at the Kentucky Theater, 214 E. Main St, Lexington. With special guests Jean Ritchie, Kathy Mattea, Silas House. This new documentary presents the dramatic struggle over the use of coal, which provides over half the electricity in America. You can go www.kentucky.sierraclub.org/ to get movie tickets (non-reserve seating); pre-movie dinner & wine reception reservations with the special guests (includes reserve seating at the movie); or to place event program sponsorship ads. Deadline for ads is Sept. 21. Note: This event benefits the coalfields work by Sierra Club and Kentuckians For The Commonwealth. There will be an after-movie gathering at Al's Bar (601 N Limestone, Lexington) hosted by Kentuckians For The Commonwealth and Sierra Club to benefit Mountain Justice.

Multifaith Panel Discussion: *How can our faiths help us act individually and together for the environment?* Thur. Oct. 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Lexington Theological Seminary (LTS), Fellowship Hall, 631 S Limestone, Lexington. Developing last year's well-attended discussion, this evening brings together panelists from a variety of perspectives: Bob Ernst, Plowshares Farm Center for Education and Spirituality; Dr. Suleiman Darrat, Professor of

Islamic Studies at UK; Rabbi Uriel Smith, Emeritus Rabbi of Ohavay Zion Synagogue; Professor Aloma Dew, Sierra Club representative, former chair of the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission. Moderator is Dr. Emily Askew, Prof. of Systemic Theology at LTS.

Voices for Peace and Justice Writing Contest Award Winner Reading, Sun. Oct. 11, 2:30 pm, at the Lexington Public Library Theater, 140 E. Main St., Lexington. Sponsored by Bluegrass Literacy in conjunction with CKCPJ. See www.bluegrassliteracy.org or call Bluegrass Literacy at 859.299.5982 for contest details and deadline. Entries are invited in multiple genres.

Regarding Misconceptions—A Muslim and A Jew Speak, Sun. Oct. 11, 4:00 pm at the Masjid Dilal Mosque, 1545 Russell Cave Rd, Lexington. A conversation about misconceptions about Muslims and Jews. With Nadia Rasheed, a local physician who often represents the Muslim community, and Rosie Moosnick, whose work involves oral histories with business owners, both Arabs and Jews. Reception follows.

The Homeless Connection—Resource Fair, Tue. Oct 20, from 9 am to 3 pm, at Central Christian Church, 205 E. Short St., Lexington. Co-sponsored by Veterans' Association and the Central Kentucky Homeless and Housing Initiative (also known as CKHHI).

NOTE: The Council is sponsoring the lunch on the 20th for the resource providers. Volunteers are needed from 9-11 am 1-3 pm. Contact Billie Mallory at mallory.billie@yahoo.com or 859. 285.5211.

Tim Wise, nationally known antiracist author and activist, Wed. Oct. 21, 7 pm, at the University of Kentucky's Student Center in the Worsham Theater. Tim's new book is "Between Barack and a Hard Place: Challenging Racism, Privilege and Denial in the Age of Obama." Sponsored by: UK Student Activities Board., MLK, Jr., Cultural Center, and the African American Studies & Research Program. All are welcome.

Powering UK's future—the *Coal Plant and Beyond*, Thur. Oct. 22, 7:00 pm, in Room 206, UK Student Center. The focus will be on UK's coal-fired plant: What does it actually do? How does it currently operate? What are UK's plans for its future? How does it tie in with UK's recent efforts to become a more sustainable campus? The event will be an opportunity for students, staff, faculty, adjacent neighborhood associations and interested, environmentally concerned citizens to learn facts and ask questions.

Human Rights, Free Trade, and Immigration: *Witness for Peace* delegate from Nicaragua addresses the issues, Fri. Oct. 23, at two events. At 1:00 pm at the Bluegrass Community and Technical College, 470 Cooper Dr., Lexington. For more info: e-mail: rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu or call 859.246.6319. At 7:00 pm at the Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (KCIRR) office, 560 E. Third St., Ste. 203. For more info: e-mail Kerby Neill at tkneill@earthlink.net or call 859.293.2265.

continued on page 5

... moving together toward justice...

continued from page 4

Pumpkin Festival—BCTC's PeaceMeal Garden, Sat. Oct. 24, 2:00 to 5:00 pm

at the Garden, adjacent to BCTC's Leestown Campus, 164 Opportunity Way, Lexington. (Directions: turn left onto Opportunity Way from Leestown Rd—heading west—and turn right onto Parking Lot A. Across the parking lot you will meet a little gravel road; stay on it for about 100 yards. When you see the clearing, the garden is on the right.)

Children and adults are welcome to paint a pumpkin from the patch, eat s'mores heated over a bonfire, learn about natural dyes, swap seed, and just enjoy getting being out in the country on an autumn day. Gourds and pumpkins will be for sale. For more info: e-mail rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu or call 859.246.6319.

Reaching Out to Immigrant Children in Our Community—*identifying your rights in school and court*, Mon. Oct. 26, 6:30 to 8 pm at the Village Branch of Lexington Public Library, 2185 Versailles Rd, Lexington. Join a conversation as advocates for young people and immigrants focus on the rights of children and families in our schools, communities and courts. This information will educate and empower youth and their families. Sponsored by the Children's Law Center. www.childrenslaw.ky.org.

Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW)—a perspective, Tue. Oct. 27, 6:30 to 7:45 pm, at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, 470 Cooper Dr., Lexington, in the Oswald Building Auditorium. Bryan Reinhardt, IVAW Louisville

chapter, will offer a presentation and answer questions. For more on IVAW: <http://www.ivaw.org>.

The Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass Annual Dinner, Thur. Oct. 29, 6:30 pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 166 Market St, Lexington. Speaker: Jonathan Miller, Secretary of KY State Finance and author of the book *Compassionate Community: Ten Values to Unite America*. Rev. Albert Pennybacker will receive the Annual Faith and Freedom Award. Tickets: \$20, to be paid at the door; \$10 for seniors and students. RSVP to Jesse Mark by e-mail: tiabg@qx.net, or call 859.559.5943, and indicate if you prefer a vegetarian meal. TIA memberships are available at a discounted price.

For updates and additional activities be sure to check our website: www.peaceandjusticeky.org.

We continue to solicit financial support to make Voices 2009 possible. Thank you for your consideration. Please mail contributions to 112 N. Upper St, Lexington 40507.

International Day of Peace Monday, Sept. 21

The Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning, located at 251 W 2nd St, Lexington, hosts their first fall Family and Fun night from 5:30 to 7 pm. Commemorate the International Day of Peace in a festive atmosphere: activities include painting a peace pole and a community mural, origami, poetry, music, yoga, and much more. The event is free and open to all, but reservations are required: call 859.254. 4175 to participate or to volunteer assistance. Council members who can teach a skill or craft are particularly encouraged to contribute their time.

Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

The Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (KCADP) has a new website: <http://kcadp.org>. The site features testimonials from people opposed to the death penalty, such as Ray Schweri. His wife's brother was a Virginia state trooper who was shot and killed in the line of duty. Schweri and his wife befriended the man who killed her brother before he was executed. KCADP is seeking additional testimonials: if you are willing to take the witness stand against the death penalty, e-mail staff@kcadp.org and their videographer will be in touch.

Against the Colombian Free Trade Agreement

by Mary Alice Pratt

In August I went to Colombia in a Witness for Peace delegation of eight Americans and four Canadians. We spoke with families and groups of people facing many problems and injustices, among them an indigenous community that had achieved considerable progress for itself, and laborers and labor activists struggling for decent wages.

Two significant issues stand out from our travels. First, we were impressed with the sense of *hope* of the people despite hardships and injustices. Second, to a person, they begged us to tell their stories and to appeal to the American and Canadian governments to oppose the Free Trade Agreement.

The indigenous people on their reserve greeted us hospitably, including us in ceremonies, singing anthems in their *Nasa* language, and treating us to performances of culture through their youth band and dancers. Through Constitutional law they have managed to retake land appropriated by the government and corporations, although not all of it. Still they have *hope*.

They have a tribal elected government, including women. Their dream is to become more completely self-sufficient as a mini state. Education of their children in native culture, language and organic farming methods is central to fulfillment of their life plan.

Most families have organic gardens, and a nursery provides seedlings for reforesting riverbanks. They are building a mill for the complete processing of rice. They would like to sell that rice, and more of their fruits and vegetables outside the reserve. They deplore

and fear the privatization of electricity and water, but for the time their own systems suffice. This is a community that has taken responsibility for itself, and they believe that the FTA would devastate what they called their “life plan.”



Briefly, the FTA, upon implementation, will eliminate most tariffs on many consumer and industrial goods traded between the United States and Colombia, with gradual elimination of more over time. Colombia would be free to join the World Trade Organization.

The delegates heard from workers and their advocates their distrust of multi-national corporations, mainly from the U.S., coming into their country, exploiting workers and natural resources, and taking over huge tracts of land for monocrop production.

Workers in Colombia have struggled for rights and fair wages and, with the help of advocates have obtained some agreements from government. But government has not fulfilled many agreements, and the people have experienced instead harassment and killings, often by the military, which is supposed to protect them. They fear that the FTA will exacerbate their problems.

The Colombian government has signed the FTA agreement but the U.S. has not. Congress failed to pass it before the Bush administration went out of office, and President Obama has set no timetable for doing so. He opposed the agreement during his campaign and more recently stated concern over workers' rights. North American workers have reason to oppose it in view of massive loss of manufacturing jobs.

On our trip, we were told that in Columbia the “elite have put President Uribe in power,” and only the elite have recourse to his protection. The people we visited inspired us with their hope although it was daunting to have them entrust to us their stories and their hope that we may in some way accompany them through their problems. One definite request from *all of them* was to pressure our own governments not to pass the FTA as it stands.

NOTE: We are used to hearing that Colombia is the world's biggest cocaine producer, and that there is a “war” on the drug. During my trip I saw that coca is a scourge of Colombia. The *Nasa* originally used it for medicinal purposes, but about 45 years ago foreigners induced them to plant and harvest the illicit drug for profit. “Hunger makes you turn to coca,” we heard. There is little of it on the plain where they are now living, but when it is found police action results in accusations, disappearances and deaths.

Mary Alice Pratt is a past member and co-chair of our board.

For more information on Witness for Peace got to: <http://www.witnessforpeace.org>.

Events at a Glance

Events listed here and on our our Justicelist listserve (see www.peaceandjusticeky.org) reflect a broad spectrum of views, all intended to advance justice, peace, and a sustainable environment. The Council does not necessarily endorse the views of the originators of any given posting.

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Event Description</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Gifts that Remember the World's Need for Peace and Justice — Plan now for your holiday fair trade gift fair for this year's holidays featuring local fair trade retailers. To schedule dates or arrange an event, contact board members: Teresa Hendricks at Lucia's Imports (523 E High St, Lexington, 859.389.9337; e-mail: etc.usa@insightbb.com) or Billie Mallory (see contact information below, at right).		
Tuesday, Oct 20th	VOICES event: The Homeless Connection Resource Fair: CKCPJ is sponsoring lunch for the resource providers. Volunteers are needed from 9-11 am 1-3 pm. <i>See page 4 for more details.</i>	Contact Billie Mallory mallory.billie@yahoo.com or 859. 285.5211.
Monday, Sept. 21st 7:00 pm	Single Payer Healthcare Reform Group to Meet at Central Christian Church, 219 E. Short St; 2nd Floor, New Building Lexington. Parking is behind the church. Driveway is past the church on the right as your head north on Martin Luther King.	Details: http://tinyurl.com/lvxh2m
Wednesday, Sept. 23th, 8:00 pm Al's Bar, 6th & Limestone, Lexington	Holler Poets Series #17 featuring Bianca Spriggs, Chris Green with music by John Harden Pope, for an evening for fans of the word to come together in celebration of community.	For more info: www.myspace.com/hollerpoets
1 st Wednesday 7:30 pm	CKCPJ Board Meeting , in our offices at 112 N. Upper St. All are welcome. Questions: e-mail arne@uky.edu .	Arne Bathke, co-chair: 859.312.2695
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace , Triangle Park in downtown Lexington.	
1 st Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	Kentucky Migrant Network , Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road	Jennifer Hubbard-Sánchez jsanchez@lfucg.com
2 nd Tuesday 7:30 pm	Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky , KCCJ office, 112 N Upper St. info@lexfair.org	Paul Brown, Chair, heme1588@yahoo.com
1 st Wednesday 4:00-6:30	Franciscan Peace Center , 3389 Squire Oak. FranciscanVision.org	Pat Griffin 859.230.1986
2 nd Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA) , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.	Dick Renfro 859.255.7029
3 rd Thursday 7:00 pm	Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) , Episcopal Diocese Mission House, 4th St. and Martin Luther King	Ondine Quinn 859.276.0563
Every Sunday 2:30-4:00pm	NAMI Lexington Support Groups -- Faye Morton Center, Eastern State Hospital, Lexington, Wendall Building basement	call 859.272.7891 or go to lexington.nami.org



The Central Kentucky Council
for Peace and Justice
112 N. Upper St.
Lexington KY 40507

A candle loses nothing by lighting
another candle.

—Father James Keller

Non Profit Org.
US Postage
PAID
Lexington KY
Permit No. 1042

MOVING SOON??—Please send us your new address in advance.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Issue #231 September 2009

Bits and Peaces

You can help Kentucky burn less coal!

Did you know that electric lighting can make up as much as 20% of a household's energy usage? Changing old incandescent lightbulbs to energy efficient compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) can save as much as 75% of that electricity.

These facts are particularly important in Kentucky, where more than 90% of our electricity comes from burning coal.

In an effort to get as many CFLs into Kentucky households as possible, the Kentucky Environmental Foundation (KEF) is supporting fundraising efforts that help people save electricity, save money and protect our health. They have purchased high quality Energy Star bulbs from Niagara Conservation at a low wholesale price and are making them avail-

able to the public for fundraising opportunities. When your organization sells the lightbulbs at a higher, yet competitive, price KEF is repaid the wholesale price and you keep the profits. KEF will provide your organization with order forms and CFL fact sheets to help with outreach and sales. It's simple!

A number of *Peaceways* readers will already have CFLs in their homes. However, because many of the homes that do not yet have CFLs are those of our most economically vulnerable citizens, KEF is encouraging groups to donate bulbs so that CFLs can be purchased for food banks and organizations that provide emergency

rent and utility assistance. The CFLs can then be distributed directly to households that can least afford high energy costs; after all, CFL bulbs can last up to 10 times longer than an incandescent bulbs do. Worried about disposing of used CFLs? Some manufacturers, retailers, and cities accept CFLs for recycling—KEF has full details. If you are interested in this project, contact KEF's project coordinator Mike Hannon by e-mail at ominpop@roadrunner.com, or by phone at 859.986.7186 or 859.339.4480. To support KEF's efforts directly, you can make donations at their website: go to (<http://kyenvironmental.foundation.org> or contact them at Kentucky Environmental Foundation, PO Box 467, Berea, KY 40403.

rent and utility assistance. The CFLs can then be distributed directly to households that can least afford high energy costs; after all, CFL bulbs can last up to 10 times longer than an incandescent bulbs do. Worried about disposing of used CFLs? Some manufacturers, retailers, and cities accept CFLs for recycling—KEF has full details. If you are interested in this project, contact KEF's project coordinator Mike Hannon by e-mail at ominpop@roadrunner.com, or by phone at 859.986.7186 or 859.339.4480. To support KEF's efforts directly, you can make donations at their website: go to (<http://kyenvironmental.foundation.org> or contact them at Kentucky Environmental Foundation, PO Box 467, Berea, KY 40403.

rent and utility assistance. The CFLs can then be distributed directly to households that can least afford high energy costs; after all, CFL bulbs can last up to 10 times longer than an incandescent bulbs do. Worried about disposing of used CFLs? Some manufacturers, retailers, and cities accept CFLs for recycling—KEF has full details. If you are interested in this project, contact KEF's project coordinator Mike Hannon by e-mail at ominpop@roadrunner.com, or by phone at 859.986.7186 or 859.339.4480. To support KEF's efforts directly, you can make donations at their website: go to (<http://kyenvironmental.foundation.org> or contact them at Kentucky Environmental Foundation, PO Box 467, Berea, KY 40403.



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Restoring Voting Rights.....page 2
- Review of Chuck Sohner's Memoir.....page 3
- Voices for Peace and Justice events.....cover
- events continue.....pages 4 & 5

- Against the Columbia Free Trade Agreement....page 6
- Volunteers Needed Tues, Oct. 22.....page 4
- Fair Trade for the holidays.....page 7
- Single Payer Healthcare Reform group meets....page 7