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We stand—and work—together

Since our last issue, our Voices series has provided many more opportunities for Central Kentucky individuals and groups to learn, advocate, collaborate, and work together. In these pages, we'll summarize some of the work accomplished and contacts made for further cooperation.

On **Oct. 20** for example, at Central Christian Church in Lexington, the 2009 Homeless Resource Fair provided a forum for more than 30 service providers who served approximately 240 participants. That effort resulted in more than 1200 service referrals or provisions. This year marked the second annual effort of a collaboration initiated first by board member Billie Mallory and

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



Photo by Howard Myers

then taken up by a hard-working committee, to bring support services directly to those in need. A new venue, additional collaborators, and the essential addition of the Veterans Administration's very substantial assistance and support, made this year's resource fair an outstanding success. Many participants voiced intentions to continue this important, growing tradition, not only to supply services to those who need them most, but also as an opportunity for service providers, staff, volunteers, and organizers to meet each other; the professional networking opportunities became an unexpected—but tre-

mendously valuable—bonus to the day. And as important as this one day was, CKCPJ also remains committed to working on correcting the systemic problems that contribute to homelessness in the first place.

The Council's committee working on issues of homelessness and affordable housing welcomes interested people: contact Billie Mallory at mallory.billie@yahoo.com or 859.285.5211.

On page 2 of this issue, look for an update on renewed efforts to secure a sustainable Affordable Housing Trust Fund for Fayette County. And consider attending the **Hope in Hard Times Speak Out**, sponsored by **KFTC** on **Tues., Nov. 17th from 6:30 to 8:30** at Maxwell St. Presbyterian Fellowship Hall, 180 E. Maxwell. Can't make it then, or reading this newsletter after that date? Contact Billie Mallory, above, for upcoming activities.

~~**DON'T**~~
TALK
BACK!

In the fight against bigotry, we stand together, and we must.
In the fight against injustice, we stand together, and we must.
In the fight against intimidation, we stand together, and we must.
Let's change the world together and reclaim what we all need
as human beings: dignity.
—Cynthia McKinney

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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. **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.

Nominations Sought for Humanitarian Award

The Kentucky Council for Community and Justice (KCCJ) is seeking nominations for its 2010 Humanitarian Award. Humanitarians are leaders who “dare to make a difference.” They speak out in the face of apathy, show determination in the face of adversity, build bridges in the face of division, and advocate in the face of human suffering. The Humanitarian Award honors those past and present who recognize the human goodness in all of us and strive to create a culture where *all* people are welcome at the table of freedom, democracy, justice and community.



Do you know an individual or an organization that fits this description? Please nominate them for this award so we can honor their work and inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

Past awardees include: Richard Mitchell, Orlando (Tubby) Smith, Ann and Chester Grundy, the Catholic Action Center, Dr. George Privett, and Lexmark International, Inc.

Nomination forms are available on the website at www.kccjky.org or by calling the office at 859.255.6999.

Update on Affordable Housing Trust Fund Initiative

In Fayette county, about 45% of renters pay more than 30% of their income for rent, exceeding the HUD standard for affordable housing. Even more troubling, more than 8,750 households (about 18% of renter households) pay more than *half* of their gross income on their rent, putting them at constant risk of homelessness.

In the April issue of *Peaceways*, we reported on the efforts of local organizers to press Mayor Jim Newberry to support a revenue source, proposed by his own Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission. Such a source would equip the Trust Fund to address that critical lack of affordable housing in Fayette County. The full report of Mayor Newberry's AHTF Commission, is available at www.ckhhi.org/ahtf.asp.

David Christiansen, Executive Director of the Central Kentucky Housing and Homeless Initiative (CKHHI), reports that a specially charged task force of city council members has recently been appointed with the goal of identifying a dedicated source of revenue for the AHTF. If you would like to receive updates on their progress and potential alerts calling for action, send an e-mail note to davidccky@gmail.com.

“Housing trust funds are the single most impressive advance in the affordable housing field in the United States over the last several decades. Because housing is the foundation of every healthy community, local and state governments are recognizing that they need to contribute public resources to adequately house their residents, and they are using housing trust funds as the vehicle to do exactly that.” (From the Center for Community Change: www.communitychange.org/our-projects/htf. The Center's mission is to build the power and capacity of low-income people, especially low-income people of color, to change their communities and public policies for the better.)

Wed., Dec. 2: two choices in Lexington

World March for Peace and Nonviolence 6:30 at the Lexington Public Library

140 E. Main Street

Organizer Susmita Barua co-ordinates with area groups an informal evening of celebration, mindfulness and reflection on peace and nonviolence with song, dance, music and a short film of The World March for Peace and Nonviolence, which spans more than 100 countries 300 cities around the globe: information and video at www.theworldmarch.com. For details about this local event, contact Barua at info@seek2know.net or 859.455.8642. (Endorsed by CKCPJ; Franciscan Peace Center; Shambala Meditation Center, and others). ■

Singing For Democracy Gospel Fest 6:30pm at Imani Baptist Church

1555 Georgetown Road

The evening, in support of restoring voting rights to former felons who have served their debt to society features great church choirs, soloists, and hip-hop talents from all over Lexington and the rest of the state. Co-sponsored by Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, the Chrysalis House, People Advocating Recovery, the Hope Center, Change Recovery House for Women, and others. For more info: Tayna Fogle at LadyKat551982@yahoo.com or 859.270.9470; or Dave Newton Dave@kftc.org or 859.420.8919. ■

“Straightlaced: how gender’s got us all tied up” documentary: Sat., January 9, 2010

**At the Kentucky Theater, 214 E. Main Street, Lexington
Reception begins: 10:15 am
Film showing: 11:00 am
Created by the documentary company GroundSpark**

article by Rebecca Woloch

On a cold day in November of 2007 the California documentary company GroundSpark arrived at Dunbar High School’s Memorial Garden in Lexington to interview friends of Josh Shipman for their film “Straightlaced.” Hannah Landers, Josh’s friend and a student at Dunbar, candidly and emotionally spoke to the camera of her love for Josh, the reason for the Memorial Garden and her dismay at the hardships Josh endured as an openly gay and flamboyant individual. Josh Shipman took his own life on October 5, 2006. He was just shy of 16 years old.

In May of 2008, days before Hannah and her mother were to travel to California to continue her interviews with and participation in the documentary, Hannah’s life was

tragically cut short in an automobile accident. Hannah was 17 years old.

In an effort to continue Hannah’s work and tell Josh’s story, the film “Straightlaced: How Gender’s Got Us All Tied Up” will premiere in their hometown of Lexington, Kentucky on January 9, 2010. With gracious support from Fred Mills of the Kentucky Theatre as well as other local organizations we hope to continue their message, encourage open discussion of gender bias and help others toward a more inclusive, empowering culture.

No admission will be charged but donations are requested with proceeds benefiting the Hannah Landers Scholarship Fund. A portion of the proceeds will also be donated in the name of Josh Shipman to a suicide prevention program as well as to the non-profit film company GroundSpark.

From the GroundSpark website (<http://groundspark.org>), we learn that “Straightlaced” is a collection of candid interviews with 50 teens from diverse backgrounds. It includes the perspectives of teens who self-identify as straight, lesbian, gay,

bisexual or questioning and represent all points of the gender spectrum. It quickly becomes clear that just about everything teens do requires thinking about gender and sexuality.

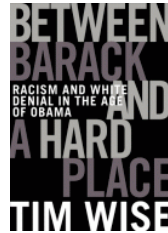
Please join us in spreading the important message of this film.



This photo of volunteers working in the Memorial Garden on recent cold October day is posted at the Bluegrass School and Community Network blog, created by Jim Embry. You can see more photos at: <http://bgschoolgardennetwork.ning.com>. Rebecca Woloch is the mother of Jesse Higginbotham, one of the initiators of the garden who was also killed in an auto accident in 2007. For more on memorials to Jesse’s spirit, see www.jessebigginbotham.com/home.

...around Central Kentucky

Oct. 21: The audience for Tim Wise, nationally prominent anti-racist writer and speaker came close to filling the Worsham Theatre and the reception following at the University of Kentucky's MLK, Jr., cultural center. Wise outlined how, from income and jobs, housing, education, criminal justice, and healthcare, continuing disparities between black and white America impoverish all of us. His most recent book, *Between Barack and a Hard Place*, is available in the UK library, but not yet in the public library: this editor would like to suggest that every reader request its acquisition to see if we can't help get his important message out to a public that needs it.



Oct. 22: The panel at "Powering UK's future" brought a capacity crowd to the room at UK's campus for a discussion sponsored by KFTC, the Sierra Club, Mountain Justice, Greenthumb and CKCPJ. NOTE: That evening it was also announced that the next week the UK Trustees would consider a \$7 million donation to build a new



From left, Nancy Reinbart, KFTC researcher; Martin Mudd, UK graduate student and member of Greenthumb; Bob Wiseman, UK's Vice President for Facilities, and Dr. David Mannino, UK's College of Public Health.

"Wildcat Coal Lodge" athletic dorm. A group of students attended the Trustees' meeting but were denied the right to speak in protest of this proposed building name. Their protest continues. Andy Mead's follow up articles at the *Herald Leader* can be found at www.kentucky.com, including one about "someone unhappy with the newly approved Wildcat Coal Lodge [who] hung banners on the University of Kentucky campus early one morning" with the theme "U.K. is for sale." As Mead noted, "few saw them because they were quickly taken down." The Lexington Herald-Leader ran one because photos were sent anonymously to media outlets, including *Peaceways*. We have those photos posted at www.peaceandjusticeKY.org/UK_banners.htm.

Oct. 23: Witness For Peace (WFP) brought delegate Eddy Gutierrez to audiences at both BCTC and the KCIRR offices. Seeking to educate people about the impact of corporate dominated trade and the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) on the Nicaraguan people, particularly small farmers, WFP aims to raise awareness about the connection between trade and immigration: see their website at www.witnessforpeace.org. NOTE: They'll be at



the 2009 Vigil to Close the School of the Americas, Nov. 20-22 in Columbus, Georgia. CKCPJ board member Joan Braune is taking

protestors from Central Kentucky down to the protest: e-mail her at standinsolidarity@yahoo.com or call 956.536.4468.

Oct. 24: The chilly weather at BCTC's PeaceMeal Garden Pumpkin Festival meant a lot of people gathered around the fire, but spirits were high and the success of the garden was no less worthy of celebrating. Fresh produce was avail-



able, many pumpkins left the patch to go to appreciative homes, and conversations warmed all participants. Plans are already under way for garden expansions next year: if you are interested in learning more contact board member Rebecca Glasscock at rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu.

Oct. 26: At the Village Branch of the Lexington Public Library, on Oct. 26, The Children's Law Center (www.childrenslawky.org) sponsored "Reaching out to immigrant youth: know your rights in school and in court" that brought together many local resources, including:

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Rueben Perez from the public health department (e-mail: ruben.perez@ky.gov), Cori Hash from the Maxwell St. Legal Clinic website: (<http://maxlegalaid.kyequaljustice.org>), Rebecca Howard, Hispanic/Latino Outreach Coordinator for Bluegrass Community and Technical College (e-mail: erin.howard@kctcs.edu), and Rebecca DiLoreto from the Children's Law Center and a new CKCPJ board member. Important contacts were made, and plans for additional sessions during the beginning of the next school year were discussed.

On **Oct. 27** two important events were held. At UK, the documentary *Living the Story* was



screened. The documentary *Living the Story: the civil rights movement in Kentucky* was created in conjunction with the Kentucky Historical Society as part of their Oral History Commission work and can be found on their website as part of the KOHC Civil Rights Project. Or go direct to this page to learn more about the documentary: <http://>

history.ky.gov/sub.php?pageid=103§ionid=16. The Historical Society has an online database that was created in conjunction with this project: http://205.204.134.47/civil_rights_mvt, which includes audio and video clips, transcripts, and is keyword searchable. This excellent resource is ideal in the coming months for use around the marking of Martin Luther King, Jr., day in January and Black History Month in February. Copies of *Living the Story* are available in both video and DVD formats. Contact Beth Shields, 502.564.1792, ext. 4499 or by e-mail at beth.shields@ky.gov. The price is \$12 for educational institutions that provide a tax-exempt number or \$15 (plus sales tax) for all other sales. A \$3 shipping charge will be added.

Additionally, the evening was part of a continuing oral history project between area groups such as the Lexington-Fayette County Human Rights Commission and the Humanitarium. Contact Gloria Rie at the Humanitarium (e-mail: Humanitarium@qx.net) for more information.

Also on **Oct. 27**, at BCTC, Bryan Reinholdt of Louisville's Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW: see them at www.ivaw.org) presented clips from IVAW's new "Rethink Afghanistan" campaign, available at: <http://rethinkafghanistan.com>. IVAW is running a Thanksgiving promotion: a \$25 donation will get



Event organizer Rebecca Glasscock and Louisville chapter IVAW president Bryan Reinholdt.

you not one, but two copies of their DVD. While IVAW currently has over 1,700 members in 61 chapters in 48 states, Central Kentucky does not yet have its own chapter. CKCPJ would like to offer assistance to a new chapter—please contact your Peaceways editor at gmkkentucky@gmail.com for more information.

Oct. 29: the Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass held their annual dinner at Christ Church Cathedral. Jonathan Miller, Secretary of KY Finance and author of the book *Compassionate Community: Ten Values to Unite America* was the speaker and Rev. Albert Pennybacker was awarded the Annual Faith and Freedom Award. For more information on the Alliance, contact Jesse Mark at tiabg@qx.net or 859.559.5943.

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Charter for Compassion

An official worldwide unveiling of the Charter for Compassion, a project of writer Karen Armstrong, is scheduled for Nov. 12. On Sun., Nov. 15, you are invited to attend a local unveiling of the Charter for Compassion here in Lexington and discuss issues of compassion in our community and around the world. Come and take part in the conversation at the Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main St., conference room A, at 2:00 pm. Contact: Franciscan Peace Center: FranciscanVision@aol.com. For an introduction and video clips explaining the Charter for Compassion see the website at: <http://charterforcompassion.org>.

Christian—Muslim Dialogue

Celebrate Thanksgiving Early with Muslim Friends

When: Saturday, November 21, 2009

Where: Hunter Presbyterian, Fellowship Hall

Time: 12 noon, following the regular 10 a.m. meeting

Writes one participant: "For me, making Muslim friends in this group, learning of their faith directly, has opened my eyes and my heart to all that we share in common; I wish the same opportunity for you." Notice is posted at Hunter Presbyterian web site: www.hunterpresbyterian.org or call Carolyn Holmes at 859.277.9703.

More upcoming events in Lexington

Bluegrass Community & Technical College Speaker Series, 470 Cooper Drive, Lexington Oswald Auditorium:

November 20, 11 to noon: Dr. Stephanie Schwabe, UK lecturer in Earth and Environmental Sciences, on “Clear Water Secrets” (Bahamas). Dr. Schwabe completed her Ph.D. in the biogeochemical investigation of caves (University of Bristol, England, 1999), and has been diving for more 25 years. She earned a degree in law with a focus on international environmental law, is a member of the bar of the supreme Court of Queensland, and is a registered mediator. She is also the founder of a research foundation which you can find on the web at: <http://www.blueholes.org>.

November 23, 6:30-7:45 pm: Michael Benton (BCTC) and Michael Marchman (NKU), on the importance of protest in a democratic society, particularly reflecting on the 2009 G20 Summit Protests this fall in Pittsburgh. ■

December 3 Voting Rights Meeting

Ed Davis Learning Center—151 Ed Davis Lane in Georgetown—at 6:30 pm. See www.kftc.org/votingrights.

December 28 BANG the drum for Kwanzaa

at the Lexington Public Library Northside Branch, 1737 Russell Cave Rd. with Marcus Wilkerson of BANG (Building a New Ground) as he explores rhythms and cultures from Africa and beyond. Ages 9-12.

These items come from the Key News Journal, on the web at www.LexTown.info.

Central Kentucky Chapter of the Million Mom March

Interested in the Central Kentucky Chapter of the Million Mom March? The organization is part of a national grassroots, chapter-based organization dedicated to preventing gun death and injury and supporting victims and



survivors of gun trauma (see their website: www.millionmommarch.org, where the above graphic

comes from). The local chapter staffs an information booth at outdoor events and holds special called meetings. For more information, you can contact the president of the local chapter, Nancy McKenney: call 859.273.4280 or e-mail nancy.mckenney@eku.edu. ■

Support Central Kentucky Fair Trade Retailers

Lucia's World Friendly Boutique celebrates its two-year anniversary November 21 - 28 with fair trade wine tastings, door prizes and sale items. **10% of sales on November 21 & 22 will be donated to CKCPJ!** On November 27 & 28 you can get 10% off your purchase with a non-perishable food item for donation to a local food bank.

Lucia's is the only dedicated fair trade store in Lexington and has brought fine products and education to the Bluegrass since 2007. Fair Trade is a commitment to developing transparent trading partnerships that develop and empower some of the poorest people in the world.

You can visit Lucia's Boutique in the Historic Woodland Triangle at 523 E. High St., Lexington, KY 40502 or at www.LuciasBoutique.com; and you can follow Lucia's on Facebook for daily updates and sales.

PeaceCraft in Berea extends business hours through the holiday season. Located in downtown Berea, the arts and crafts capital of Kentucky, PeaceCraft continues to offer hundreds of unique products handmade by artisans from over 30 countries whose families and communities benefit from Fair Trade principles.

Everything in this fine shop is fair trade, which means that the artists and producers who created the items you buy all earn a fair and equitable income from their work.

In addition to their regular hours Mon - Thurs 10am-6pm, PeaceCraft will offer special extended hours from Nov. 27 - Dec. 24 on Fri & Sat 10am-8pm and Sun 12 noon—4 pm. PeaceCraft is located at 307B Chestnut Street in Berea. You can find them on the web at www.peacecraftinberea.org, or reach them by phone at 859.986.7441. ■

Events at a Glance

Events listed here and on our our Justicelist listserv (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 event.

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Event Description</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Wed. Dec 9th Wed. Jan. 6th 7:30 pm	CKCPJ Board Meeting in our offices at 112 N. Upper St. 2nd Wed. in Dec.: holiday reception In Jan. return to regular schedule: 1st Wed. All are welcome.	Arne Bathke, co-chair 859.257.3610 for more information
1 st Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	Kentucky Migrant Network , Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road	Jennifer Hubbard-Sánchez jsanchez@lfucg.com
1 st & 3 rd Mondays Dec. 7 th & 21 st 7:00 - 9:00 pm	Kentuckians for Single Payer Health Care Central KY Chapter Central Christian Church, Room 207—Corner of MLK Jr. & Short streets, Lexington	Janet Tucker 859.389.8575
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
one Wed each month 8:00 pm at Al's Bar 6th and Limestone, Lexington	Holler Poets Series: Nov. 18: Holler #19 with Renee Rigdon, Jude McPherson; music by Karly Dawn & Little Sarie; Dec. 16: Holler #20 with Nickole Brown, Eric Reece; Jan. 27: Holler #21 with Whitney Baker, Marta Miranda, music by Matt Duncan.	For more info: www.myspace.com/hollerpoets
2 nd Wednesday of each month 7:00—8:30 pm	Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA) , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd. Upcoming programs include, in Nov: "Libertarians"; Dec: potluck; Jan: Opus Dei.	Dick Renfro 859.255.7029
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace , Triangle Park in downtown Lexington—now in its eighth year...	
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
Sun. Dec. 13 th 3:00 pm	Peace Action Task Group Tates Creek Public Library, large meeting room, 3628 Walden Drive, Lexington	Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277
update note	Peace Vigil at the Bluegrass Army Depot —suspended due to illness in Janice's family. Please keep her and family in prayers.	Janice Sevre-Duszynska 859.684.4247
Every Sunday 6:00 pm	New Morning Drums for Peace , early Nov. Isaac Murphy Memorial Garden; "winter home" Nov.23 rd and thereafter, at the newly opened Urban Action Center, 208 W. Third St., Lexington	Jerry Moody uplexington@gmail.com
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



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We've got to take back the ideal of justice, we've got to take back this principle of human dignity. We've got to take it back from vengeance, from hatred, we've got to say: look, we're all in this together. We are human beings.

—David Kaczynski, NYADP Executive Director
and brother of "Unabomber" Ted Kaczynski

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NCADP Annual Conference at The Seelbach Hilton, Louisville, Jan. 14 — 17, 2010

The National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty Annual Conference is being held in Kentucky this year, at the Seelbach Hilton in Louisville.

The conference theme "Training for the Long Run—Building Bridges to Wider Audiences" will focus on broadening the base of support for ending capital punishment. Programming includes a conference keynote by Sister Helen Prejean, celebrated author and spiritual advisor; and plenary sessions: "Building Bridges with Conservatives and

Religious Communities" "Race and Death Penalty" and "Restorative Justice." Advance materials state that "workshops will focus



on three important areas: membership and development; strategic communication; and fundraising and development. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about new ways of organizing in the law enforcement community

and with murder victim family members." NCADP Executive Director Diann Rust-Tierney says important progress has been made and

sets the stage for the meeting in Louisville: "we are succeeding in making the abolition of the death penalty a policy debate heard around the nation."

If you register by November 23, you will receive an early registrant

discount. Additional details, lists of speakers and organizations participating, registration forms, a short promotional video and more are available at their website: www.ncadp.org/events.cfm?event=1003.

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