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

Last fall as part of the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice's Voices series, we collaborated on an evening discussion "Powering UK's Future: the Coal Plant and Beyond." We also promoted the screening of *Coal Country*, a documentary film that presents the dramatic struggle over the use of coal, which provides over half the electricity in America.

This year, we are very pleased to announce as the first of our Voices Fall Event series an evening exploring a geothermal project underway at Ball State University. Bob Koester serves as the director of the Center for Energy Research, Education and Service at BSU where one of the largest geothermal projects in the country is under construction. That system is predicted to save BSU nearly \$2 million annually and will eliminate 85,000 tons of carbon dioxide produced each year by the coal boilers the system is designed to replace. **Bob Koester will speak at the University of Kentucky's Memorial Hall on September 15th at 7 pm** in an event presented by UK's Student Sustainability Council (www.sustainability.uky.edu/ssc). If you have questions, contact Shane Tedder at: shane.tedder@uky.edu or go to www.sustainability.uky.edu/node/3044.

To find out more on Ball State's geothermal project, see their online resources: <http://cms.bsu.edu/About/Geothermal.aspx>.

The Louisville *Courier Journal* reported on Ball State's geothermal project Sunday, August 1, 2010. In that article, reporter Andrea Zeek writes: "As I intern at *The Courier-Journal* and search for jobs all over the country (and sometimes world), I'm beginning to realize just how much progress and innovation starts at universities. Colleges are dynamic, exciting places to be and

Exploring Geothermal Power: Ball State University's Bob Koester to Speak at UK on Sept. 15th at 7 pm

great for experimentation—not only of the "self-discovering" kind. (You can find the full article at: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20100801/OPINION04/308010045/Andrea-Zeek-Ball-State-bets-big-on-geothermal-effort>.)

She quotes Oregon Institute of Technology professor John Lund: "There are probably over 50 schools that have heat pumps, but [BSU's project] would be the largest. It does show that it can be done on a large scale (because all you need is that temperature) — i.e., this can be done all over the country, from North Dakota down to Florida, from Maine down to Texas."

Finally, she says: "Most reading this won't ever be going back to school again (or at least anytime soon), but out-of-sight shouldn't be out-of-mind because there's a lot we can learn from forward-thinking universities that are finding creative solutions for national issues."

As a Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) Fact Sheet states, "While universities across the state and nation are powering past coal, the University of Kentucky plans to burn more. UK's campus and medical complex ... will ramp up use of their two coal-burning plants to power the new medical complex buildings." That Fact Sheet on UK's coal plant, and more information resources, are all available at KFTC's website: www.kftc.org.

Join us Sept. 15th as Bob Koester addresses the challenges and opportunities associated with the implementation of a large-scale geothermal project on the campus of a modern research institution.

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CKCPJ Board of Directors: changing faces

This August we are very pleased to welcome Joe Anthony, Matthew Longacre, Aaron Mosley, Sandra Powell, and Melynda Price to the Council's Board of Directors. These new members further enhance the board's diversity in terms of talent, background, and age.

This is also an opportunity to express our appreciation to outgoing members for their service to the Board and their continued support for our efforts: Soreyda Begley, Jim Embry, Stephanie Hopkins, Nabeel Jawahir, Steve Kay, and Nadia Rasheed. Most of the outgoing board members will continue to serve on our advisory board. In addition, we deeply appreciate the valuable work Rebecca Glasscock did during her extended term as co-chair, and warmly welcome Randolph Hollingsworth's commitment to replace her in service as one of our co-chairs.

A reminder to all *Peaceways* readers: our Board meetings occur the first Wednesday of each month at our offices (112 North Upper Street, Lexington). They are open to everyone who is interested in the workings of the Council, although if you would like time to present an issue, we do request that you advise us ahead of time to ensure your item is on the agenda. You can contact Arne Bathke at 859.257.3610 or arne@uky.edu for more info.

Introducing a new blog from Concerned Catholics in Lexington

Board member Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto would like to invite interested readers to a new blog that can be found at: <http://spirit2life.wordpress.com>. There, you'll also find contact information and submission guidelines. The blog's statement of purpose indicates that it was begun by: "Concerned Catholics from the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky building an accountable, empowered, thoughtful, and life-affirming church community." They include as their motto the quote from Bishop C. Butler, addressing Vatican II:

"Let us not fear that truth can endanger truth."

From their "About" page on the blog, we read:

"Calling our group 'progressive Catholics' would oversimplify matters. We distrust labels like 'progressive' (implying that the other side is against progress) and 'conservative' (implying that others want to ransack the tradition willy-nilly). We hope to move past the tiresome, divisive, and counterproductive Catholic identity politics that these labels engender.

"Our group assembled around April of 2010. Members united around common concerns about our diocese, including the erosion of the principles of Vatican II, inadequate financial transparency and poor prioritization of diocesan financial resources, and the presence in our diocese of an organization founded by serial pedophile Fr. Marcial Maciel. Of course we remain concerned with grave issues in the worldwide Church, including unequal and in some cases diminishing roles for women, and continued lack of accountability for the sexual abuse crisis. Whereas our group generally agrees on these matters, our members themselves hold diverse views on the most appropriate ways to address them.

"We offer [...] a *safe space* for dialogue on these issues. Strong opinions are encouraged, but emotional batterings are strictly prohibited. In practice, this means we will not post comments that are obscene, libelous, ad hominem attacks, or true rants. All comments to the posts will be moderated by the blog editors. Though this forum focuses on Roman Catholic issues, persons holding any and all viewpoints on religion are of course welcome to participate."

Studying Peace at the Carnegie Center

Introduction to Peacemaking

Tuesdays at noon from Sept 14 to Nov 16

Led by board member and peace educator Kerby Neill, this course is designed to introduce the challenge and tools of peacemaking. Kerby says "The class will be fun and flexible so you can adjust the depth of your explorations to your comfort level."

About the Carnegie Center:

Location: The Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning is located at 251 West 2nd Street in Lexington.

Costs: Many classes and events at the Carnegie Center are free, and wherever low-cost registration fees are required, scholarships are available to help those in need.

Registration: Register for workshops and classes by phone: 859.254.4175; e-mail: CCLL1@CarnegieLiteracy.org; or online: www.CarnegieCenterLex.org.

Free Parking Available: Validated parking for the Carnegie Center is available at the Featherstone garage on Upper Street between Second and Church Streets. Validations are available at the front desk and at: <http://carnegieliteracy.org/about-us/parking-information/>. Street parking is also available on Mill, Market, Second and Third Streets.

International Day of Peace

Tuesday, September 21st 5:30-7:30pm—Come see the Bluegrass Literacy Puppets for Peace!

Come out to join the worldwide effort to promote peace for all at the Carnegie Center's September Family Fun and Learning Night. Enjoy free games, activities, dinner and prizes for the entire family.

Be sure to see the Bluegrass Literacy's Puppets for Peace project: they'll bring demonstration puppets and lead craft activities.

Please note: pre-registration is required (see left for info) so organizers have accurate counts to allow for dinner arrangements.

Also on Sept 21st—Teen Topix: Peace & Poetry

Designed for teens ages 13-18 from 5:30-6:45 pm FREE—please pre-register, see info at left

Join in a fun, interactive poetry workshop in which we'll look at and create poems centered around peace, in celebration of the International Day of Peace. Great for teens with siblings at Family Fun and Learning Night, but open to all teens 13-18. After class, teens can join the Family Fun and Learning Night participants for free dinner and a raffle.

This workshop is offered in partnership with the Central Kentucky Council for Peace & Justice.

Latitude: Marking 20 Years of the ADA

In June, the Council hosted a Gallery Hop celebration marking Latitude Artist Community's ten years of art programming. But the Latitude Community is not only about art. Their Project Easy Access Lexington (PEAL) was created about 4 years ago to bring awareness to Lexington accessibility issues.

Since then, they've sponsored accessibility rallies, taken over 500 people on their "In-Accessibility Tours," repaved Lexington's sidewalks themselves in their "BrickSquad" and created and lobbied for LFUCG's Commission for Citizens with Disabilities. They recently marked 20 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act with a series of events. For example, in July, they were at the "Sidewalk Survey Party." So many people turned out for the survey that 1st District Councilperson Andrea James ran out of the survey forms. Access video coverage of that event by WTVQ channel 36 and the *Lex-*

ington Herald-Leader by going to: <http://latitudeart.blogspot.com>. Contact Latitude by phone at 859.806.0195 or e-mail: Latitudearts@yahoo.com.



Knocking Down Barriers to Success

by Desternie Richmond and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto of the Children's Law Center

Did you know that if you are a youth in Kentucky, you can be held by the juvenile court system in detention for offenses that would not be crimes if they were committed by an adult? These offenses are called "status offenses," and detentions for these offenses occur even though detention increases the likelihood of later real criminal conduct.

In fact, Kentucky ranks second in the nation for the incarceration of status offenders. Besides being ineffective, locking up status offenders places Kentucky at risk of losing critical federal dollars to assist in prevention and treatment of status offenders.

The Blueprint for Kentucky's Children is dedicated to changing this situation. The Blueprint is a coalition of organizations dedicated to implementing a comprehensive six-year plan to improve child well-being in Kentucky.

One way they're doing that is to raise awareness on the issue of status offenses and the detention of youth charged with status offenses, and pushing legislation to change the way that the state of Kentucky deals with status offenses.

Status offenses are acts considered illegal only if they are committed by someone under the age of 18. In Kentucky, these acts include habitual truancy; habitual runaway; beyond control of the parents, guardians or the school; possessing alcohol if a minor; purchasing tobacco if a minor.

Even though status offenses aren't criminal offenses, if a youth appears before a judge on a status offense then they have a juvenile record. According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, 9,696 youth had complaints brought against them for status offenses. There are racial disparities, too: even though African American youth represented only 9.6 percent of all youth statewide, they accounted for 13 percent of all status offense charges in 2009.



The most common status offense is habitual truancy. Typically, children accused of status offenses include those who have a history of abuse and neglect, suffer from mental health problems, struggle with learning disabilities, or have a home life that's in turmoil.

Statewide in 2009, there were 1,746 children who spent time in secure detention for a status offense, detained in secure detention facilities alongside youth who have committed serious criminal offenses. This detention increases the risk that children charged with status offenses will engage in criminal activity after release and impairs their ability to become productive citizens in the future. Experts who work with children are concerned that status offending behavior will likely continue after secure detention because being locked up does not effectively address why the child is acting out.

The proposed legislation is designed to meet the child's needs earlier in the process so that the judicial system is the last resort. Community partners, which include families, schools and youth-serving organizations, should be the first to address these serious behaviors and underlying issues. Alternatives to detention include truancy diversion programs and using mediation or restorative justice in lieu of filing a complaint.

As well, proposed legislation will keep youth accused of status offenses out of secure detention unless they are in danger of harming themselves by running away.

For more information about these efforts please see details at the Blueprint for Kentucky's Children website (www.blueprintky.org) where you can download a Fact Sheet on Juvenile Justice. To find out what you can do to help, contact the Children's Law Center, Inc. (childrenslaw@fuse.net; phone: 859.253.0152); the Kentucky Youth Advocates (info@kyyouth.org) or Representative Kelly Flood (Kelly@kellyflood.com; phone: 502.564.8100). ■

Kentucky's First Summit on Racial Disparity in the Juvenile Justice System: Aug. 19th at KSU

Everyone who is concerned about racial disparity in the juvenile justice system is invited to attend Kentucky's first summit devoted to the issue Aug. 19th at Kentucky State University. This event and the lunch

served there are free of charge. Parking is also free. Register by e-mail: dmcs Summit2010@kysu.edu.

For more information on racial disparity in the juvenile justice system, you can access the Kentucky Youth Advocate issue brief "Opportunities Lost" at http://www.kyyouth.org/documents/09Brief_DMCFinal.pdf. ■

Spending Our Sweat and Our Genius on War

National Priorities Project Tallies Cost of War Including Recent Supplemental Bill through September 30, 2010: With the passage of the supplemental spending bill (H.R. 4899), Congress has appropriated an additional \$36.2 billion for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan for the 2010 fiscal year. The bulk of this money (\$33.9 billion) was directed to Afghanistan. The National Priorities Project estimates that total spending for this fiscal year is now \$65.1 billion for Iraq and \$106.6 billion for Afghanistan. These new appropriations bring war-related spending for Iraq to \$749.9 billion and for Afghanistan to \$337.8 billion, with total war costs of \$1.09 trillion.

The National Priorities Project (NPP) updated its Cost of War counters to reflect the new totals and to show the local costs of these wars to states and many cities. NPP's trade-off tool (available at its website: www.nationalpriorities.org/costofwar_home) allows you to explore what services could be obtained for your community with the same amount of money that Congress has appropriated for war spending.



Editor's note: *The National Priorities Project is the leading source of information on the cost of the Iraq War. In addition to providing national figures, NPP breaks down the cost of the war by congressional district, city and state and suggests what these dollars could buy in local services instead.*

Worse Than Imagined: Consequences of the Iraq War—by César Chelala

(Editor's note: this text is excerpted from the original article published by www.CommonDreams.org on Wednesday, July 28, 2010).

In 2003, several weeks before the start of the Iraq war, I wrote an article on the impending war in which I warned against the terrible humanitarian consequences that a war

against that country would unleash. I never imagined that they would be much worse than the nightmarish scenario that I painted in my article. ...

[Some examples include the fact that]:

The U.S. military, which at first denied it had used white phosphorus as an anti-personnel weapon in Fallujah, later retracted that denial and admitted

using it. However, the Pentagon argues that white phosphorus doesn't poison people but burns them. In consequence, it is covered by the protocol on incendiary weapons, which the U.S. hasn't signed.

While Saddam Hussein's use of white phosphorus against the Kurds was severely criticized, the same criticism should apply to the use of white phosphorus against civilians in Fallujah.

Writing for *The Independent*, Patrick Cockburn says: "In the assault, US commanders largely treated Fallujah as a free-fire zone to try to reduce casualties among their own troops. British officials were appalled by the lack of concern for civilian casualties."

A documentary produced by *RAI*, the Italian state TV, shows a series of photographs from Fallujah corpses with the flesh burnt off but clothes still intact, a finding consistent with the effects of white phosphorus on humans.

I am reminded of a poem by Yusef Komunyakaa "You and I are Disappearing," whose first stanza says:

**The cry I bring down from the hills
belongs to a girl still burning
inside my head. At daybreak
she burns like a piece of paper.**

He who wishes to fight must first count the cost. When you engage in actual fighting, if victory is long in coming, then men's weapons will grow dull and their ardor will be dampened. If you lay siege to a town, you will exhaust your strength. Again, if the campaign is protracted, the resources of the State will not be equal to the strain. ...

—Sun Tzu, *The Art of War*

This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. ...

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

Preventing Suicide—September focus

This September marks the observance of the 36th Annual National Suicide Prevention Week from September 5th—11th. National Suicide Prevention Week is the Sunday through Saturday surrounding World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10th. In the U.S., the month of September also marks Army Suicide Awareness Month. For more info, see: www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

Here in Kentucky, new state legislation means that suicide prevention training and awareness is now required for middle school and high school staff and students.

Why the focus on our youth? Suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth and young adults in Kentucky. According to the Kentucky Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 15% of Kentucky high school students (1 in 7) reported having seriously considered suicide within a 12-month period. However, experts say that suicide is preventable. When educators, students and communities learn warning signs and how to take action when a young person might be at risk of a suicidal crisis, lives can be saved.

And don't forget youth at particular risk—those who may be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and questioning. They need to know that a national resource is available: The Trevor Lifeline. It is the only nationwide, around-the-clock crisis and suicide prevention lifeline. Each year, tens of thousands of calls are fielded from young people across the country. The Trevor Lifeline is accredited as an exemplary crisis intervention program by the American Association for Suicidology (AAS).



For Hearing and Speech Impaired with TTY Equipment:
1-800-799-4TTY (4889)

and:

**For LGBTQ youth—
The Trevor Lifeline, at
1.866.488.7386, a free,
confidential service
offering hope and some-
one to talk to 24/7**

Urge Congress to Support DREAM Act Legislation

by board member Kerby Neill

Several weeks ago I was privileged to teach a group of Latino students preparing for college. They were bright, curious, and highly motivated—the kind of students that make teaching a joy.

I suspect some of these students were born in the United States of undocumented parents. Brought to this country as children, they have lost any meaningful tie with their country of origin and become thoroughly American, and a talented part of this country's potential. Yet they are Americans without a country.

Because of Congressional inaction on immigration issues these youth will graduate into a bizarre limbo.

Ineligible for federal loans, finishing college will be a greater strain than for other students. When they finish, they will lack the papers to

find employment even though our country needs their talents.

The DREAM Act would grant these students temporary legal status. If they joined the US military or completed college they could find a path to citizenship, but would have to meet strict criteria to earn it.

Of all aspects of immigration reform, the DREAM Act is the

most obvious, most just, and most clearly benefits America.

In recent months hundreds of undocumented youth have come forth and risked revealing their undocumented status to fight for the DREAM Act.

We can help: urge Senators McConnell (859.224.8286) and Bunning (859.219.3269) and Congressman Chandler (859.219.1366) to support it!

The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act (S.729 & H.R.1751):

- is bipartisan legislation introduced by Sen. Orin Hatch [R-UT] and Sen. Richard Durbin [D-IL]
- offers absolutely no reason for undocumented people to enter the country.
- provides zero benefit for immigrants who are not already here. In fact, it requires students to have to come to the U.S. as children and at least 5 years before the time of enactment.
- can be researched through numerous sources. Some include the DREAM Act Portal: <http://dreamact.info>; and the National Immigration Law Center, with their weekly updates tracking developments around the country at www.nilc.org/immlawpolicy/dream/index.htm.

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 event.

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Event Description</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Tuesday evenings on: Sept 14 & Oct. 12 Beaumont Presbyterian Church,	Edible Gardening Series: Workshops for Gardeners hosted by Beaumont Presbyterian Church, 1070 Lane Allen Road, Lexington: Tuesday, Sept 14, 6:30: Seed Saving Tuesday, Oct. 12, 6:30: Preparing for Winter	For more info: call John Walker at 859.278.5062
<p>Are you interested in helping to move Kentucky Forward? SAVE THE DATE: September 28th A coalition of groups concerned about economic justice calls itself "Kentucky Forward." In May, they gathered 500 people on the steps of the legislature in Frankfort, demanding changes to the state's tax structure. They are planning a coalition meeting for the morning and early afternoon of September 28th in Frankfort, and would love for you to come. They'll be sending out details and an agenda closer to the date. For more info, contact Jessica Breen Hays Lucas, Economic Justice Organizer, Kentuckians For The Commonwealth: 859.276.0563 (office) 859.533.0613 (cell) or e-mail: jessicabreen@kftc.org.</p>		
<p>"Growing Peaceful Families" Fall Workshops Registering now. "Growing Peaceful Families" is a team of certified parenting instructors who provide hands-on workshops and parenting courses to organizations and small groups to help people learn how to improve their relationships, find ways to enrich their family and classroom settings, and most importantly, discover ways to experience more peace in their lives (see www.growingpeacefulfamilies.com). Registration is open for their fall series "Growing Peaceful Families...What Seeds Are We Sowing?" To register or for more info: e-mail: encourageranother@insightbb.com or call 859.333.3053 or 859.582.9543.</p>		
1 st Wednesday 7:00 pm	CKCPJ Board Meeting , in our offices at 112 N. Upper St. All are welcome.	Arne Bathke, co-chair 859.257.3610 or arne@uky.edu .
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace , Triangle Park in downtown Lexington—now in its eighth year...	Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277
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 of each month 7:00—8:30 pm	Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA) , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.: Sept 8—"American Ex- ceptionalism"—Sherwood Burress	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—Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington KY 40504.	call 859.272.7891 or go to www.namilex.org



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Every gun that is made, every warship launched,
every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a
theft from those who hunger and are not fed,
those who are cold and are not clothed.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

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You Can Be a Part of the Council's Presence at Lexington's 2010 Roots & Heritage Street Festival Saturday, September 11th

Since its origins in 1989 as a small neighborhood street fair, Lexington's annual 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, Festival events run September 9th through September 30th. Details are available at the Festival website: www.rootsandheritagefestival.com/index.html.

For many of us, it's the highly visible Street Festival component of the entire Roots & Heritage celebration we remember best. This year the Roots and Heritage parade will occur on Saturday,

Sept. 11th, and be followed by the street festival featuring vendors and non-profit tabling.

As the Council has in previous years, we will again have a table at the street festival on Saturday.

If you'd like to be a part of this exciting opportunity, let us know you're available to help staff the table to represent the Council: contact Richard Mitchell at richard.mitchell@insightbb.com or by phone: 859.327.6277.

Remember, though, Saturday's events are only part of the whole celebration. The full Roots and Heritage calendar includes: art exhibits; literary readings at the Ken-

tucky Women Writer's Conference; a gypsy poetry slam; midnight basketball; golf tournament; boxing exhibitions; film presentations; children's programming at the "Youth Explosion"; theater; comedy night; a health fair; and a ball.

The festival's "Stage 1" at Third Street and Elm Street Lane features performances that include jazz and blues artist Brian O'Neal and headliner Tony Toni Tone'. At Short Street and Elm Tree Lane on Sunday, Sept. 12th, you can catch a Gospel Extravaganza from 1-5 pm.

It's no wonder the festival is honored as one of the top 20 events in the Southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society.

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