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Give Peace a Chance:

Voices Fall 2010 Event Series

by Kerby Neill

Peace is such an elusive goal. Beleaguered by thoughtlessness, misunderstandings, slights, resentments, and real injuries, we struggle to find peace in our hearts, families, and circle of friends. Aware of our own conflicted lives, we wonder how we can ever expect peace to extend to communities, institutions, peoples, and nations. When the virus of violence seems so pervasive, maybe the healing response of our own bodies can give us hope.

We "fight" disease by using good sense—changing our daily priorities, resting, restoring ourselves, accepting the support of others and working in concert with our body's unseen antibodies to overcome what ails us. To extend the image, let's reflect on how we can strengthen our power as peacemakers, and thus, our community immunity to violence. Strategies that work on the physical level aid us on the communal level as well: We often must change our priorities and lead more reflective, less frantic lives to restore ourselves and our communities. Giving peace a chance starts with us and our immediate relationships. It creates the conditions in which we can find the time, support, and commitment to work in concert with other peacemakers.

I wrote an earlier version of these thoughts for our friends at Franciscan Vision. St. Francis' dramatic transformation from warrior to peacemaker may seem extreme, but many of our profound peacemakers come to peacemaking through experiences of war—Gandhi, Tolstoy, or even generals that led America through World

War II. As president, former WW II Allied Commander Dwight Eisenhower warned us against the risks and human costs of rampant military spending. Five star General, Omar Bradley, in a Memorial Day speech, declared, "Wars can be prevented just as surely as they are provoked, and therefore we who fail to prevent them share in guilt for the dead." We can all resonate to the prayer of St. Francis to become "instruments of peace." How do we make the wishes in that prayer possible in our lives?

Mohandas Gandhi said "If you love peace, then hate injustice, hate tyranny, hate greed—but hate these things in yourself, not in another." It is recognition of our own failings that allows us to approach others with compassion rather than accusation and that allows us to become instruments of peace rather than practitioners of moral one-upmanship. We must find solutions in working together, not as ideological competitors or purveyors of fear

Inside this issue of *Peaceways*, you will find details of events designed to strengthen local peacemakers and provide a forum for voices we must all hear as we work toward justice and shared peace.

As a special feature, we are very pleased to be bringing Paul Chappell back to Central Kentucky. He will work with us as we explore new ways to develop and train leaders for peacemaking. Paul's own story of moving from soldier to peace educator demonstrates the possibilities open to us when we wage peace together.

Kerby Neill is a retired psychologist, active peace educator, and CKCPJ Board Secretary,

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~ Council Alerts, Reports, Updates ~

Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice Board Member Update

We are extremely pleased to announce the addition of our newest board member Pedro Santiago, a student at Bluegrass Community and Technical College.

One Nation Working Together

At its September meeting, your CKCPJ board voted to join the coalition of civil rights, labor, immigrant rights, environmental and other progressive organizations—it's a growing list of more than 150 groups—who will march on Washington in a united action Sat., Oct. 2nd.

We were impressed with the broad appeal of this initiative. On their website, the One Nation Working Together organizers say:

We all deserve a just and fair chance to achieve the American Dream. Our national identity is rooted in the ideal that all people–regardless of race, class, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, heritage or ability– should have the opportunity to fulfill their potential.

...[One Nation Working Together] charts a bold, pragmatic path toward a more unified, sustainable, prosperous future by building support for these core principles and policy ideals. The march on Washington aims for:

- Jobs and sustainable economic recovery
- → Cuts in military spending to fund community needs
- → An end to the US war and occupations in Iraq and Afghanistan
- → Peace abroad and renewable energy at home

Janet Tucker is serving as a local organizer. If you want to ride a bus to Washington with other Kentucky activists, let her know by calling 859.389.8575 or 859.229.7982, or by e-mail: jlynjenks@qx.net. If you can't make it to the march but would like to help support someone who would like to go but can't quite afford it, let Janet know that, too.



for more info and to share your dream: http://onenationworkingtogether.org



"No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country. By living wages I mean more than a bare subsistence level-I mean the wages of decent living."

-- Franklin D. Roosevelt

For a peaceful and nuclear-free future

The poem, "all bombs can do is kill," from which we reproduce an excerpt below, was delivered during July actions at the gates of the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. After a planned program, 13 people crossed the property line and 23 more stretched a long banner across the road to block the entrance to the bomb plant. They were arrested—the 13 on federal trespass charges and the 23 on state charges for obstructing a roadway. Local activists were among those arrested: Beth Rosdatter on federal charges, and Janice Sevre-Duszynska on state charges. Both have since been released, though court dates await those charged with federal offenses.

Full coverage of these actions is available at The Nuclear Resister (www.nukeresister.org), an organization that provides information about and support for imprisoned anti-nuclear and anti-war activists. The group is guided by the belief "that in any significant movement for social change, many committed individuals are imprisoned. ...Broader awareness of their actions and support for the imprisoned activist are essential to the movement for a peaceful, nuclear-free future." Specifically, in the July action, those arrested mean to press elected officials to fulfill our collective "obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control." Those facing federal charges are very hopeful they will have the opportunity to argue that their actions constitute adherence to international law.

We will follow the case and update *Peaceways* readers on developments as the case moves forward.



all bombs can do is kill

by Ralph Hutchison

all that bombs can do is kill and break and ruin and destroy they can burn and they can poison they can frighten and terrorize they can corrupt and twist and incinerate that is all they can do bombs can not sing they can not harmonize they can not draw a bow across strings bombs can not draw they can not sketch a building coriander or a flower or a horse running in a pasture bombs can not plant seeds or pull weeds they can not lay color on canvas they can not make a promise or keep it they can not give birth to children bombs can not laugh they can not tell a joke or say thank you they can not weep when it is time to leave they can not hold an acceptance letter above their heads with a shout they can not throw a child into the air, catch her whirling around, listening to her laugh full throated with delight

oh, bombs can surprise falling on your head in the night spearing through the air faster than you can hear launched by predator drones bombs can surprise

but not like a puppy in a box on your birthday, not like a small velvet box sitting on the dinner plate when you return to the table not like the feel of your baby on your breast bombs can not surprise like that oh, bombs can make noise they can whistle as they fall they can shatter your eardrums just before they kill you they can make your mother cry out just before she dies they can make your brother sob all night long for weeks they can make your neighbor groan as they try to lift the beam from his chest bombs can not sing happy birthday or chant na mu myo ho ren ge kyo* or sing be thou my vision

or whisper treasure of my life, crazy on you at bedtime bombs can not say they have a dream

bombs can not write books bombs can not compose

bombs can not make light except for an instant bombs take away light and sound, vision and touch bombs kill and destroy; they maim; they cause pain unendurable

bombs subtract, they never add bombs lie, they never tell the truth bombs are against, they are never for bombs are despair, they are never hope bombs fall, they never rise

^{*}As this Daimoku—meditation chant—is repeated in reverence, chanters invoke our true Buddha nature.





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GIVE PEACE A CHANCE

Introduction to Peacemaking Course—Tuesdays at noon Sept. 14 through Nov. 16, at the Carnegie Center at 251 West 2nd Street in Lexington. This ten-week class is led by our board Secretary, Kerby Neill, a peace educator with extensive experience. See the front page of this issue for Kerby's essay "Give Peace a Chance." Register by phone: 859.254.4175; e-mail: CCLL1@Carnegie Literacy.org; or online: www.CarnegieCenterLex.org. The \$50 fee for the course covers the Center's costs



and supports its other worthwhile programming—

Kerby is not taking any compensation for his time. The Center offers scholarships for those for whom the cost is a burden—enquire when you register by email or by phone.

Tue. Sept. 21 at 5:30-7:30 pm—Celebrate the International Day of Peace at the Carnegie Center at 251 West 2nd Street in Lexington

Join the worldwide effort to promote peace at the Center's first Family Fun Night of the season. Enjoy games, activities, dinner and prizes for the entire family. Featuring the Bluegrass Literacy's Puppets for Peace project demonstration puppets and craft activities. Event is free and open to all, but preregistration is required so organizers have accurate counts to allow for dinner arrangements. Phone 859. 254.4175.

AND FORTEENS aged 13-18: International Day of Peace at the Carnegie Center—Teen Topix Peace Poetry with local poet and publisher Katerina Stoykova-Klemer. Explore and write poetry with peace in mind. After class, teens can join the Family Fun and Learning Night participants for free dinner and a raffle. This feature is offered in partnership with the Council. Free and open to all teens, but pre-registration is required: Phone 859.254.4175. Note: the Center welcomes volunteers to accompany the children in crafts and activities at its Family Fun Nights—if you're looking for a way to mark the International Day of Peace with some of the most hopeful members of our community, call 859.254.4175 and let the Center know you will assist.

Sun. Oct. 3 at 1:30—Francis Fest 2010: the healing power of animals: PAWS FOR PEACE at Jacobson Park 4001 Athens Boonesboro Road,

in Lexington (rain date Oct. 10). This year's Francis-Fest celebrates the feast of Saint Francis, patron saint of animals and ecology, by focusing on our responsibility toward creatures of the earth, including a blessing of the animals followed by a Dog Walk in the Park. Register at www.FranciscanVision.org. where you can download, complete and mail registration form plus check made payable to Franciscan Peace Center by Sept. 17 to be guaranteed a t-shirt (one per entry). Late registration, including on the day of the walk, will be accepted. There is a \$10 entry fee—all proceeds go to defray event expenses, with remainder to be donated to a local organization that brings people and animals together for therapeutic purposes.



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Those for whom peace is no more than a dream are asleep to the future.

—Jack DuVall, president of International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, Executive Producer of the two-part Emmy-nominated PBS television series, "A Force More Powerful," and co-author of the companion book of the same name

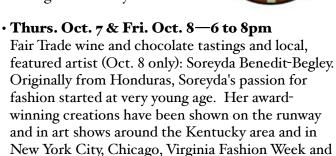
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Celebrate: October as Fair Trade Month

at Lexington's only dedicated Fair Trade store, Lucia's Boutique, 523 E. High St. www.luciasimports.com at this series of events:

- Thurs. Sept 30 & Fri. Oct 1—6 to 8 pm
 Fair Trade wine and chocolate tastings and local, award-winning featured artist, Enrique Gonzalez, A native of Venezuela, he maintains his love of painting animals and people in bright tropical colors, with lively brushstrokes, a reflection of the Amazon Forest where he was raised. He volunteers his time and talents and donating his paintings to several area organizations and charities.
- Sat. Oct. 2—10 am-6 pm—Fair Trade Town Party—Live Local, Think Global! Come join in the fun and celebrate Fair Trade Month. Enjoy live music, fair trade wine and chocolate tastings, many in-store specials, and door prizes and drawings throughout the day.

Atlanta.



Fair Trade is an organized market-based movement that. advocates higher and fair wages for producers and social and environmental sustainability.

Educating Peace Leaders: Presentations and Trainings with Paul K. Chappell

Paul is the Peace Leadership Director of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (www.wagingpeace.com). On this return visit to Kentucky, he is spending time on numerous area campuses. For details of those presentations and their



dates, please contact the Peaceways editor (see below for contact info) **Here, we list the public events at which all are welcome. All events listed below are free.**

- •Tues. Oct. 26—3:00 to 4:00 pm— at Transylvania University, Cowgill Building, Room 102.
- •Thurs. Oct 28—12:30-1:45—at the Cooper Campus of Bluegrass Community and Technical College, lobby of the AT building.
- •Thurs. Oct 28—7:00 to 8:30 pm—at the Appalachian Center Gallery, 205 N. Main, Berea
- •**Sat. Oct. 30—evening**—Details of this public event TBA in the October issue of *Peaceways*.

**Free One-Day Trainings for Peace

Activists: Participants choose ONE date: Sat. Oct 30 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at BCTC or Sun. Oct. 31 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at Transylvania U. Paul will be offering a one-day 5-hour training session on two different days at both BCTC and Transy. Interested participants are to choose one of these two days; we are offering the training twice to accommodate as many individuals as possible. Space is limited, and reservations are required. For more information or to make your reservation, please contact Peaceways editor, Gail Koehler, at peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com or 859.337.5701.

SAVE THESE DATES

We'll be providing more info on these upcoming VOICES events in our October issue

Mon. Oct. 25: Eddie Daniels, South African freedom fighter and former prison mate of Nelson Mandela, will speak as part of the University of Kentucky's College of Arts & Sciences year-long exploration of the culture and history of South Africa. Details TBA.

Tues. Nov. 9—5:30 p.m—"Hispanic Youth in the Kentucky Educational System, St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 1285 Barnes Mill Rd, Richmond, KY.

Tues. Nov. 16—7 to 9 pm—"Youth at Risk of Detention" Fayette County Extension Office

Kentucky's broken death penalty system "would be comedic if it weren't so brutal and inhumane" says editorial

As this issue of *Peaceways* went to press, Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway had just petitioned the state Supreme Court, appealing Franklin circuit judge Phillip Shepherd's ruling that blocked the execution of Gregory Wilson, 53, scheduled for Sept. 16.

An Aug. 30 editorial of the *Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer* referred to a very different set of "disputes and dysfunctions" than this latest back-and-forth struggle within the courts. The editorial made the point, however, that the entire set of circumstances "would be comedic if they were not "so brutal and inhumane."

The editorial continued: "These disputes and dysfunctions expose how arbitrary a system Kentucky, or any state, uses to dispatch capital punishment."

For example, of three cases set before Governor Beshear to sign warrants approving execution, Wilson was selected to die because he was the oldest. One court ruled that despite having an IQ of 62, there was insufficient evidence to prove that Gregory Wilson is mentally retarded (the common standard is an IQ of 70 or less). And the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals threw out another of the condemned man's appeals because he "waited too long to sue."

The *Inquirer* editorial made the point that lines drawn deciding who will die, and how, are used to "add an air of justice and mercy to a practice that is unjustifiable...[Yet} the only question that needs to be answered is whether the government should be in the business of killing its own citizens, and that answer should be

easy—No."

Even if Attorney General Conway's petition is not successful, the death penalty remains a broken tool that does not dispense true justice.

The Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, a member organization of CKCPJ, continues its vigorous work to end the use of the death penalty in the state of Kentucky. The best way to stay up-todate on their advocacy and education efforts is to subscribe to their e-mail updates at their website: www. kcadp.org. If you do not have access to e-mail, you can call Patrick Delahanty, Chair of KCADP, or Kaye Gallagher, Co-ordinator and Treasurer, at the coalition's office:502. 636.1330. Leave a message and they will be in contact with you regarding other ways you can be involved.



CFL bulb shortcomings

Tempting as it to imagine we can significantly reduce our energy usage without really changing how we live, reality demands that we look carefully at the promise of quick fixes. For example, if you are

a Kentucky Utilities customer, you likely received a postcard like the one at right that you could return for CFL bulbs. You were told that they are energy efficient and that they would save you money.

There was a lot the postcard left out, though.

Peaceways featured an article in our April issue on the need for consumers to educate themselves about proper handling and disposal of these bulbs. We are concerned that packaging does not adequately alert consumers to the thorough, step-by-step procedure required to safely clean up broken CFL bulbs, which contain mercury. We urged readers to go to the EPA website and

Get four

energy-efficient

CFL bulbs by mail

download a two-page pdf of recommended steps for cleaning up a broken bulb at: www. epa.gov/cfl. We were particularly concerned about CFL giveaway programs to populations who

might not have home access to computers. We made recommendations to several area organizations that they should distribute written material about proper handling of CFLs when they give away the bulbs.

Of course, given the mercury they contain, spent CFL bulbs must

be properly disposed of. The EPA recommends utilizing local recycling options. For an always-expanding list of recycling and disposal options, the EPA advises bulb users contact local municipal solid waste agencies, or go to www.epa.gov/ bulbrecycling or www.earth911.org.

The author of the April Peaceways article was Obiora Embry, a local writer and consultant. He says he is an "Engineer-In-Training who has been educated on a variety of topics outside of [his] discipline because [he] understands that specialization goes against the natural systems in which we live." Concerned about the potential health dangers of CFLs that go beyond the mercury that they contain, he has written an article on the topic that can be viewed online through his business website, EConsultingTM. You can see that article at: www.econsultingllc.org/ CFL_Energy.



Events at a Glance

Events listed here and on our our Justicelist listserve (see <u>www.peaceandjusticeky.org</u>) 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.

Date/Time	Event Description.	Contact

Sept. 18-19: Festival Latino at the Courthouse Plaza in downtown Lexington: Last year more than 15,000 people of all ages came together for live music, dance, art vendors, country presentations, exhibitor & cultural booths, youth activities and much more. In its 8th year, this event is free and open to all.

Mon. Sept. 20 at 7 pm University of Kentucky Classroom Building Room 246	Film screening: Michael Moore's documentary, "Capitalism: A Love Story." All are welcome. Reception following. Co-sponsored by the UK Socialist Student Union and the new Bluegrass Community and Technical College Socialist Student Union.	For more info: e-mail: standinsolidarity@ yahoo.com
Oct. 13-16 Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, KY	Save the Date: Kentucky Commission on Human Rights 50th Anniversary Civil Rights Conference The largest civil rights conference to take place in Kentucky in 2010: http://kchr.ky.gov for registration details.	To help at our table: co-chair Arne Bathke: arne@uky.edu.

Sleepless in Lexington Fundraising Event—Sat. Oct. 16 at 8 pm through the night, ending Sun. Oct. 17 at Applebees Park: Money raised will go to increase awareness of homelessness and to help fund a new downtown homeless Day Center. For more information, registration, and pledge forms, go to their website at:www.sleeplessinlexington.com.

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 7:00 pm	Lexington Fairness Lexington Public Library downtown branch. For more information: www.lexfair.org	Craig Cammack, Chair 859.951.8565
1 st Wednesday 4:00-6:30	Franciscan Peace Center, 3389 Squire Oak. Franciscan Vision.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, Richard Allen House: Oct. 13— Discussion of "Tea Party Activists, Sarah & Glen"	Dick Renfro: 859.255.7029 or frickdan@windstream .net
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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The welfare of each of us is dependent fundamentally upon the welfare of all of us.

-Theodore Roosevelt

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Bits and Peaces

Christian-Muslim Dialogue meetings

- Sat. Sept. 18 at 10 am at Lexington Theological Seminary Fellowship Hall 631 South Limestone, Lexington: presentation by Monica Marks, a gifted Kentucky scholar who has traveled, lived and studied internationally. A Fullbright scholar, she is conversant in Arabic, Turkish, Swahili, and Latin. She will pursue an advanced degree in Modern Eastern culture, continuing her studies of Islamic law and reform movements in the Middle East as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford She plans to work toward helping break down the barriers of misunderstanding between Muslims and other religions and cultures.
- Sat Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. at Hunter Presbyterian Church, 109 Rosemont Garden, Lexington: Ihasan Begley and Nabeel Jawhair present a program on the "Muslim Response to Terrorism" and the Park 51 community center controversy.

For more info: contact Carolyn Holmes e-mail: cc.holmes@uky.edu or call 859.277-3004.



FIESTA Latina ...everything else...is FANTASTIC!! Sat. Sept. 25 6:30-10pm EKU Richmond KY

The Kentucky Foothills Community Action Partnership Hispanic Outreach Program invites you to enjoy an evening of fun and festivities in celebration of their anniversary and the World Equestrian Games. Proceeds benefit the program. The party takes place at Eastern Kentucky University, and tickets are available for a \$25 contribution per person. You can mail your check to: Foothills Community Action Partnership, 309 Spangler Drive, Richmond, KY. Checks can be made payable to Community Action Partnership Fiesta. Please RSVP by Sept. 17 to

reserve your seat. For more info contact Sandra Anez Powell at 859.624. 2046 or e-mail: sandrapowell@ foothillscap.org.



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