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Peace Studies at the University of Kentucky—Important News!

Long-term readers of *Peaceways* will recall that in 2010, our Annual Dinner program focused on Peace Studies in the Bluegrass. A panel presentation by students and faculty at the Bluegrass Community and Technical College described the Peace & Social Justice program at that institution. Faculty and staff from the University of Kentucky (UK) announced the formation of a working group to explore the possibility of a Peace House Living Learning Community on that school's campus. (See March 2010 *Peaceways* page 5).

Then when the Council brought peace educator Paul Chappell to our region during our 2010 Fall VOICES series, he participated in an important session of that working group.

Now we are very pleased to announce, as one of the collaborating community organizations, updates to two important initiatives at UK.

In the fall of 2012, the UK Peace House program will begin. Peace House is a residential center committed to creating and sustaining an intentional community focused on peace and social justice. The community will offer rooms in suite-style clusters for 30 students in the John T. Smith Residence Hall near Cooperstown Drive. Peace House will provide a safe space to encour-

age critical consideration and passionate discourse among a diverse and representative group of UK students and the larger community and to support skill building in the area of local and global conflict resolution. And Peace House will provide real life experiences in learning and teaching, while supporting residents as they strive to develop fair and equitable solutions to the world's most difficult problems. UK's Peace House will be a residential center committed to creating and sustaining an intentional community focused on peace and social justice.

Also planned for UK in the fall of 2012 is a new Certificate in Peace Studies. Clayton Thyne, assistant professor of political science, and CKCPJ board member Kerby Neill, author and clinical psychologist, have led this effort. When the certificate program is launched, it will include two new courses: a 200-level introduction to peace studies and a 400-level capstone course. Plans have met with wide support and many professors are eager to participate.

We at the Council are looking forward to continuing the community conversation of which the UK Peace House and the Certificate in Peace Studies are such important parts. ☺

... "So much of our common culture—our stories, books, movies, and television—works to build an almost subconscious presumption that violence is an effective, often the only serious, response to conflict. The nonviolence of Gandhi and King gives us an alternative set of tools. Peace studies programs are essential if our species is to learn how to share this planet."

CKCPJ board member Richard Mitchell as quoted in Sept 2011 *Kentucky Living Magazine* article "Peacemakers" available at <http://bit.ly/PeaceEducation>

Peace Education at other institutions in Kentucky

from an excellent "Peacemakers" article featured in the *Kentucky Living Magazine* Sept. 2011 issue: <http://bit.ly/PeaceEducation>

- Peace & Justice Studies at Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) in Lexington—one of the earliest community college programs of its kind in the nation
- At the University of Louisville: the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research and the Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice, and a proposed course in Peace, Justice, and Conflict Transformation
- This fall, Madisonville Community College is offering the Introduction to Peace Studies course that originated at BCTC
- Bellarmine University in Louisville offers a minor in Peace Studies
- Peace & Social Justice Studies at Berea College

NOTE: Also available at <http://bit.ly/PeaceEducation>—reporters Carol Holzhausen Hunt and Alan J. Hunt compiled a list of famous Kentuckians for peace and justice, websites, contact information for the programs mentioned above, and books that might be considered "must reading."

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace & Justice

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Our address is changing. Slightly.

Particularly detail-oriented readers may note that our address on the our front and back pages and masthead now reads 110 North Upper Street instead of 112. There have been many changes afoot in our building as our landlord Jim Harris renovates the 112 premises for different tenants.

We have been fortunate enough to find space in the same building complex, upstairs and next door. As of the end of October, that space included a new arrangement for secure mail delivery, and we will be officially changing our address in the upcoming weeks. Rest assured: any donations you may have mailed to us at our old address will still reach us, as we collect mail at the old 112 door every day.

Some demolition of our old offices in late summer meant that we were able to host our September Gallery Hop and artist Marjorie Guyon's *Nation of Nations* public art project in dramatically changed space.

For November's Gallery Hop at the Lexington Opera House we are collaborating with the Catholic Action Center and several other organizations to highlight the needs of Lexington's homeless veterans (see page 8). Our experience of hosting Gallery Hop has been extremely successful in the 112 space, but our new office on the second floor does not lend itself to future Gallery Hops. We will be exploring other outreach activities in the coming year.

You may wonder where our former office mates have gone

As a result of these changes, our former office mates have found new locations. The Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice is now found at the Plantory (<http://plantory.org>) located at 560 East Third St, Lexington. (For more info: 859.255.6999 or email info@plantory.org).

The Humanitarian (<http://humanitarian.org>) is now located in the Robert H. Williams cultural center, at 644 Georgetown St. in Lexington. That building is the former Colored Orphan Home established in 1894, a Kentucky Historical Society African American heritage site. It is also the new home to the Isaac Scott Hathaway Museum, a tremendous historical and cultural resource (<http://www.hathawaymuseum.org>).

And the Sierra Club's Associate Regional Representative, Lauren McGrath, continues to work on the club's Beyond Coal project, including recent actions at UK's campus (see page 4). She now works from an office in Louisville. Contact her by email at lauren.mcgrath@sierraclub.org.



Ten Years Standing for Peace

From CKCPJ board member Richard Mitchell:

On Thursday, Nov. 3, regular participants observed the 10th anniversary of Lexington's prayer vigil for peace. There have been one or more persons in vigil on the corner of Broadway and Main Street in Lexington for 520 consecutive Thursdays. In one way this is a sad anniversary: our nation has been at war for over 10 years. That said, we celebrate the announcement that the U.S. withdrawal from Iraq will be complete by the end of 2011. Unfortunately, the war in Afghanistan continues with no end likely soon.

Thanks to all of you who have helped us maintain this witness for peace. The vigil will continue Thursdays at 5:30 pm. Please join us as you are able.

See note on the vigil in our calendar on page 7



2011 VOICES Events Series: Reports from the field

CKCPJ's VOICES 2011 series, which ran from from Sept. 9 to Oct. 22, included over twenty events in Lexington, Richmond, Shelbyville, and Frankfort. The Council worked with more than a dozen community partners to bring programming to over a thousand people. A special THANKS goes out to everyone who participated, contributed, and assisted in this massive effort.

We are pleased to present photos from events and to bring excerpts of two reports from two of our volunteers. *[Please see shaded box, below, for information about our online supplement that contains the full text of both these volunteers' report on page S2].*

A View of the Homeless Resource Fair by volunteer Cari Marino

I am a senior at the University of Kentucky who volunteered for the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice by helping out at the Stand Down/Homeless Resource Fair [Oct. 20]. As a social work student, I have volunteered and interned many places but never worked with the homeless population. My stereotypes of who they are, why they are homeless, where they are going, were, I imagine, similar to many people's when we have not had an experience with homeless individuals. While I was volunteering I got to know two gentlemen and what I learned left me questioning all the ideas I had about homeless people and what I thought I knew. *[Editor's note: Cari then reports on the two individuals she met. One was around her age, and one was a veteran. See her full text in our online supplement.]*

...I believe more people should volunteer their time with the homeless to get to know them and have a similar eye-opening experience to what I had. Meeting real people opened my mind and heart to wanting to help them and to take a step back before I believe the stereotypes about people just because I have no experience with them. ...I realize now that not everyone who is homeless decided to be that way, and most of them were just ordinary middle class people like us who have fallen on hard times. ☺



CKCPJ co-sponsored the event "To Enlighten Youth" held at the Village Branch Library, Sat. Oct. 22, where high school DREAM ACT youth shared their stories. Pictured from left to right, Erin Howard from Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Erika Nunez, Veva Segura (a sophomore at Dunbar High school and event organizer), Maria and Karan Mast, and Liz Epperson from the Bluegrass Community Health Center. Photo credit: Andres Cruz, La Voz de KY newspaper www.lavozky.com.

Peaceways—a Way of Life

by volunteer Maribel Díaz Guzmán Zavala

I came from México to visit my older brother in Lexington in October and decided to explore different kinds of opportunities in the city—I was thinking that it is always great to be able to help out the community no matter where you are.

So while I was new and there was much I did not know, all of a sudden I saw a sign for the "Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice" from the street, and it was my opportunity to help. I worked in México in different non profit organizations so you could say I have the tendency already in me.

...I particularly enjoyed volunteering for *Peaceways* because the Council represents inclusion, vision and help. You can come here and the doors are wide open for everyone; you only need to raise your voice—no matter your economic or immigration status, race, religion or beliefs. I discovered that you can find connections here.

Editor's note: Maribel has since returned to México—we extend a hearty Thank You for her willingness to translate English materials into Spanish and lend a hand wherever we asked. ☺



Pictured from left: Isabel Taylor, CKCPJ volunteer Maribel Díaz Guzmán Zavala, and Freddy Peralta—at the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic "Around the World Again" Fundraising event Oct. 21. Photo credit: Andres Cruz, La Voz de KY newspaper www.lavozky.com.

First-Time Occasional Online Supplement to *Peaceways*: Readership of *Peaceways* and the Council's role in the progressive community has grown to the point that we are in the happy position of receiving many more submissions than our eight-page print edition can accommodate. While our budget for printing and mailing hasn't increased, the accessibility of online sharing has. We are experimenting with an "occasional online supplement" that for this issue will contain many more pages of text than we can print and mail. That supplement is available as a google document at <http://bit.ly/Nov-Dec2011PeaceSupplement> and on our website in our archives (this issue is #253, Nov/Dec 2011). Don't have easy access to the internet? Please contact our editor at 859.488.1448. We will be happy to mail you a paper copy.

It's Time to Move Beyond Coal

Tues. Oct. 25, UK student Patrick Johnson spoke on behalf of a group of students who attended UK's board of trustees meeting where they asked the administration to pursue geothermal energy on campus (*see our online supplement page S3 for full text*). Replacing two coal plants would mean the UK community, hospital, and surrounding neighborhood could breath air free of unfiltered dirty coal pollution. The Sierra Club is assisting with this effort.

In September 2010 CKCPJ partnered with other environmental groups to bring to UK an example of a comprehensive conversion plan by a major research university from coal fired energy to sustainable geothermal when Dr. Bob Koester of Ball State University spoke at Memorial Hall. (For more about Koester's project see our August and October 2010 Peaceways issues.)

You can get involved with the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal efforts: <http://bit.ly/BeyondCoalKY>. ☺



Photo courtesy of Elaine Alvey, UK Greenthumb

Occupy Lexington Says Invest In Kentucky

"Invest in Kentucky" is a grassroots initiative calling on the Kentucky State Treasurer to reinvest the Commonwealth of Kentucky's public funds in a financial institution that is headquartered in Kentucky. Investing Kentucky's public funds within the state of Kentucky, says Occupy Lexington, will have a substantial impact on Kentucky's economy.

Last year's General Fund was valued at 8.76 billion dollars. According to the campaign's website: "There is no reason Kentucky's funds should be out of state. Furthermore, we believe that Kentucky should invest its funds in an institution that reflects the values of Kentuckians and is guided by a strong ethical foundation." Learn more at www.investinky.org.

To keep up with Occupy Lexington, you can follow their facebook page (OccupyLexKY) or see the website at: www.occupylexingtonky.org.

And board member Kerby Neill has compiled a summary from a collection of "the world's most thoughtful scholars" on the issues the Occupy movement is drawing to our collective attention. You can read that article in our online supplement, page S4. ☺



You Can Support CKCPJ Through the GoodGiving Guide Challenge 2011

For the first time ever, (CKCPJ) is raising funds online by taking part in the Bluegrass Community Foundation's 2011 GoodGiving Guide Challenge. If you are able to make a small contribution to the Challenge (min. donation \$10) and send the

link to 5 of your friends, we would be most grateful. We are one of the most active small grassroots organizations in Central Kentucky, doing most of what we do through the hard work of volunteers. We could do so much more with a stronger financial base. Donate at <http://bit.ly/SupportCKCPJ>.

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For Your Consideration: Action Items

•"Sayonara Nukes" Initiative from Japan: Former board member Mami Hayashida reports on an effort to collect 10 million signatures worldwide on a petition that demands the Japanese government stop all existing nuclear reactors in that country and to instead promote renewable energy. You can download the petition at: <http://sayonara-nukes.org/english>. In Japan, a personally signed petition is still more forceful than an Internet-based signature. Mami's offer to collect our signatures so that they are more effective is a great service. (For more see our online supplement page S5). Questions: contact Mami at mamihayashida@yahoo.com.

•Add your name to the ACLU open letter calling on America's mayors to honor Occupy Wall Street protesters' rights and support Free Speech. More info and to sign: <http://bit.ly/ACLUFreeSpeech>.

•If you are concerned about the merger of University of Louisville Hospital, Jewish/St. Mary Health Systems and Catholic Health Initiatives, you can tell Governor Beshear. The ACLU maintains that using tax dollars to fund what will be a Catholic-owned entity whose healthcare decisions are based, in part, on religious ideology rather than individual patient needs violates both the state and federal constitutions. More info and to sign: <http://bit.ly/ACLUpetition>. ☺

Wrestling with Free Speech, Religious Freedom, and Democracy in Turkey

submitted by Mehmet Saracoglu of the UK Interfaith Dialogue Organization

The following is an excerpt from the the first chapter of a book by James C. Harrington, *Wrestling with Free Speech, Religious Freedom, and Democracy in Turkey: The Political Trials and Times of Fethullah Gulen*. Mehmet's full submission is available in our online supplement, on pages S6-S7).

“One of the more exceptional political trials in recent times involved the eight-year long prosecution of Fethullah Gulen in Turkey that finally concluded in his favor in mid-2008. It was a prosecution with amazing behind-the-scenes maneuvering and intrigue. It has received little attention in European countries and the United States, but has great ramifications both in an outside Turkey because it involves the rise of a moderate, democratic movement in the Sufi Islamic tradition and the effort to suppress it.”

About the author: James C. Harrington, a human rights attorney with nearly four decades of experience, is founder and director of the Texas Civil Rights Project. He has taught at the University of Texas School of Law for twenty-five years. Harrington has handled landmark civil rights cases, written and published widely and served on human rights delegations in different areas of the world.

You can contact Mehmet at: Mehmet.Saracoglu@uky.edu.

Thurs. Nov. 17, “Salt of the Earth” film screening at the Kentucky Theater, 214 Main St. Lexington. Free and open to the public. Come see the only black-listed American film in history, Salt of the Earth was banned for its daring political content, which anticipated the civil rights and feminist movements by nearly ten years. It was selected to the National Film Registry, Library of Congress, in 1992. Based on an actual strike against the Empire Zinc Mine in New Mexico, the film deals with the prejudice against the Mexican-American workers, who struck to attain wage parity with Anglo workers in other mines and to be treated with dignity by bosses. Hosted by the United Nations Association—Kentucky Division in recognition of UN Day (Oct. 24) and Human Rights Day (Dec. 11). TIME: 6:30 pm Native American Flute by Wade Outland; 7:15 pm film screening.

Sun. Nov. 20 at 4pm, Final Film in 2011 Lexington Jewish Film Series: You won't want to miss “Rashevski's Tango.” This film is a portrait of three generations of a Jewish family wrestling with issues of identity, love, interfaith marriage and long-held family secrets. Cost: \$5 per person, though admission is free for any college student with valid university ID. Cash or checks accepted at the door, and advanced tickets available by credit card at the website: (<http://jewishlexington.org/lexington-jewish-film-series.aspx>)

The Jewish film series is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, University of Kentucky Jewish Studies Department, and UK Hillel/Jewish Student Organization. Films are shown at the University of Kentucky Student Center Building off Avenue of Champions in Lexington. ☺

Watching the Nov. 28 Election in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The nonprofit Falling Whistles got its name when its founder, traveling in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, met former child soldiers who'd been forced into what TIME magazine has called “the deadliest war in the world.” They told him that some children, too young to carry weapons, are sent into battle armed only with whistles. Now the campaign sells whistles with the slogan “be a whistle blower for peace” to raise awareness of the situation in Congo and focus attention on the upcoming Nov. 28 elections. Money raised goes towards rehabilitation, education, advocacy. For more info: www.fallingwhistles.com. Kentucky resident Andrew Wells would like to answer your questions. Contact him at a.jaredwells@gmail.com or 703.340.5880.

“Race Matters” Training Fri. Jan 20 in Lexington—On Fri. Jan 20, 2012, from 8:30am to 3:30pm the Race Community and Child Welfare Project (RCCW: www.rccwky.org) is holding a “Race Matters” presentation. They are using the event both to solicit additional trainers, and as a community education component of RCCW work. Address: Fayette County Extension Office (1140 Red Mile Place, Lexington). Register early, as space is limited. More info: Carol Taylor at 859.257.6078 or carol.taylor@uky.edu. To view the training information go to <http://bit.ly/RaceMattersToolKit>. ☺



Events at a Glance



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Sat, Nov. 19, at Northern Kentucky University—Campus Community Partnerships for Sustainability Conference. Rebecca Glasscock says: "Please consider attending at least one day of this important conference." (The full conference includes a Friday evening kick-off presentation and Sunday morning field trips.) Saturday transportation: LexTran has kindly agreed to take one of their new hybrid buses from Lexington to the Saturday activities. If you'd like to ride up and back on that bus, the cost is only \$2 roundtrip. "Let me know (at rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu) if you'd like to have a seat," says Rebecca.

Saturday's keynote speaker, Bill McKibben, will be speaking via downlink. There are many other presentations on the topics of sustainability, food & agriculture, energy and water conservation, reuse & recycling, green building, and social & environmental justice. Registration cost is only \$25 for students and \$75 for non-students, includes two meals: Kentucky Harvest Lunch Buffet & evening Kentucky Thanksgiving Dinner (meat, vegetarian, and vegan options).

The full schedule, registration form, and other info are available at <http://www.greencampusky.org>.

The following two events are sponsored by the Students for Peace and Earth Justice at Bluegrass Community and Technical College. Info: Rebecca Glasscock. rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu or 859.246.6319.

•Mon, Nov. 21, two presentations by Kay Tillow. Single Payer Health Care: A Human Right?

-at 11:00am-noon On the Cooper Campus 470 Cooper Dr, Lexington in the Oswald Auditorium (230 OB) and
-at 2:00-3:00pm in the M-Building Boardroom at the Leestown Campus. Parking is free at Leestown.
Kay Tillow represents Kentuckians for Single Payer Health Care.

•Tues, Nov. 29, 8:00am-5:00pm Fair Trade information and sales in the Oswald Lobby, at the Cooper Campus (see above). Are you not sure why "free" trade is not FAIR? Download CKCPJ's information sheet at <http://bit.ly/freetradeisNOTFAIR>. By supporting Fair Trade certifications processes, buying Fair Trade goods, and focusing attention on the details of trade agreements—which are sadly invisible to most citizens—we advance the work of justice everywhere. ☺

Tues. Nov. 15, at 6 pm—"It takes a Village To Stop Bullying" Bullying Awareness Program—In the Fayette County Public Schools "It's About Kids" building (701 East Main St., Lexington) Conference Rm C. Open to everyone. Presenter: Jan Hatfield Safe Schools Resource Specialist (859. 381.4311 or jan.hatfield@fayette.kyschools.us).

Mon, Nov. 21, 8:30 am to 2 pm—Jail/Prison Ministry Conference at the Episcopal Mission House, 203 East Fourth St, Lexington (corner of Fourth St. and Martin Luther King Blvd.). If you are interested in ministry to the incarcerated, currently involved in ministry, or interested in service to prisoners and their families, please plan to come. Register with Billie Stockton at 859.583.3530 or billiestockton@insightbb.com. Lunch is free with registration. ☺

Letters to the Editor—We have two letters to the editor in our special Online Supplement this month. See pages S11-S12.

Bluegrass Literacy Updates

Thur. 8 Dec. Bluegrass Literacy has a holiday gift wrap date at Joseph Beth Booksellers (from 9am-2 pm and 6-10 pm). This fundraising effort supports programming (see www.bluegrassliteracy.org for details). Interested in helping? Contact Norma Spencer (email spencer@qx.net or call 859.299.5982).

WRITING CONTEST WINNERS: Finalists this year included: Christel Broady, Bobbie Smith Bryant, Katie Bush, Donald Gabbard, Kelly Gunning, Gaye Holman. The winner of this year's award, Susan E. Lindsey shared her winning work at an event on Oct. 23, 2011. Her entry, titled, "Demolition Day," was inspired by a personal experience. You can see the entry at the Bluegrass Literacy website: www.bluegrassliteracy.org.



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Date/Time	Event Description	Contact
<p>Sat. Nov. 19 10 am Christian-Muslim Dialogue Group: Early Thanksgiving Meal at Hunter Presbyterian Church (109 Rosemont Garden, Lexington). The meeting will include shared readings of thanks (offerings of poems or scriptures are welcome). Potluck meal follows, with turkey and stuffing provided. Please bring a side dish to share. For more info contact the CMD Steering Committee: Carolyn Holmes at carolyn.charlesholmes@uky.edu or Ollie Rashid at obrashid@gmail.com.</p>		
<p>Tues. Nov. 29 from 7-8 pm: "A Brief History of Iraq, US Involvement, and Current Issues." At the University of Kentucky's W. T. Young Library Auditorium. Presentation by Iraqi doctor and UK student Mohammed Saeed. Join us for a reception afterwards in the library's Keeneland Room. Parking enforcement is lifted for this event in the parking structure on Hilltop Ave. Contact CKCPJ board member Arne Bathke 859.257.3610 or arne@uky.edu for more info. BCTC's Students for Peace and Earth Justice is a co-sponsor.</p>		
<p><i>Recurring events are listed below</i></p>		
<p>Food Not Bombs feeds people at Phoenix Park every Wednesday at 5:30 pm. "Come help us cook at my house beforehand," says organizer Melody Millage. Contact her at: melodyxvx@yahoo.com or 859.382.1960.</p>		
<p>1st Wednesday 7:00 pm</p>	<p>CKCPJ Board Meeting, Locations are rotating this fall: contact us for details! ALL ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com or 859.488.1448</p>
<p>Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace, Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main St) in downtown Lexington.</p>	<p>Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277</p>
<p>1st Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Kentucky Migrant Network, Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington</p>	<p>Isabel Gereda Taylor itaylor@lexingtonky.gov 859.258.3824</p>
<p>2nd Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm www.pflaglex.org</p>	<p>PFLAG: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered. Support Group Mtg. Beaumont Library, Fieldstone Way, Lexington</p>	<p>Info: president@pflaglex.org or call 859.338.4393</p>
<p>2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky, Lexington Public Library downtown branch info@lexfair.org</p>	<p>Craig Cammack, Chair 859.951.8565</p>
<p>1st Wednesday 4:00-6:30</p>	<p>Franciscan Peace Center, 3389 Squire Oak, Lexington Info: www.franciscanvision.org.</p>	<p>Pat Griffin: 859.230.1986</p>
<p>2nd Wednesday 7:00—8:30 pm</p>	<p>Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA), Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington. 14 Dec—Winter Solstice/Christmas/Humanlight/Hannukah potluck dinner in the UUCL Fellowship Hall; 11 Jan—"Brainstorming a Political Strategy for Humanists."</p>	<p>Dick Renfro 859.255.7029 frickdan@windstream.net)</p>
<p>3rd Thursday 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC), Episcopal Diocese Mission House at 4th St. & MLK Blvd, Lexington</p>	<p>Ondine Quinn 859.276.0563</p>
<p>Every Sunday 2:30-4:00pm</p>	<p>NAMI Lexington Support Groups—Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington. www.nami.org.</p>	<p>call 859.272.7891 or go to www.namilex.org</p>



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"A dangerous myth that permeates our national narrative is that 'the poor will always be among us' and that there is little government can do to systematically reduce poverty. History shows this belief to be false."

—"Restoring Shared Prosperity" report, October 2011
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Fri. Nov. 18 Gallery Hop at Lexington Opera House

5-8 pm "Please Don't Leave Me Homeless" Art by homeless veterans
8-9:30 pm "Please Don't Call Me Homeless ... I Don't Call You Homed" play

For the final Gallery Hop of the year, CKCPJ is co-sponsoring an art exhibit and play performance at the Lexington Opera House organized by the the Catholic Action Center. You are invited to come meet the artists and hear their stories.

At 8 pm, join us for the play "Don't Call Me Homeless...I Don't Call You Homed." Admission is free, though donations in support of the Catholic Action Center (CAC)'s missions will be accepted at the door. Collaborating groups include the Christian Appalachian Project's Appalachian Home, and Divine Providence, Inc.'s Lexington Homeless Veteran's Program. Call 859.514.7210 for more information.

Q: Why is the Council hosting Gallery Hop at the Lexington Opera House ?

A: See page two for our answer.

Facts about our homeless veterans: "The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) estimates that 131,000 veterans are homeless on any given night. ... Conservatively, one out of every three homeless men

who is sleeping in a doorway, alley or box in our cities and rural communities has put on a uniform and served this country. ... 47 per cent of homeless veterans served during the Vietnam Era. More than 67 per cent served our country for at least three years and 33 per cent were stationed in a war zone."

(National Coalition for the Homeless www.nationalhomeless.org).

CKCPJ Board member Billie Mallory has written numerous essays on these issues. Two are available on pages S8 and S9 in our online supplement to this issue of *Peaceways* (see shaded box on page 3 of this newsletter for more info on our supplement).

Resources for Veterans in Need:

Nationally: Veteran's Crisis line: 1.800.273.8255, ext. #1.
Locally:

- Volunteers of America, :Lexington Regional Office, Supportive Services for Veterans Families' at 859.254.3469, ext. 234
- VA Homeless Programs Outreach at 859.233.4511, ext. 3253 or 3176.



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