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THANKS for Standing for Peace & Justice: Together We Make Our Democracy Stronger

The people holding a giant-sized *Thank You* above are cast members of “Please Don’t Call Me Homesless, I Don’t Call You Homed.” Our photographer, Richard Greissman, snapped this shot just before the performance of that play at the Lexington Opera House this November during Thanksgiving as a giant-sized appreciation for all our readers and supporters.

We arranged the shot to say *thank you* for all you have done to help make our community and world more just and peaceful. Now, in this political season, we want to provide you with some guidelines for letter writing and encourage you to make your voice heard.

Below are the basics of effective written communication to your elected representatives (*adapted from* http://bit.ly/fcnl_toolkit) but they can also be adapted for phone messages you can leave for legislators when time is of the essence.

➔ **Identify yourself**—Elected representatives are accountable to voters in their district, so giving your address is important, especially in emails. Additionally, many offices need your address to send a response. If you are not a constituent but want to make your voice heard, you will need another appeal. Perhaps you can argue the morality, logic, or greater good of the action you want to see taken.

➔ **Stick to one issue per letter (or phone call)**—Staying focused keeps your request clear.

➔ **Keep it short, simple and polite**—Our representatives get piles of mail each day, so make your letter brief and to the point. Keep the tone respectful no matter how frustrated you feel with any particular vote.

➔ **Include relevant personal information**—If you can describe the financial challenges you see real people facing, those personal links boost your letter’s power.

➔ **Send thank you letters**—Many constituents write when they are unhappy, but few write when they are pleased. Recognizing a vote or speech lets your representative or senator know that constituents support such actions.

➔ **Personalize sample letters**—When you use a sample letter provided by an organization, use it to guide your own letter as you personalize it, instead of copying it word-for-word.

Finally: letter writing done with others can change a lonely task into an empowering one. We are offering our “Crepes of Wrath” story—written by Sharman Chapman Crane in 2010—in this downloadable reprint: <http://bit.ly/Letter-Writing>. Consider hosting a party like one Sharman describes, where over 100 letters were generated to newspapers and legislators.

Let’s ensure our voices are heard!

See pages 4 & 5 for more tools to make your voice heard this General Assembly season in Frankfort. ☺

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Celebrating Mary Alice Pratt's Life and Work for Peace and Social Justice

With Mary Alice Pratt's death, our community has lost a loving and faithful champion of peace and justice. She recently labored to end predatory payday loans, the death penalty, and mountain top removal, and to ensure health care for all and funding for Lexington's affordable housing initiative. In fact, this issue of *Peaceways* contains an article she just finished for us on payday lending (see page 5).

The community gathering on Jan. 24, hosted by CKCPJ was an opportunity to publicly honor and celebrate Mary Alice Pratt's life and work for peace and social justice. Participants were invited to bring memories of Mary Alice to share. Long-time Council members have relied on the grace and tenacity of Mary Alice—a former board member—for decades to undergird our efforts.

While Mary Alice's deep and abiding faith was the foundation for all of her efforts, she nonetheless worked with people regardless of their religious backgrounds, and was the founder of the Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace. On Nov. 3, vigil participants observed the 10th anniversary of their steadfast witness for peace, as for 520 consecutive Thursdays there have been one or more persons on the corner of Broadway and Main St. in Lexington. Frequently, Mary Alice was that one person.

We are grateful to poet George Ella Lyon for permission to print this memorial poem, composed the day Mary Alice died.

The Council continues to collect remembrances of Mary Alice: you can contact us at peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com. with your own. ☮



In Memoriam: Mary Alice Pratt Cofounder of the Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace

She who helped
call us here
has left
this corner
crossed the street
the Jordan.

She who labored
for peace
has come into
her inheritance.

Tirelessly
she stood
for justice
on corners
sat
in meetings
wrote letters

lobbied
in Frankfort.

Not on her watch
would the Gospel
be forgotten.

Her initials
spelled MAP
and she set out
to follow
the map that led
from the stable
through the temple
to the mountain
and the cross.

Now she has
crossed

over, she is
free and we
are left
standing
where she
called us—
at this rush
hour peace
vigil corner
grieving
grateful
holding fast
to each other
holding up
this dream.

—George Ella Lyon.



MLK Day in Lexington 2012



Carrying the CKCPJ banner this year with returning friends were a number of new faces, participants in the Youth Initiative headed up by board members Kerby Neill and Bruce Mundy. Photo: Elena Schulgina.

Lexington's observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day began as it has for 18 years, with the Unity Breakfast, followed by the city-sponsored Freedom March through downtown. The Council was represented at the breakfast, and in the march.

At Heritage Hall the commemorative program included the MLK vocal ensemble and, as featured guest, author and commentator Dr. Marc Lamont Hill.

For the fourth year, One World Films sponsored a free screening at the Kentucky Theatre in the afternoon. This year's film was "Freedom Riders," a powerful 2-hour documentary commissioned by PBS as part of its "American Experience" series (see www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/freedomriders). Producer

Laurens Grant spoke before the film and conducted a Q&A afterward at the downtown Arts Center. Her enthusiasm for her work sparked vigorous discussion, and reminded the audience how essential are activities that recapture civil rights history.

NOTE:

The Lexington public library owns 6 copies of this film, each available as a free 7-day loan. The PBS site mentioned earlier contains numerous resources designed to facilitate group discussions including summaries of historic legal challenges to segregation, and descriptions of the need for civil rights activists to shine light on abuses. You can also watch the entire film online and access and download the transcript.



Laurens Grant spent time talking to the next generation of documentarians. Here she is pictured at the Kentucky Theatre with Lucian III and Shannon Booker. Photo: Lucian Booker Jr.

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On Nov. 29, Mohammed Saeed, pictured at left with students from the University of Kentucky, presented "A Brief History of Iraq, U.S. Involvement, and Current Issues" at a CKCPJ-sponsored event on the UK campus. Saeed is an Iraqi doctor and currently a student at UK. CKCPJ board member Tanya Torp reported: "I learned more about the wars and 'conflicts' in Iraq from a native [at this event], than I learned in years of mainstream media. I am amazed at myself that I did not seek more knowledge on the situation. Eye-opening. Thanks to CKCPJ: Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice for sponsoring this event. I'm proud to sit on the Board."

Photo by Arne Bathke.



Occupy Lexington celebrated 100 days of continual occupation Jan. 7 (video clip at <http://bit.ly/OccupyLex100>). To keep up with the group, you can attend a General Assembly meeting every night at 6:30pm. Their Facebook page (OccupyLexKY) has the most up-to-date news, photos, and links. Their website (www.occupylexingtonky.org) contains archives of teaching aids and history. Most recent actions: Jan. 20 Occupy the Courts action and Jan. 22 rally against redistricting. Photo courtesy of Occupy Lexington KY: note board members MaryAnn Ghosal and Howard Myers, far right.



Kentucky General Assembly

Resources to Keep Informed and Be Heard!



This year is a “long” session for the Kentucky General Assembly, beginning on Jan 3 with adjournment scheduled for April 9. For Kentucky citizens, NOW is the time to make our voices heard.

One of the best ways to keep updated on legislation during the session is to become familiar with the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission’s website at www.lrc.ky.gov. This site is updated daily during the legislative session. There you can follow the progress of legislative issues through bill summaries, amendments, and resolutions. Updates track each bill’s status in the legislative process, as well as the next day’s committee-meeting schedule and agendas. The website provides information on each of Kentucky’s state senators and representatives, including their phone numbers, addresses, and legislative committee assignments. You can access an email form from the digital pages for each representative or senator, too.

Of course, we can all see legislative action in person in the State Capitol’s legislative chambers and committee meeting rooms, which are open to the public. (See page 5 for upcoming lobby days of interest, and don’t forget your photo I.D. to enter the Capitol or Annex buildings.)

Want to give lawmakers immediate feedback on issues under consideration? You can track the status of bills and check on the legislative calendar by phone. See below for numbers to call.

And don’t forget: You can write to any legislator by sending a letter with a lawmaker’s name on it to: Legislative Offices, 701 Capitol Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601.

text adapted from http://www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/capitol_notes.htm



Kentucky General Assembly toll-free numbers

Legislative Message Line.....800.372.7181
Bill Status Line.....866.840.2835
Calendar (Meetings) Line.....800.633.9650
Message Line en Espanol.....866.840.6574
TTY Message Line.....800.896.0305

Legislative Research Commission website www.lrc.ky.gov.

On the homepage of the LRC website, click the “Capitol Notes” link for a blog digest—daily notes in narrative form to keep abreast of recent legislative developments.

Not sure who your representatives are? Go to www.lrc.ky.gov/legislators.htm.

And note: you can reach a legislator’s office via 502.564.8100, but this is not a toll-free number.

Resources: Advocacy and Information

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

(KFTC) is one of the most active citizens’ advocacy organizations in the state. Go to their home page at <http://www.kftc.org> and click on the General Assembly button at left for details of the pending legislation they’re tracking regarding the environment and clean energy, economic justice, and voting rights.

Kentucky Resources Council issues updates that you can access from its home page under the title “Bills We’re Watching” <http://bit.ly/KyResources>. The site is full of research and resources on environmental topics.

Kentucky Youth Advocates “is the only multi-issue, statewide child advocacy organization in Kentucky.” At <http://www.kyyouth.org>, you can sign up to receive updates, access their research, and learn about their legislative priorities. See info for the Child Advocacy Day, at right, to participate in their lobbying this session.



We Need Laws for Responsible Lending

by Mary Alice Pratt

At the 2011 release of new study data, Uriah King, a senior vice-president with Center for Responsible Lending, said the new information indicated patterns even more disturbing than previously realized: “Not only is the actual length of payday borrowing longer, the amount and frequency grows as well. The first payday loan becomes the gateway to long-term debt and robs working families of funds available to cover everyday living expenses.”

(see <http://bit.ly/LongTermDebt>)

Payday lenders provide short term loans, typically about \$200-\$500 to be repaid usually in two weeks. They incur fees of about \$15 per \$100 borrowed. Persons seeking these loans are in economic distress and are often unable to repay within the time requirement. Their recourse is to take another loan, at a new fee of \$15 per \$100. Studies show that many of these people take as many as ten loans in a year, incurring fees that approach 400% in addition to the loans themselves, a pattern many call “debt traps.”

For three years, Rep. Darryl Owens of Louisville has introduced a bill in the Kentucky state legislature, that would cap fees for payday loans at 36% in Kentucky (recent federal law limits fees to 36% APR for loans to active military personnel). Necessary first steps in passing this legislation include a hearing in the House Banking & Insurance Committee and passage by that com-

mittee to the full House. Last February the bill was heard in the House B&I Committee but failed to the full House. Supporters of the 36% cap, however, are not discouraged. The hope is to get a comparable bill again into and passed by this committee, advanced to the full House and passed. Rep. Darryl Owens is the logical person to submit such a bill. But it will require some citizen action.

First, contact your state representative and ask her or him to pledge support to Rep. Owens in submitting a bill to cap payday lending at 36% APR. (Don't know who your rep. is? See box at bottom of page 4 for a web link.) Find out if your representative is a member of the House B&I Committee (you can check at <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/> under “Committees” or <http://bit.ly/xBX5EJ>). It is especially important that we urge those Committee members to support such a bill so it can pass out of Committee to the full House.

Rep. Greer, Committee Chair, supported it last year and should be encouraged by all of us to do so again. It is also important for constituents of those B&I members who opposed or did not vote on the bill last year to contact them. (I am thinking particularly Robert Damron and Ryan Quarles in central Kentucky.)

The Kentucky Coalition for Responsible Lending has a wealth of study data, survey results, and personal stories (see http://bit.ly/Data_Support) for you to use when you contact your legislators. Or contact the group's co-chairs: Lisa Gabberd lgabbard@kdva.org or Anne Marie Regan amregan@kyequaljustice.org.



Lobbying Days and Activities For Justice and Kentucky's Sustainable Future

Tues, Feb. 14—I Love Mountains Day brings hundreds of citizens out to Frankfort to tell legislators loud and clear that Kentuckians want clean energy to power their future. The schedule begins at 9 am; for details and to register go to <http://bit.ly/LoveMountains2012>. When you register, you can indicate your willingness to provide transportation or your need for a ride. This year participants are asked to bring pinwheels to represent those suffering from cancer caused by strip mining in their community and to represent the hope of clean energy. You can find directions for making pinwheels at the site, too.

Footprints for Peace will again be conducting their walk from Prestonsburg to Frankfort from Feb. 1st, culminating in their arrival for I Love Mountains Day. You can get updates, download fliers, register, and make donations to this year's walk at: <http://www.footprintsforpeace.org> or <http://walkforasustainablefuture.footprintsforpeace.net> Contact organizer Larry Crane directly at: 859-229-9472 or by email: jim@footprintsforpeace.org

Thurs, Feb. 16—Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort. Rally begins at 10am and activities run through 4pm. Registration begins at 9:30am or register at: <http://bit.ly/KYchildren>. More info: Kentucky Youth Advocates: <http://www.kyyouth.org/>. Contact Whitney Neal at wneal@kyyouth.org or 502.895.8167 x 121.

Look for a Refugee Rights Advocacy Day in March: Progressive Immigration Compact for Kentucky (PICK) is designed to build a common framework around which people can engage in civil dialogue about immigration issues. The Compact is based on Kentucky values and provides guiding principles for our leaders to consider as they address the complex issues of a broken immigration system. The Compact does not intend to reflect a particular policy platform or to define or limit the mission and work of those who sign onto the Compact. For more info contact: stephencpavey@gmail.com or jbialosky@kyequaljustice.org.





Events at a Glance



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"Better Together: The Interfaith Youth Core at Berea College" Hosted by the Christian-Muslim Dialogue—Sat. Jan 28: 10 am to noon

Join the Christian-Muslim Dialogue as students from the Berea College Interfaith Youth Core discuss their two-year experiment in fostering tolerance in religion. Panel moderator is Katherine Basham, Coordinator of International Programs at Berea College. The students' experiment was based on a nationwide challenge for interfaith activism on college campuses issued by Eboo Patel, author of *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, in the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*, and the founder and president of InterFaith Youth Core (IFYC)—see more at www.ifyc.org. This program is free and the public is warmly invited to both the panel discussion and the customary potluck luncheon and informal discussion that follows the formal presentation. You are invited to bring a dish of your choosing to share with the others. (Please, no pork.) Students are especially welcome. Invite others: download a flyer to share at <http://tinyurl.com/28JanIFYC>. More info: email obrashid@gmail.com



Undressing Normal: an (Un)conference on Sexuality for Those of Us DisLabeled—Fri. Feb 10 in Lexington

From <http://undressingnormal.wordpress.com>: "This unconference explores the range of human sexualities and abilities. We welcome all people and acknowledge that whatever your orientation and/or disability labels, you are well within the range of human normality. Our focus will be on minority sexualities and gender identities within the context of services to persons who are considered by some to have disabilities. The creators of the unconference have a particular interest in the rights of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, as well as those who work to support them. We seek to create a welcoming community for all lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual, asexual, queer, questioning, straight, and other people to discuss issues of concern." Location: Clarion Hotel at 1950 Newtown Pike in Lexington. Cost: \$10. Register for the conference, request a scholarship, and more please go to <http://undressingnormal.wordpress.com>.



The Edible Garden 2012 Meetings Beginning Now! Jan. 30 & Feb. 27

You might not think it's gardening season yet, but the folks at the Edible Garden know better! The network of farmers that make up the Edible Garden meet monthly to share potluck dinner, discuss growing vegetables in Kentucky, and get brief updates on the activities of Faith Feeds. Meetings are held at Beaumont Presbyterian Church, 1070 Lane Allen Rd in Lexington the last Monday of each month. Potluck meal: 6:30pm. Presentation and Discussion: 7 – 8pm. All meetings are free of charge, compliments of Faith Feeds. Next meetings are Jan 30 (Seed Swap) and Feb 27 (Seed Starting, hands-on). Full schedule: <http://faithfeedslex.org/edible-garden-series>. Any new or seasoned gardener is welcome to attend the Edible Garden meetings; participation in Faith Feeds is not a requirement.

Faith Feeds is a cooperative association of individuals and faith communities who alleviate hunger in the Bluegrass. Their website is a trove of resources including research on the food gap in Kentucky. See <http://faithfeedslex.org> for more.



University Students—Consider Mountain Justice Spring Break this March 2012:

Through education, community service, speakers, hiking, music, poetry, direct action and more, hundreds of participants will learn from and stand with Appalachian communities in the struggle to maintain our land and culture. See details for Mountain Justice Spring Break 2012 at <http://mountainjustice.org>.



Call from United for Peace and Justice (UFPJ)—Dr. MLKing's "Beyond Vietnam"

Among other long-term plans for UFPJ, the group is asking activists to organize a public reading of Dr. King's "Beyond Vietnam" speech in our community for April 4th to commemorate his assassination. We'll keep you informed of local plans in these pages of course, but if you already know you are interested, we urge you to contact us at peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com.





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Date/Time	Event Description	Contact
	<p>Wed. Feb 8 at 7pm: "Geochronology: Geologic Time and the Age of the Earth" talk presented by Daniel J. Phelps at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington, 3564 Clay's Mill Rd. Sponsored by the Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (a chapter of the American Humanist Association), the Kentucky Association of Science Educators and Skeptics, and the Kentucky Paleontological Society. Daniel J. Phelps is the President of the KPS. This presentation commemorates the birth of Charles Darwin (12 Feb 1809). Refreshments and childcare provided. Info: Dick Renfro 859.255.7029 frickdan@windstream.net.</p>	
	<p>Thurs. Feb 16 at 7 pm: Darwin: Demon or Revolutionary? Featuring Eugenie C. Scott, Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky, Lexington Singletary Center. Dr. Eugenie Scott is the executive director of the National Center for Science Education (NCSE). From NCSE literature: "Mischaracterizations of Darwin's science serve to promote an overall anti-evolutionary agenda that survey research has shown has been embraced by a surprisingly large percentage of Americans." Event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Kentucky Section of the American Institute for Professional Geologists and the Kentucky Paleontological Society. On the web: http://bit.ly/Darwin16Feb. Email: info@ncse.com, or more info contact Dick Renfro (details above).</p>	
<i>Recurring events are listed below</i>		
<p>1st Wednesday 7:00 pm</p>	<p>CKCPJ Board Meeting, Locations are rotating this winter: 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), 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. see note above for Wed. Feb 8 meeting</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>

NOTE: Food Not Bombs organizer Melody Millage reports she is taking a break from that work during the winter months and we should look for the effort to begin again in the spring. You can contact her via email at: melodyxvx@yahoo.com.



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"The deep rumbling of discontent that we hear today is the thunder of disinherited masses, rising from dungeons of oppression to the bright hills of freedom, in one majestic chorus the rising masses singing, in the words of our freedom song, 'Ain't gonna let nobody turn us around'."
—MLK, Jr., 1964 Nobel Lecture

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Bits and Peaces: News and Events to Note

SAVE THE DATE!! Sun. Feb. 26, 5-8pm—CKCPJ's Annual Dinner

Location: Transylvania University, Lexington. Meet Eduardo Nino-Moreno, first director of campus diversity and inclusion at Transy. We'll be presenting Lifetime Peacemaker and Peacemaker of the Year Awards.
Registration details coming soon

Fri. Feb 3 from 5:30pm-8:30pm: "Cooks for a Cause"—CKCPJ Board Members Melynda Price and Tanya Torp join more than 2 dozen "Cook Competitors" at Debra Hensley's next Social Stimulus, held at God's Pantry Warehouse (1685 Jaggie Fox Way, Lexington). Event is kid-friendly, free and open to the public, and alleviates hunger in our region: info at http://www.debrassococialstimulus.com/project_ironchef.shtml.

Congrats to board member Arne Bathke, recognized as one of six Great Teachers at the University of Kentucky. Honors included taking center court at Rupp Arena Jan. 17 during the Arkansas vs. Kentucky men's basketball game. To see a video of the teachers reflecting on the honor and their teaching goals, go to: <http://bit.ly/UKteachers>.



March 22-24—5th Annual Bluegrass Local Food Summit: Promotional material from Sustainable Communities Network states: "The Bluegrass Local Food Summit serves as a place to celebrate food, learn from each other, and develop common understandings about the links between food, health, the environment, and local economies."

Events and activities include workshops on Food Policy, Climate Change and Food, Sustainable Farming Methods, Faith and Food, the journey from Farm to School or Institution, and Food Equity.

Saturday will feature hands-on workshops such as: School Gardens, Bee-Keeping, Raising Chickens, Goats in the City, Composting, Organic Gardening, Youth-Run sessions, Healthy Cooking, Native Plants.

Info: www.sustainlex.org, Contact: Jim Embry by email: embryjim@gmail.com; or 859.270.3699.



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