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## Reporting From CKCPJ's 2012 Annual Dinner: Celebrating Peacemakers, Journeying Toward Diversity

Activists from around the region joined CKCPJ Sunday, February 26, at Transylvania University in Lexington for an evening of celebration. Highlights include: the opening welcome from Transylvania University President Owen Williams, poetry from poet George Ella Lyon, three peacemaking awards, a report from the Council's Lexington Youth Initiative Committee, and a keynote address by Transy's Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Eduardo Nino-Moreno.



Pictured above, Transylvania University President David Owen Williams welcomes the capacity crowd by declaring the central importance of peacemaking to the pursuit of higher education and the health of our communities.

Below and to the right: participants at CKCPJ's Networking and Resource Fair tabling activities prior to the dinner. Dozens of organizations shared educational and contact information, renewed old friendships and made new ones.

### CKCPJ's Lexington Youth Initiative (LYI) Committee

Dinner attendees also heard from CKCPJ's Lexington Youth Initiative (LYI). Desha Garner (pictured at right) reports on the group's survey project. More than 30 youth designed a series of questions to determine what they and their peers need most in Fayette County. More than 1,200 high school and middle school youth completed surveys. Their responses were analyzed and the results summarized in a 12-page report that LYI members presented to the Mayor's Commission on Youth Development and Public Safety—a group appointed this past summer in response to incidents of serious violence by youth and young adults in the North and East ends of the city. CKCPJ board members Bruce Mundy and Kerby Neill facilitated the effort and are in the process of distributing the report widely to governmental agencies, service organizations, educators, and the public.



You can see the report yourself and download a copy at: [http://bit.ly/CKCPJ\\_Youth](http://bit.ly/CKCPJ_Youth). Should you be interested in helping the Council publicize the report, **contact** Kerby Neill ([tkneill@earthlink.net](mailto:tkneill@earthlink.net)) or Bruce Mundy ([mundy46@yahoo.com](mailto:mundy46@yahoo.com)).

**For more news from our Annual Dinner, see page 3**



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## Regional Left Convergence—A Great Success

On Sat. March 25, students from the University of Kentucky and Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) chapters of the Socialist Student



Unions (SSU) held their first Regional Left Convergence. More than forty participants came from the surrounding area, including Louisville and Centre College, and from as far away as West Virginia; four activists attended representing RAMPS (Radical Action for Mountain People's Survival—a ramp is also a wild leek that grows in the WV region. See: <http://rampscampaing.org>).

Participants agreed: the Convergence was an energizing and productive event. Some of the day's activities included a session chaired by Enku Ide (pictured above) on academia, capitalism, and tuition struggles. Craig Crowder chaired a social/media panel that included Michael Benton, humanities and film studies professor at BCTC and a regular contributor to North of Center; Andrés Cruz, editor and publisher of La Voz de Kentucky; Danny Mayer, publisher of North of Center and an instructor at BCTC; and Teri McGrath, writer,



teacher, and activist in Lawton, Oklahoma, and regular contributor to the Okie Magazine. (Pictured above and right are Michael Benton, left, and Andres Cruz). Pictured at left, Ramona Wildman, videographer, records the day's proceedings. The day included a film presentation and discussion on historic civil rights struggles, chaired by Janet Tucker (at right in this photo).



Not pictured in this brief report: an Occupy panel, chaired by CKCPJ board member Joan Braune. The students are already planning for next year. For more, you can see their blog at <http://bit.ly/vZOriW>.

Photos courtesy the SSU blog site.



## Celebrating Ray Wilkie's Life and Work for Peace and Justice: Sun, April 1 at 2 pm

Ray Wilkie's dedication to peaceful tomorrows for all people buoyed Council members for years; he served both as a dedicated member and supporter and as a past board co-chair. Council members are invited to attend Lexington Friends Meeting (Quakers) memorial service for Ray on Sunday, April 1 beginning 2 pm at the Friends Meetinghouse (649 Price Avenue, Lexington). All present will be invited to share their memories of Ray, as they feel led, and all are warmly welcome.

Questions: contact Richard Mitchell at 859.327.6277 or email: [richard.mitchell@insightbb.com](mailto:richard.mitchell@insightbb.com).

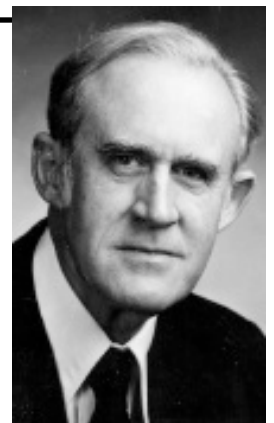


Photo: courtesy of the Wilkie family





## 2012 Annual Dinner Report, continued: Activism, Awards, Awareness

*The energy and example of the activists we recognized with our awards lent a tremendous spark to our event on February 26.*

*The recipient of this year's Chuck Sohner Workers' Advocate Award was Occupy Lexington. The award memorializes Chuck Sohner, past CKCPJ board member, who was (in the words of Jeffery Freyman who reviewed his memoir Final Exams for our Sept. 2009 issue of Peaceways), "a guiding figure in progressive politics of Lexington from the time he arrived here from California in 1988 until his death in 2003." Board member Mary Ann Ghosal (pictured at top right), a frequent attendee of Occupy Lexington's General Assemblies or GAs, presented the award and called for the group to briefly occupy the stage. You can see members of Occupy in the photo at right—with their award—a new megaphone.*

*Excerpts from Ghosal's remarks follow:*

I think Chuck would find much common ground with the winner of this year's Sohner Award. This group, Occupy Lexington, along with parallel groups in other US cities, raised awareness of the economic reality of most Americans. Their slogans, "We are the 99%" and "The banks got bailed out; we got sold out" spoke for millions. Because of the work of the Occupy Movement, political conversation in the U.S. has changed since last September from an almost total emphasis on debt reduction to one where economic fairness is also discussed. Many people are now asking how ever-widening income inequality affects our ability to be a nation where there is opportunity for all. This, alone, is an outstanding and almost unbelievable accomplishment, but there is more . . . Here in Lexington, Occupy has organized itself into groups that work on a variety of issues.

Probably the most visible has been the physical occupation at the corner of Main and Esplanade, with signs, honking cars, ringing bells from buses, marches, tarps, tents and people occupying the space 24/7. The 24/7 occupation has ended, but General Assemblies (GAs) continue at the site on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at 6:30 pm. Over the last 5 months this has been where I have been most inspired and encouraged by Occupy Lexington. Participants in these GAs have forged a strong community via direct participatory democracy.

Forming a community of mutual trust and respect is extremely challenging. GA has risen to that challenge over and over again by listening to each other and making careful decision . . . and then sometimes remaking them at the next GA! They have persisted and are continuing to persist in being in community with all who work for justice. That's why I find GA inspiring!



2012 Annual Dinner Photos: Richard Greissman, DoubleTake Photography  
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There are other active and inspiring groups that are offsprings of Occupy Lexington as well:

- The Action Committee plans marches, short-term occupations, and other events.
- Invest in Kentucky is circulating a petition urging the Kentucky State Treasurer to invest state funds in a Kentucky Bank rather than J P Morgan Chase, an institution that contributed to the financial collapse of 2008.
- The People's Budget is looking at the Lexington budget line-by-line and making alternative proposals the group believes are better solutions for the common good.
- The Corporate Personhood Study Group is reading several works that trace the history of US corporations and analyze the ramifications of court decisions about corporations. This group is working closely with the Move To Amend group that is trying to amend the US constitution to override the Supreme Court Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission decision that has allowed secret corporate money to flood our elections.
- The Libertarian Municipalism Study Group is reading Susan Biehl's and Murray Bookchin's *The Politics of Social Ecology: Libertarian Municipalism*, which describes how to develop democratic governance arising from the bottom up. As a practical application, this group is also developing Occupy Gardens in several locations in Lexington to encourage discussions outside the study group.

As you can see, Occupy Lexington has been quite busy in its five months of existence. On behalf of the Central Kentucky Council for Peace & Justice, I am proud to present Occupy Lexington with the 2012 Chuck Sohner Award. ☺



The evening program was anchored by our board co-chairs brother Bruce Mundy and Dr. Randolph Hollingsworth. Poet George Ella Lyon (far left) provided a poetry invocation and led us in a moment of silence as we remembered Mary Alice Pratt and Ray Wilkie. Peacemaker of the Year Recipient Beth Rosdatter (pictured here second from left) urged all of us to stand against the injustice we see. Lifetime of Waging Peace Recipient Yvonne Giles (third from left) reflected on her founding of and experience at the Isaac Scott Hathaway Museum. Keynote speaker Eduardo Nino-Moreno, far right, shared experiences of his personal "Diversity Journey" from his tenure at the United Nations to his appointment as Transy's Director of Diversity and Inclusion.

# Local Food Justice Activists Ask: What's On Our Plate?

## 5th Annual Bluegrass Local Food Summit

March 22-24 at Crestwood Christian Church 1882 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington

by Obiora Embry

At the 2012 Bluegrass Local Food Summit, farmers, elected officials, business leaders, educators, chefs, the faith community, community activists, youth, and other Kentuckians will convene to create a local and regional food system. This food system will help to revitalize our individual and collective health, our natural surroundings, and ultimately our local economy, while creating an alternative to the industrial food system that leaves us asking, "what's on our plate?"

Most of the "food" in our stores has been chemically processed and refined while adding artificial additives to produce it in different shapes, sizes, tastes, colors, and forms. And since our government allows genetically modified organisms (GMOs) to be consumed by humans and farm animals, our "food" may contain foreign genes, which have been spliced together in laboratories.

In the 1950s, petrochemical companies started mass producing synthetic chemicals from petroleum cheaply, and developed a partnership with the food industry that still exists today. This partnership made it possible for "food" to be mass produced and preserved for long periods of time, while using a minimal amount of natural ingredients. This "food" is sold and mar-

keted as food but does not taste, smell, or have the nutritional value that food grown naturally does. If you were born prior to the industrialization of our food supply, then you grew up eating real, whole, and natural food—grown and raised by your family, neighbors, and/or community residents. However, if you were born after 1950 and did not grow up eating local food, then you may not know, what's on your plate. Industrial "food" has taken a toll on the natural environment, the land, air, and water; our individual and collective health; and our local economy.



In putting an end to the toll on Nature, our health, and economy, we should heed the advice that Dr. George W. Carver gave while working at Tuskegee Institute. In a 1916 article, Dr. Carver wrote, "few, if any realize the wealth within our country and the ease with which we can, not only live, but accumulate much above a living." In doing so, we Kentuckians need to resurrect our agricultural heritage and begin to value land and our connection to it by growing more food locally.

For more info or to register, you can call Jim Embry at 859.270.3699 or go to <http://www.sustainex.org>. See the Key News Journal at: <http://bit.ly/LfsKnj> for a conversation with conference convener Jim Embry.

See Obiora Embry's website: <http://econsultingllc.org>



### 4th Annual Heirloom Seed Sale Sat, March 17 from 8am to 3pm

Held at Woodland Christian Church (530 E. High St. Lexington), the Heirloom Seed Sale benefits In-Feed, a program of Faith Feeds. Their goal is to provide nutritious, organically grown vegetables for Lexington's families most at risk for hunger. They also grow food on blighted or otherwise neglected urban space, like vacant lots. At the sale you'll find more than 90 varieties of heirloom and organic seeds not found in a typical seed catalog. . Bob McKinley and other experienced gardeners will be available to answer questions about the seeds, including how and where to grow each variety, how much sun they require and how to transform the resulting crops into a tasty and healthy meal. Carolyn Gilles from The Wholesome Chef will be onsite to discuss recipes and cooking methods. The seed catalog can be found at [www.faithfeedslex.org](http://www.faithfeedslex.org)

### Edible Garden series monthly Monday meeting continue:

**Mon, March 26.** Potluck meal 6:30pm; 7 pm for presentation Guest is Erik Walles of Berries on Bryan Station Farm & CSA. Location: Beaumont Presbyterian Church, 1070 Lane Allen Rd in Lexington. All meetings are free of charge, compliments of Faith Feeds, and new or seasoned gardeners are welcome!. More info: <http://faithfeedslex.org/edible-garden-series>.



### SAVE THE DATE! Sat, May 19, 10am-2pm: Dunbar Memorial Garden's 3rd Annual Native Plant Sale

Looking for native annual plants hard to find elsewhere? Come support this all-native-plant garden located on the campus of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School (1600 Man 'O War Blvd, Lexington). The garden began in 2007 as a way to honor Dunbar students whose lives were lost. For more about the sale, check out the group's Facebook Group and Plant Sale Event at "Dunbar Memorial Garden," (<http://on.fb.me/DGarden>) or contact Rebecca Woloch at [rebeccawoloch@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccawoloch@gmail.com).





# A Better Way For Kentucky's Future: Legislation Designed to Help Our Youth

"There has to be a better alternative than locking a child behind a door to get their attention..."

—Hasan Davis, Acting Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice

by Gregory Osterhout, Staff-Intern at the Children's Law Center, Inc. ([www.childrenslawky.org](http://www.childrenslawky.org))

Few of us outside the juvenile judicial system know that Kentucky ranks second in the nation in incarceration of children on status offenses. What is a status offense? Status offenders are youth who are truant, runaway, or "beyond control" of the parent or school. Even though they are not criminal and would not be charged for the offense if they were an adult, judges can incarcerate them in Kentucky if the youth or child fails to follow the orders of the court put in place by a Valid Court Order (VCO). Some examples of court-ordered requirements that VCOs might cover are not missing school or not getting into further trouble. Unfortunately, neither the court nor the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) currently provides services for these youth, even though Kentucky's Juvenile Code recognizes CHFS as responsible for these children. Incarceration does nothing to solve the underlying situation that may cause youths' truancy or their behavior that is deemed "beyond control."

Youth from Fayette County and the surrounding Bluegrass charged with status offenses are held in cells with children who have been charged with offenses that range from assault to murder. In fact, most children charged only with minor public offenses are not locked up, while children charged with status offenses are. While incarcerated, these children are not permitted to talk to other inmates or visit with family until they have gone through a stringent orientation. They must wear jail outfits, and are routinely subject to strip searches upon entry to the facility.

This incarceration damages the youths' overall emotional and behavioral health and pushes children more deeply into the criminal justice system. Evidence-based studies establish that incarcerating status offenders simply results in the child learning how to act as a criminal. Studies indicate that incarcerating youth can lead to an increase in suicide attempts, stress-related illnesses such as PTSD, and an increase in depression. Rather than preventing further offenses, the use of incarceration as an intervention is shown to increase rates of recidivism.

To return to that opening statistic, how does Kentucky compare to the rest of the nation? Currently, 25 states do not permit judges to order the incarceration of youth who face such charges. Twenty-two other states permit incarceration only for very limited time frames and only after putting in place extensive interventions and supports. Since 1974, experts in juvenile justice have recognized that pushing children into the criminal justice system for non-criminal offenses should be discouraged. In 2009, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges voted to oppose the use of incarceration for this population of children.

Even within the state, many Kentucky jurisdictions treat their status offenders more effectively than does Fayette

County. Ironically, Jefferson County family court judges—whose jurisdiction includes the state's largest school district—not only refuse to incarcerate children on status offenses, but instead provide intervention, treatment and supports for them. In addition, 15 other jurisdictions in the state do not use incarceration as a way to "treat" or "punish" children charged with being status offenders.

And then there is the matter of cost. In 2010, the state of Kentucky spent over \$1.8 million alone on the incarceration of youth with status offenses. This amounts to \$210 per youth per day, \$94 of which is paid for by the county. In Fayette County during 2010, 124 children were incarcerated for 846 days. These costs add up: over a four-year-period, the county has increased expenditures on this incarceration from \$40,000 to well over \$120,000 per year. If our courts are going to spend this much money trying to intervene, instead of spending it on incarceration they should access agencies or educational services that are not only effective but also less expensive.

The good news is that we have these agencies and services ready and willing to help support and enrich the education of youth in effective ways. In fact, Federal funds are available to serve these youth without ever resorting to charging these children in court, much less incarcerating them. Specific agencies in Fayette County could use the money to better reach out to troubled children. A commitment to serve these youth and their families would change the landscape and the future for these youth and our community.

To make these changes, it's essential that informed citizens communicate with our legislators in Frankfort. Both Representatives Kelly Flood (HB 61) and Brent Yonts (HB 476) have bills filed during the current legislative session. Both bills require courts to review what interventions have been tried and to ensure that supports and interventions are in place, instead of simply ordering a child to jail when they continue to fail. These bills also limit the amount of time that a child can be placed under a VCO which could make them subject to incarceration. Lastly, the bills encourage the use of other interventions and placements for a child rather than jail. It is important for agencies and citizens alike to write or call their legislators (the toll-free line is 1.800.372.7181) to express support for this legislation and urge that these bills be heard in the House and Senate Judiciary Committees and passed into law during this legislative session.

Incarceration of youth charged with status offenses is a travesty within Kentucky's education and juvenile justice system. The federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has opposed incarceration of youth on these offense since 1974, yet the rates of incarceration in our own state and county still rise. If Jefferson County and 15 other counties can refuse to lock children up for status offenses, then so can Fayette County.





# Events at a Glance



*The Council seeks to promote dialogue as a path to peace and justice. Consequently, we announce events that we do not necessarily endorse.*

**Sun, March 18 1:15 pm "Central Kentucky Move to Amend Meeting"** (Central Branch Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main St, Lexington). All interested folks are invited. RSVP and get further details by emailing [ckymta@gmail.com](mailto:ckymta@gmail.com). See [www.ckymta.org](http://www.ckymta.org).

**Mon. March 19, 8 am-3:30 pm "Bullying Prevention Symposium"** (Perkins Conference Center at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond). Download a flyer at <http://www.kycss.org>. or go to <http://www.ksba.org> to register. Cost: \$100. Questions? email [leeann.morrison@ksba.org](mailto:leeann.morrison@ksba.org) or [chrystal.osborne@ksba.org](mailto:chrystal.osborne@ksba.org) at the Kentucky School Boards Association.

**Thurs, March 22 6:30-8:30pm "An Evening with Mary Alice Pratt"** (Newman Center, 320 Rose Lane, Kentucky). Evening begins with a Simple Supper (if you can, please bring a salad or vegetable dish: beans and rice will be provided) followed by a screening of videotape taken when Mary Alice presented her original performance as Dorothy Day. Discussion will follow as we honor and remember our good friend Mary Alice Pratt. Info: [caclexky@insightbb.com](mailto:caclexky@insightbb.com) or call 859.514.7210.

**Thur, March 22-Sat March 24 "Learning the Ropes: Black Girlhood, Identity and the Power of Play" — The 18th Annual Black Women's Conference** at the University of Kentucky. Events take place from March 22nd until the 24th, at various locations on the UK campus and the Lyric Theatre and open to the public. All but the Bethune Luncheon are free. Sponsored by UK's African American and Africana Studies program. For schedule, registration info, and more details: <http://bit.ly/LtRopes>.

**Fri, March 23 and Sat. March 24 "United Minds, Transforming Lives."** State-wide Kentucky Conference on Human Trafficking at Georgetown College. Info and to register: <http://bit.ly/UnMTH> or email Dr. Regan Lookadoo, Associate Professor Psychology & Conference Chair or call 502. 863.8165. Activities include a Fair Trade component. Interested in helping CKCPJ's Fair Trade committee at the event? Contact [teresa@luciasimports.com](mailto:teresa@luciasimports.com).

**Fri, March 30, 7 pm "Cultural Diversity Festival, Lyric Theater & Cultural Arts Center"** (300 E. 3rd Street, Lexington). In its second year, UK Diversity Festival at the Lyric brings together both the University of Kentucky and Lexington communities for a variety of culturally diverse performances in the newly renovated Lyric Theatre. Last year, this event featured several dance acts, a

spoken word artist, and stunning vocal performances. This event will take place on Friday, March 30th beginning at 7pm. Transportation to and from UK's campus will begin at 6:15pm from 3 locations on campus. For more info: [www.uky.edu/DiversityFestival](http://www.uky.edu/DiversityFestival). The event is free and open to the public.

**Sat, March 31 12 noon to 6 pm "iMatter March" in Louisville.** Organizers say: "Join iMatter, the global campaign to unite the youngest generation (those 30 and under) on the most urgent issue of our time: the climate crisis. March downtown from Martin Luther King Jr. Park to Waterfront Park and join the rally to help stop climate change." Info: <https://www.facebook.com/iMatterMarch>

**Wed, April 4, 7-10 pm "Exhibition and Community Celebration of '1000 Dolls' Project"** (Kentucky Theater 214 E. Main St., Lexington). The public is invited to this event for a class project of the Transylvania University class "Community Engagement Through the Arts" 2012. Includes a potluck (7-8 pm) followed by live music by local bands and short videos drawing on the class project(8-10 pm). All are welcome. Info: <http://bit.ly/TUDolls>.

**Tues, April 10, 3:30-5:30 pm "Reclaiming Place: Making Home"** (University of Kentucky's Worsham Theater, Student Center). Author bell hooks presents a lecture in the "Place Matters" series. Sponsored by the University of Kentucky's Appalachian Studies Program and Appalachian Center. Free and open to the public. Info: [www.appalachiancenter.org/placematters](http://www.appalachiancenter.org/placematters).

**Sat. April 21, 9am-4pm, "Memory and Mobilization: Bringing Lessons from KY Civil Rights Movement to a 21st Century Audience"** (Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort). A workday to gauge the state of public engagement on the history of civil rights in the state and set goals for intentionally engaging audiences on this topic. The work day will be focused towards public historians, middle school/high school educators and academic historians. Offered through the support of the Kentucky Oral History Commission and the University of Louisville College of Arts and Science. Facilitated by diversity consultant, Mari Mujica with a keynote address from historian Renee Romano, co-editor of *The Civil Rights Movement in American Memory*. Info: [Sarah.Milligan@ky.gov](mailto:Sarah.Milligan@ky.gov) or see <http://history.ky.gov> or call 502.564.1792 ext 4434.







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Date/Time	Event Description	Contact
<p align="center"><b>Bluegrass Community and Technical College, 470 Cooper Drive, Lexington</b> All of these events are free and the public is warmly welcome</p> <p><b>Spring Speaker Series (all events are held in the BCTC Auditorium):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wed, April 4, 11am-12:15 pm “The Broken Death Penalty System”</b> Don Vish, Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (KCADP).</li> <li>• <b>Mon, April 9, 5pm-6:15 pm “The Black Sheep of the Pink Flock: Bisexuality and Biphobia”</b> April Callis, Anthropologist at BCTC.</li> <li>• <b>Wed, April 18, 9:30-10:45 am “Fair Trade in the Americas”</b> Kim Browning, Equal Exchange and Community Activist.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p align="center"><b>SAVE THE DATE! Sat. May 19, 11:30 am - 6 pm: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace &amp; Global Citizenship Fair:</b> An Embrace of Local and Global Communities and Cultures at the BCTC Cooper Campus. Info and to reserve exhibition space: Rebecca Glasscock at rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu</p>		
<p><b>Mon. April 23, 6 pm “Trafficking in People: Reality and Representation”</b> (University of Kentucky’s W.T. Young Library Auditorium). With scholars from Ohio State University:, Dr. Yana Hashamova, Director, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, and Sophia Papadimos, graduate student. Made possible by support from The Center for Slavic and East European Studies, OSU. Sponsored by: Students for Peace &amp; Earth Justice, BCTC; UK Department of Modern and Classical Languages Division of Russian and Eastern Studies; UK Department of Anthropology.</p>		
<i>Recurring events are listed below</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm	<b>CKCPJ Board Meeting</b> , Locations are rotating: please contact us for details. ALL ARE WELCOME!	peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com or 859.488.1448
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	<b>Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace</b> , Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main St ) in downtown Lexington.	Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	<b>Kentucky Migrant Network</b> , Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington	Isabel Gereda Taylor itaylor@lexingtonky.gov 859.258.3824
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm www.pflaglex.org	<b>PFLAG: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered.</b> Support Group Mtg. Beaumont Library, Fieldstone Way, Lexington	Info: president@pflaglex.org or call 859.338.4393
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30 pm	<b>Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky</b> Central Lexington Public Library, 140 E.Main St.	Craig Cammack, Chair 859.951.8565 info@lexfair.org
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7:00—8:30 pm	<b>Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA)</b> , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington.	Dick Renfro 859.255.7029 frickdan@windstream.net)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:00 pm	<b>Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC)</b> , Episcopal Diocese Mission House at 4th St. & MLK Blvd, Lexington	Ondine Quinn 859.276.0563
Every Sunday 2:30-4:00pm	<b>NAMI Lexington</b> Support Groups—Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington.	call 859.272.7891 or go to www.namilex.org



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"For money you can have everything it is said. No, that is not true. You can buy food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; soft beds, but not sleep; knowledge but not intelligence; glitter, but not comfort; fun, but not pleasure; acquaintances, but not friendship; servants, but not faithfulness; grey hair, but not honor; quiet days, but not peace. The shell of all things you can get for money. But not the kernel. That cannot be had for money."

-Arne Garborg, writer (1851-1924)

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## Bits and Pieces

### **Christian Muslim Dialogue Sat, March 24 10 am: "Islamophobia": Roots and Response**

**Location: Hunter Presbyterian Church, 109  
Rosemont Garden Dr, Lexington**

The Christian Muslim Dialogue continues its monthly schedule of stimulating conversations in the ongoing effort to hear and understand differing points of view and belief systems. Three informed Kentuckians present on the topic: Rabbi Mark Kline, Attorney Roula Allouch, and Reverend Nancy Jo Kemper. For program flyer go to: <http://bit.ly/24Mcmd>.

The Dialogue meetings' customary potluck luncheon follows, offering time for getting acquainted and informal conversation. You may bring a dish or beverage of your choice to share: please, no pork.

This event is free and the public is warmly invited



### **Kentucky General Assembly: Pending Death Penalty Legislation**

**Tues, March 20 Abolish the Death Penalty Lobby Day** in Frankfort. You are invited to meet at the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, 1042 Burlington Lane, Frankfort beginning 9:30am. Pat Delahanty of the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (KCADP) will present an overview and talking points regarding ending the death penalty in Kentucky. Afterwards, attenders will meet with their legislators.

**Pending legislation:** Please leave a message for your state representative and senator at 1.800.372.7181 urging support of SB 63 to abolish Kentucky's death penalty, HB 145 to end the death penalty for people with severe mental illness, and HCR 173 to create a Death Penalty Reform Implementation Task Force to develop a strategy to implement the reforms recommended by the American Bar Association's Kentucky Death Penalty Assessment Report. Info: <http://kcadp.org>.



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