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## Standing Together in Strength, Singing For Our Lives—For All Lives

On Tues, April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice held a candlelight vigil in downtown Lexington to call attention to the increasing hate-driven violence in the country.

CKCPJ spokesperson

Richard Mitchell com-

mented: “No person should have to live in fear of a hate-based attack because they are part of a minority group.

Being a Muslim woman in a hijab, a gay or lesbian, or a young African-American male in a hoodie should not put your life in danger. While several of the cases in recent news are still being investi-

gated, we hope and pray that they turn out not to be hate crimes. But whatever ultimate truth about the individual instances, it is apparent that the amount of hate speech circulating in the U.S. is increasing. Hate is killing our brothers and sisters. We say ‘no.’ We will stand with our brothers and sisters; we will stand with one another; we accept you, and we will protect you.”

Brief spoken perspectives by representatives of many communities highlighted Islamophobia, homophobia, and racism. The event concluded with the lighting of candles, a moment of silence, and the singing of Holly Near’s song that begins “We are a gentle, angry people” known as “Singing for Our Lives” (see <http://bit.ly/SingingNear>). Nadia Rasheed challenged all those present to speak up when hateful things are said. “We need to remind our families, our co-workers, our friends, that love is more important and will always win out” against hate and division.



Richard Mitchell



Nadia Rasheed



Brother Bruce Mundy



Randy Toller



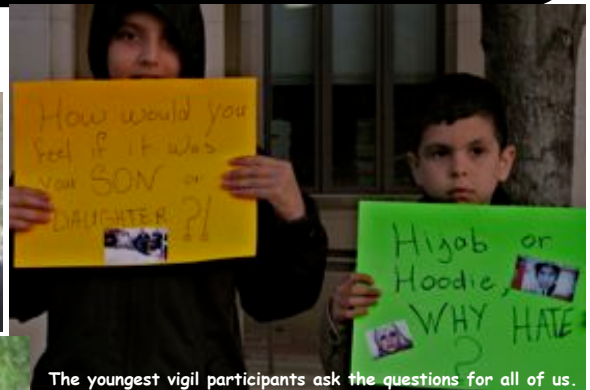
Allie Huddleston



Assia Amry



Rabbi Uri Smith



The youngest vigil participants ask the questions for all of us.

CKCPJ Board co-chair Brother Bruce Mundy said no one “has a right to turn thoughts to hate speech that harms others.” There is, he said, “only one race, the human race—we are the same, but some make up differences to divide us.”

Randy Toller described how differently he is treated when wearing the traditional dress of his partner, who comes from Pakistan. He said to those assembled, “perhaps all of you should try this, too,” so we would know what it feels like. He then sang the hymn “Light my feet, Lord, while I run this race.”

Allie Huddleston, a University of Kentucky student and director of OUTsource (a campus organization that promotes diversity) and a host of OUTloud! Queer Student Radio on UK radio station WRFL, called on all of us to work and keep working to make all people loved and safe, “until it gets better.”

Assia Amry said she challenged America to live up to the promise of creating an atmosphere where getting to know someone different from ourselves is exciting rather than fearful.

Rabbi Uri Smith left the assembled group with a thought from the Talmud that is also found in the Qur’an: Adam was created alone to teach that whoever destroys a single life, the Bible considers it as if he destroyed an entire world. Our holy books witness that what we all long for is the same, said Smith: peace, harmony, and togetherness. In this we are united.



## The Central Kentucky Council for Peace & Justice

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## Reporting on Lexington's New Life Day Center—The First 100 Days

by board member Billie Mallory

The New Life Day Center (NLDC) of Lexington opened in early December to serve as a "connecting point for those who are homeless or in need of assistance from the streets," whether that be a warm smile, a hot

cup of coffee, a referral for services or just a place to be with friends or friendly faces. The center provides safe and secure shelter during the day: it's open from 9-4 Monday through Friday for anyone desiring a helping hand. It connects homeless and needy people to the 62+ agencies that are available to them in the Lexington and Central Kentucky area.

Since its opening, the NLDC has served more than 450 individuals, at an average of 70 per day. It has served men, women, veterans, immigrants and refugees, ranging in age from 18-75 and coming from Lexington, surrounding states, and such far-away places as Mexico, El Salvador, Ghana, Bhutan and elsewhere. Each one of them has a personal story, often heart-breaking but sometimes funny, that makes them uniquely human.

As the NLDC passes its first 100 days of service, a recent patron evaluation reveals that hope and change have been brought to a number of lives. This includes individuals who have gotten into housing, been assisted with jobs, received emergency dental care, received medical screenings each week, and received mental health screenings. In addition, more than 100 lockers have been assigned, and more than 200 transportation trips to appointments have been provided.

There are still many opportunities for groups or churches to be involved to help others in need: call 859.252.3012 if you are interested. We have a great need for picnic tables and benches. Contact the director, Steve Polston 859.699.2500, to discuss donations or to explore how you can be a part of the New Life Day Center. Or you could drop in for a visit and a cup of coffee at 224 N. Martin Luther King Blvd. ☺



Photo: Jerry Moody

## Kentucky Women's History in the Digital Age

Our board co-chair, Randolph Hollingsworth, is also a historian working at the University of Kentucky. She recently taught a course in Kentucky women's history during the Civil Rights era. Her students dug through archives,

drafted papers, and even created some new Wikipedia pages in the History of women in

Kentucky category. Students' findings and discussions are all available at the Kentucky Women in the Civil Rights Era website. For links to those sources and to listen to an interview with Randolph (audio-podcast), you can go to <http://bit.ly/UKWomensHistory>. ☺



## Peacemaker of the Year Beth Rosdatter says: “I value my freedom—it comes with responsibility”

*This is the second in our series covering the Peacemakers who were recognized at CKCPJ's annual dinner in February. See our March issue for the first.*

Beth Rosdatter is the recipient of this year's CKCPJ Peacemaker of the Year award. In July 2010, Beth and twelve other protesters crossed into the Y-12 plant at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and planted garden seeds. Arrested and charged with trespass, they had their jury trial in federal court in May 2011. Beth served her time and has since been released. We published an essay she wrote titled “Doing My Part: On Responsibility and Freedom” in our April 2011 issue. In it, she said: “if 300 million of us were to cross the lines in our areas, refuse to work on illegal projects, talk to congresspeople—or if, as congresspeople, we were to make the difficult calls—then the nuclear development would stop. I can't control, think, or act for others. That is for them to do. I can only do my part.”

Presenting the award was Richard Mitchell. His remarks follow.

The Council for Peace and Justice is proud to present its 2012 Peacemaker of the Year award to Beth Rosdatter. For as long I have known Beth, at least 15 years by now, she has waged peace.

Beth has a consistent record of protesting social injustice and our nation's persistent militarism. When other means have been exhausted, Beth is willing to risk arrest to emphasize the moral points she wishes to make. She has repeatedly endured significant hardship

in order to draw bright lines around the immorality of our nation's war-fighting apparatus.

Most recently Beth was sentenced to prison for committing civil disobedience at the Y-12 plant at Oak Ridge, TN. At that plant, our nation, in violation of treaties it has signed, continues to refurbish weapons of mass destruction and is prepared to make new weapons of mass destruction.

Beth comes to this work with both passion and a PhD. It is a joy to watch Beth make her points before judges and attorneys who may not be quite prepared for a defendant who can explain her actions by citing the world's greatest philosophers.

Beth, we admire you. But I am certain that Beth's witness is about more than being admired, it's about more than receiving awards.

What Beth is about is being an example. She's an example of what each of us can do. Beth would lead us into a different world—maybe some of us should follow.



Peacemaker of the Year Beth Rosdatter.  
Photo: Richard Greissman  
<http://sites.google.com/site/doubletakelexphoto>

## For This Hope by George Ella Lyon

1.

For a half-hour on each  
of five hundred and two Thursdays  
we have stood against war at this corner.  
We've stood while bombs were falling  
in Baghdad, hospitals collapsing in Takrit.

We've taken our places and held our  
banners  
while babies were born in rubble  
and two soldiers—twin death shadows—  
have arrived at door after door after door.

Each week the shriek of sirens reminds us  
of the mother wailing, the child lost,  
the father who cannot speak.

We come to say No to the lies of war  
and to declare the truth:  
the means become the end.

We cannot kill our way to peace  
any more than we can hate our way to  
love.



Photo: Richard Greissman  
<http://sites.google.com/site/doubletakelexphoto>

Poet George Ella  
Lyon wrote “For  
this Hope” on the  
10th anniversary  
of the Peace Vigil.  
She shared it at  
our annual dinner,  
and we are  
grateful to her  
for the permission  
to reprint this  
excerpt.

2.

If we said we cannot kill each other  
till we understand each other,  
what would happen?

Even if we just took a break—  
if we said, we realize that we don't  
know very much about anything  
so let's agree that until scientists  
figure out what makes us yawn,  
we will not build, fire, drop, or  
launch another weapon?

Christmas carols sang a path  
across enemy lines in World War I.  
Better to skip the trenches  
and go straight to singing.

What if I couldn't shoot you  
until I heard you sing?

What if you couldn't bomb my house  
till you kissed my baby in her crib?

3.

What if we confessed  
that we were grievously wrong  
in our response to 9/11  
that we stirred greed and blood-lust  
into the grief flowing from those wounds?

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Out of heartbreak and fear,  
out of anger deceived by greed,  
we have war-mongered 3.7 trillion dollars  
to achieve 73 deaths  
for every 1 of 9/11.

What if we, as a nation, repented  
of our ancient and indefensible choices,  
and with our whole hearts  
and all our treasure  
pledged to seek a healing way?

It is for this hope  
we keep our Vigil  
at the corner of prayer and sirens.  
The darkness we fear is in each of us.  
We have to face it together.  
And work for the light.

# University of Kentucky Students Tell Board of Trustees: It's Time to Move Beyond Coal

by Elaine Alvey

On March 27<sup>th</sup> the University of Kentucky Beyond Coal Coalition asked the Board of Trustees to begin the transition away from the combustion

of coal on campus. Community members, parents, faculty and alumni joined the students in the board room.

We asked the board to sign on to the American Colleges and University President's Climate Commitment (ACUPCC—see <http://bit.ly/CollegeClimate>), which would require that the University of Kentucky create a plan to work towards carbon neutrality.

We also asked the board to send the Vice President of facilities management to travel to the University of Toledo to examine their incredible work towards a solar transition on campus. Toledo has the same solar potential as Lexington, yet is emerging as a national leader in solar.

During our last appearance in front of the board we asked them to look more closely at Ball State and their geo-thermal transition. They traveled with us and now have committed to geo-thermal in the residence halls that will be overhauled over the next few year.

Although the political and economic situations of the university make both the transition away from the combustion of coal and the transition away from the cozy financial relationship with the industry difficult, we remain hopeful that our power as students cannot go unnoticed.

For more information on our work and what you can do to stand in solidarity please get in touch! Send me an email: [ea90@bellsouth.net](mailto:ea90@bellsouth.net).

*Elaine Alvey is a UK student active in the Beyond Coal Coalition, UK GreenThumb, and other student groups. ☺*



## Stand With Students at UK!

If this important action is news to you, go to [http://bit.ly/UK\\_GreenT](http://bit.ly/UK_GreenT) to view the Channel ABC 36 WTVQ newsclip on these students' presentation to the UK board of trustees.

When you do, you'll see that the students have done their research. They're well-spoken and creative, and have become media savvy. Their efforts, however, would greatly benefit from more community support.

When they make presentations such as this before the UK board and administration, you can help them amplify their message by standing with them, adding to the number of concerned community members who want to send a message to UK.

Contact Elaine Alvey (at [ea90@bellsouth.net](mailto:ea90@bellsouth.net)) to let her know you'd like to be on their email list. Consider, showing up for their future actions and supporting their efforts to change the way UK powers education at Kentucky's flagship university. ☺



# Support the Troops—Support IVAW's Operation Recovery

by Bryan Reinholdt

Bryan Reinholdt served as an Apache armament and electronics maintenance specialist during Operation Iraqi Freedom III with 8/229<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment under the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division on FOB Speicher. He is now the national Treasurer for Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW), and currently a graduate student at the University of Kentucky. You can contact Bryan at 502.262.1483 or sreinh01@ivaw.org.

IVAW's Operation Recovery campaign seeks to support service members standing up for their right to heal, demand an end to the inhumane practice of redeploying traumatized troops, expose those responsible for deploying traumatized troops, and end the Iraq and Afghanistan wars with a win by winning our Right to Heal.

I'm asking you to consider what the term "premeditated" means to our nation. For an act to be premeditated it has to be planned. We hear about premeditated murder; in some states this has been defined as intentions set mere seconds before the criminal act.

Nationally, we justified going to war with Iraq and Afghanistan by reasoning that premeditated plans of terrorists, among other things, put us in harm's way. That reasoning failed later scrutiny.

Our own "preemptive" or "premeditated" actions can now be seen as an unprovoked response against those who, former President Bush claimed, "hate us for our freedoms." On September 12, 2001, the United States government decided to act in what it called self-defense against those countries it deemed guilty of harboring terrorists. Yet only Iraq endorsed the September attacks (saying they were a "lesson for all tyrants and oppressors").

When violent actions aren't premeditated, they are classified as "self-defense," which is the legal justification for killing in situations that would otherwise be deemed "murder." In this case, the act is called "justifiable murder." Are our wars premeditated murders or justifiable murders? Debate over the wars and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan can be summed up in an analysis and comparison of

premeditated acts (unjustifiable murder) and self-defense (justifiable murder).

In the recent killings of 16 Afghan women and children in Panjwaii district of Kandahar province (allegedly, by one rogue staff sergeant who had been through multiple deployments), Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said, "War is hell. These kind of events and incidents are going to take place. They've taken place in any war. They're terrible events. This is not the first of those events, and they probably won't be the last."

If we can place the Defense Secretary's comments in the larger context of global war, we are all (U.S. and Al Qaeda) simultaneously acting in self-defense against what we believe is just cause for an enemy's premeditated murder. We could argue about which murders cause which retaliatory violence, but this is no academic chicken and egg argument. It's more than theory—it is about human lives. If we know, as Panetta states, that these kinds of atrocities are going to happen, what are we doing to prevent them? And would attempts to prevent them impair soldier readiness?

Make no mistake, our nation went into Iraq and Afghanistan with the premeditated intent to kill. We trained soldiers to do that work. Reports suggest that safeguards were in place to prevent individual soldiers from committing premeditated actions such as the recent killing of Afghan women and children. Yet, in spite of the growing medical understanding of soldiers exposed to traumatic experiences in the field (see [http://i.usa.gov/VA\\_trauma](http://i.usa.gov/VA_trauma)), soldiers who react violently to the trauma they've undergone are treated as if they individually carried out premeditated murder.

The trauma is mounting within each soldier and the nation collectively. A drawdown in troops from Iraq and Afghanistan doesn't mean the war is over. It continues in the minds of veterans.

Support our troops. Support IVAW's Operation Recovery.

For more info see: <http://www.ivaw.org/operation-recovery>  
Take the pledge to help soldiers recover: <http://bit.ly/IVAWpledge>  
Fliers and posters available at: [http://bit.ly/IVAW\\_O-R](http://bit.ly/IVAW_O-R)

NOTE: IVAW has been granted a permit for a March for Justice and Reconciliation in Chicago on Sun, May 20, to the site of the NATO summit where they plan to return their medals to the NATO generals. Details: [ivaw.org](http://ivaw.org).



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# Central KY Peace and Justice Calendar



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## Mark Yantzi, Co-founder of WorldWide Restorative Justice, to speak in Lexington twice:

- **Mon, April 16 at 3 pm, Yantzi** to speak at the Plantory, 560 E. 3rd St, Lexington.
- **Wed, April 18 from 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Yantzi** is the keynote speaker for the one-day conference "*Restorative Justice: Transforming Youth.*" University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Office, 1140 Red Mile Place, Lexington. Breakfast and lunch provided; registration is free to Kentucky participants and limited to the first 100 who register. Register: RJConferenceKY@gmail.com. Include your name, agency and contact info (preferred email, phone and address).

**Wed, April 18, 9:30-10:45 am, "Fair Trade in the Americas."** Kim Browning, Equal Exchange and community activist. This event is part of the Bluegrass Community and Technical College Spring Speaker Series. Location: in the BCTC Auditorium at 470 Cooper Drive, Lexington. Event is free and the public is warmly welcome.

**Fri, April 20, GLSEN's Day of Silence.** The Day of Silence is a student-led national event where students from middle school to college take a vow of silence in an effort to encourage schools and classmates to address the problem of anti-LGBT behavior by illustrating the silencing effect of bullying and harassment. <http://www.dayofsilence.org>

**Sat, April 21, 9am-4pm, "Memory and Mobilization: Bringing Lessons from KY Civil Rights Movement to a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Audience."** Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort. A workday to assess public engagement on the history of civil rights in the state and set goals for intentionally engaging audiences on this topic. Directed to 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 Sciences. 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 or see <http://history.ky.gov> or call 502.564.1792 ext 4434.

**Sat, April 21, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Families Summit "Parents as Leaders."** Free event includes lunch. At Fayette County Extension Office, 1140 Red Mile Place, Lexington. Contact: marion.gibson@kysu.edu or call 859.257.5582 to register.

**Sat, April 21, Old Episcopal Burying Ground: Earth Day celebration from noon to 3:00pm.** Demonstrations and activities to "Mobilize the Earth." The Old Episcopal Burying Ground is located at 251 East Third St. and is still owned by Christ Church Episcopal. The cemetery is not regularly open to the public but private tours available by appointment. Call 859.254.4497.

**Sun, April 22. noon, Earth Day at BCTC's PeaceMeal Gardens:** Music by OOGrass, food, seed swap; pre-registration is required for the 1 pm Workshop on building bean trellises using bamboo at [rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu](mailto:rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu).

**Mon, 23 April, "Nehemiah Action" Meeting, BUILD (Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct action).** Sign-in starts at 6:15. Location: NorthEast Christian Church, 990 Star Shoot Parkway. Church is located behind Meijer's in Hamburg. BUILD has been working on three issues this year: Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Payday Lending, and Removing Employment Barriers for Ex-Offenders. Details at: <http://bit.ly/BUILD2012>.

**Mon, April 23 DEADLINE:** The Coalition for Responsible Lending (CRL) encourages us to file comments on payday lending. Go to <http://1.usa.gov/LendingComments> to leave comments. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has background at: <http://1.usa.gov/CFPBpayday>. Contact: Rachel Anderson (CRL) 202.349.1873. At the Kentucky Coalition for Responsible lending: [amy.shir@insightbb.com](mailto:amy.shir@insightbb.com).

**Sat, April 28, noon until 2:00pm, Kentuckians Against the War on Women.** Corner of N. Limestone and E. Main St, Lexington. We represent the majority in this country and need to make our voices heard. Facebook event at: <http://on.fb.me/KYWomens28Ap>.

**Sat, April 28, 10 am, "Pray the Devil Back to Hell." Film Screening Christian Muslim Dialogue meeting.** Location: Hunter Presbyterian Church, 109 Rosemont Garden Dr, Lexington. Come for stimulating conversations in an ongoing effort to hear and understand differing points of view and belief systems. A customary potluck luncheon follows the film, 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. Info: [obrashid@gmail.com](mailto:obrashid@gmail.com).

**Mon, April 30, Monthly Edible Garden series** continues: Potluck meal 6:30pm; 7 pm for presentation Beaumont Presbyterian Church, 1070 Lane Allen Rd in Lexington.. Garden planning is the April topic. All meetings are free of charge, compliments of Faith Feeds. More info and full schedule see <http://bit.ly/Edible201>. All new or seasoned gardeners are welcome!



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## May 18, Registration deadline for Prejudice Reduction

Workshop in Louisville, Thurs, May 31 from 8:30am - 4:00pm at Peace Ed's offices located inside Central Presbyterian Church, 318 W. Kentucky St., Louisville. Fee is \$55 per person or \$80 for a two-person team. Continental breakfast and boxed lunch provided. Call 502-589-6583 or go to: <http://www.peaceeducationprogram.org> to register online.

**Sat, May 19, 11:30 am to 6pm, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace & Global Citizenship Fair** at BCTC Cooper Campus: see announcement below. To register as an exhibitor, send email to [rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu](mailto:rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu) or go to [www.peace2day.org](http://www.peace2day.org)

**Sat, May 19, 10am to 2pm, Dunbar Memorial Garden 3rd annual Native Plant Sale.** 1600 Man 'O War Blvd. See the event on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/DGarden> or contact Rebecca Woloch at [rebeccawolooch@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccawolooch@gmail.com).

**Sat, June 30, Lexington's 5th Annual Pride Festival:**  
[www.lexpridefest.org](http://www.lexpridefest.org).

**Deadline: June 30 for international essay contest with the theme "Creating the Future We Want."** For young people 25 years old and younger. Sponsored by the Goi Peace Foundation and UNESCO. First prize is \$1,300 and a trip to Tokyo, Japan. Second, third place and honorable mention awards as well. Info: <http://bit.ly/PeaceEssay>.



## The peace fair is ...

A day of simple fun. Learn about global cultures. Build resilience and community. Enjoy music, art, local food, activities. To reserve a space for cultural, peace or environmental activities, contact [rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu](mailto:rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu). [www.peace2day.org](http://www.peace2day.org).

•**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm, CKCPJ Board Meeting.** Locations are rotating: please contact us for details. ALL ARE WELCOME! Contact: [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com) or 859.488.1448.

•**Every Thursday 5:30-6:00 pm, Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace,** Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main St ) in downtown Lexington. Contact: Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277.

•**1<sup>st</sup> Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm, Kentucky Migrant Network,** Cardinal Valley Center, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact: Isabel Gereda Taylor [itaylor@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:itaylor@lexingtonky.gov) 859.258.3824.

•**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm, PFLAG: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered.** Support Group Mtg. Beaumont Library, Fieldstone Way, Lexington. [www.pflaglex.org](http://www.pflaglex.org). Info: [president@pflaglex.org](mailto:president@pflaglex.org) or call 859.338.4393.

•**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30 pm, Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky** Central Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main St, Lexington. Contact: Craig Cammack, Chair 859.951.8565 [info@lexfair.org](mailto:info@lexfair.org).

•**Wed Night GLSO discussion group** is back at 7pm at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave, Lexington. The third Wednesday of this month—April 18<sup>th</sup>—the topic of discussion will be "Self-Esteem in GLBTQQIA People." The GLSO has been getting a lot of attention lately. Perhaps you hadn't heard of them until they filed an HRC complaint to stand up against discrimination in Lexington. They operate Kentucky's only Pride Center, where they've been quietly providing services to the GLBTQQIA community for decades: <http://www.glso.org>.

•**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7:00—8:30 pm, Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA),** Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington. Meetings are open to people of all beliefs willing to express their opinions in a civil manner. Childcare is provided. Contact: Dick Renfro 859.255.7029 [frickdan@windstream.net](mailto:frickdan@windstream.net)

•**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:00 pm Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC),** Episcopal Diocese Mission House at 4th St. & MLK Blvd, Lexington. Contact: Ondine Quinn 859.276.0563.

•**Every Sunday 2:30-4:00pm, NAMI Lexington** Support Groups—Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington. Contact: call 859.272.7891 or go to [www.namilex.org](http://www.namilex.org)

*Want your group's meeting listed here? Notice errors? Send your info, corrections, and comments to: [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com) by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.*



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"If there is any philosophy, it's that those who have walked a certain path should know some things, should remember some things that they can pass on, that others can use to walk the path a little better."

—Ella Baker, 1980

quoted in Barbara Ransby, *Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision*

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## Bits and Pieces

### Data and Office Management for Peace and Justice

We're looking for that perfect marriage—you're committed to peace and justice and have skills in data-base and office management. The Council is looking for an enthusiastic, detail-oriented person who will help us grow. What an opportunity! In the beginning, we are looking for you to commit to a part-time arrangement of 10-15 hours a month with a negotiated compensation beginning at about \$150. As our needs grow, we'd like to talk to you about expanding the position, too.

Potential growth areas might include managing our social media presence, fundraising support, and special projects. While you might not yet be an expert in these areas, we're looking for someone eager to learn and develop with the Council.

We encourage all interested parties to apply. Send your resume and contact information to us at: [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com). Unsure of the fit? Feel free to call and ask questions: 859.488.1448. ☺

### We Need You—Tues April 24 and Wed April 25

Come out and help us connect with our supporters and with *Peaceways* readers during the Council's Spring Phonathon. These are great calls to make because supporters of peace in the bluegrass are a pleasure to talk to. Not comfortable on the phone?

Come help stuff envelopes for our follow up letters. To RSVP and for directions, call 859.327.6277 or email: [Richard.Mitchell@insightbb.com](mailto:Richard.Mitchell@insightbb.com).

And a note to our supporters: we won't be calling you if you have made a recent donation. If you'd like to send in your contribution because you know you'll be difficult to reach, you can mail your check to our office at 110 N. Upper St., Lexington KY 40507.

Thank you for supporting our work to achieve a more just, peaceable, and sustainable future for all. ☺



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