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## All Our Youth Deserve Safe and Supportive Environments

**“All young people, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to achieve their full potential.”**  
—Harvey Milk

Our community in Central Kentucky is fortunate to benefit from the work of parents, families and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons. They work under the banner of PFLAG Lexington, a chapter of the national organization whose mission is to

celebrate diversity and envision a society that embraces everyone, including those of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. Only with respect, dignity and equality for all will we reach our full potential as human beings, individually and collectively. PFLAG welcomes the participation and support of all who share in, and hope to realize this vision. (<http://pflaglex.org/About.php>)

This work is essential because oppression of and crimes against lesbian, gay and bisexual youth are common and horrific. Transsexual people are particularly at risk:

- two out of five youth do not feel safe in their school because they are LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender).
- most hate crimes against LGBT are because of their gender expression, not their sexual orientation.
- at least one transsexual per month across the USA is killed in a hate crime.
- at least one third of transsexuals in the US commit suicide.

PFLAG recognizes that many parents, family members and friends don't have support systems or resources when they learn their child or another loved one is LGBT. There is a desperate need in Lexington for support systems, safe environments for discussion, and the tools to be an advocate for loved ones. PFLAG Lexington will fill this need through its Stay Strong

Program, an outreach campaign beginning this fall that aims, first, to reach parents, family members and friends, then welcome those whose world has been


set on an unknown course, and help those who are a little less sure of themselves.

Stay Strong meets for four sessions that focus on:

- **Navigating the PFLAG experience:** learning terminology, creating a comfortable environment
- **Acceptance of Self:** learning through personal stories from a panel of fellow parents, family members and friends
- **Relationship building:** Learning through panel of counselors some ways to repair & strengthen relationships
- **Advocating for support and acceptance:** Learning through mock situations how to support, educate & advocate

Participants will walk away with a personalized support, educational and advocacy toolkit. Sessions take place evenings from 6:30-9 pm. A light meal and drinks will be provided. Dates for the fall and winter four-week sessions are:

- Thursdays: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4
- Tuesdays: Oct 16, 23,30, Nov. 6
- Thursdays: Jan 10, 17, 24, 31
- Tuesdays: Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

Note: These sessions are FREE but space is limited. To register, contact Sandy Linville, President of PFLAG Lexington, at [info@pflaglex.org](mailto:info@pflaglex.org) or 859.338.4393. 



**This program by PFLAG aims to build skills of parents and friends of LGBT youth. See page 5 for information about Lexington Fairness's Project Speak Out, which works to Stop Bullying Now in the school system.**

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## Update from Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (KCADP): Hearing Date Set for Sept. 25

Opponents of the death penalty in Kentucky have been closely following recent legal challenges to the state's practices of using lethal injection. Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd ruled this Spring that the state's lethal injection process that involved three drugs could no longer be allowed. The state appealed and lost. In July, Kentucky filed a new regulation to allow the use of one drug to kill inmates sentenced to death.

By law, now, the public must have an opportunity to comment on the regulations. A hearing date of Sept. 25 has been set for public comments.

The state's filing allows for substitute drugs in case the first choice is not available. Thus, in addition to naming two drugs already in use by various other states, Kentucky added two more drugs to the protocol.

Details about these drugs and the practices of other states can be found in a story filed by the Associated Press (found at: <http://bit.ly/rDrugExecution>). That article says, in part: "The battle over Kentucky's method has been going on for more than a year and a half. Kentucky's switch comes just months after the American Bar Association issued a report calling for a moratorium on executions in the state, in part because of the number of cases overturned since the reinstatement of the death penalty in 1976."



Patrick Delahanty, chair of KCADP, said that the filing of the new regulation was no surprise, but that it is disturbing "that Kentucky wants to gear up its killing machine while the majority of Kentuckians prefer lengthy prison sentences and other states are abandoning the practice of execution."

For more on the Coalition's work, see their website at <http://kcadp.org>. The site includes links to FAQs about why the death penalty should be abolished: for example, most people do not know that "Whether a person is sentenced to death depends more on his or her race, wealth, and location than the facts of the crime." At the KCADP website, you can also subscribe to the Coalition's online newsletter, get email alerts, and learn how to be involved at the September hearing. ☺

## One World—Song by Poet George Ella Lyon

One world (one world)	We may call God different names	Than keeps us apart
One fate (one fate)	Keep different feasts and different fasts	One dream (one dream)
One family	One Spirit holds us all	Of peace (of peace)
One earth (one earth)	One birth (one birth)	In all of our hearts
One home (one home)	One cry (one cry)	One world.
For you and for me	A new soul is here!	
No guns (no guns)	One death (one death)	
No bombs (no bombs)	One grief (one grief)	
No folks trained to kill	For someone so dear	
For peace (for peace)	We share (we share)	
we pledge (we pledge)	Much more (much more)	
our wealth and our will		

*This original call-and-response song graced the closing of the annual Peace and Global Citizenship Fair in May*



# VOICES 2012: Civil Rights History and Lessons For Us Now

"The further backward you look, the further forward you can see."  
— Winston Churchill"

The history of civil rights in the United States is rich and full of inspiring stories. It also contains a promise that has yet to be completely fulfilled.

Our goal in focusing on that history in our Voices 2012 programming is that, by looking back, we gain a perspective on the unfinished business of our collective future.

A first step in that process is to present the book review, below. As one part of our examination and advocacy, we are looking forward to offering an opportunity for a public reading and discussion with author William McAtee who lives in Lexington. In addition to writing his book, McAtee continues to work out the "transformation" that he says is ongoing on the matter of race. For example, in his blog, he writes:

"In spite of professed new attitudes regarding race, it is essential to recognize that, even after all these years in the struggle for justice for all, 'white privilege' affected what we did and said—even our memories—and continues to have its profound affect today. As hard as it may be for some of us who are white to recognize, there are still today different starting points for different people in the struggle for equality. Some are more equal than others. Others have more to overcome than some. 'White privilege' still lives in a diverse world where, in the not too distant future, no privileged majority may exist in the 'good ole US of A.' What then?" <http://bit.ly/McAteeblog>.

Look for details in our September issue on our full Voices 2012 programming—with a focus on civil rights in Lexington and Kentucky. ☯

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## Stories From The Struggle for Equality: *Transformed*

book review by board member Kerby Neill

*Transformed: A White Mississippi Pastor's Journey into Civil Rights and Beyond* is a provocative memoir penned by Rev. William McAtee, who has lived in Lexington since 1971. McAtee recounts his experiences as the pastor of the Columbia Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Mississippi in the mid 1960s and brings his readers into the eye of the civil rights revolution.

McAtee was a fourth generation Mississippian. During the 1960s he grew in sensitivity to black perspectives and awareness of his biblical call to justice as he ministered to Columbia's white elite. Columbia's mayor, E. D. "Buddy" McLean was a member of McAtee's congregation. With turmoil and violence erupting across the state, McLean and other key white leaders sought to prevent such outbreaks in thoroughly segregated Columbia as they responded to new federal mandates and the vanguard of local and outside civil rights activists.

McLean set a tone of respect for law and for all citizens, and McAtee and a group of other protestant ministers initiated a dialogue with pastors in the black community, ultimately facilitating the development of the Marion County Community Relations Committee, which included equal numbers of leaders selected by the white and black communities.

That committee opened communication where there was none, allowed confrontation that was critical, and fostered seemingly improbable friendships. The committee was pivotal in guiding and supporting the mayor as Columbia faced the crisis of those years.

Civil rights workers provided a creative tension, pressing hard to integrate facilities and for hiring black citizens in stores, on the police force, and at city hall.

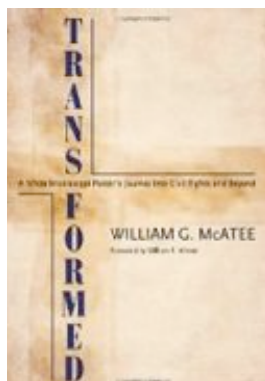
*Transformed* also chronicles the uneven response of the white community to integration.

For example, the newspaper saw little need for change and the school board first opted to forego federal funds rather than desegregate. Under pressure from the mayor and key white leaders, the school board later submitted a desegregation plan but engaged in enough foot-dragging and duplicity to make the plan meaningless. Even once local white schools were open to blacks, only one black family chose to send their daughter to the white school. That family received threats that were not lost on the black community. And McAtee points out that while police in many areas of Mississippi were guilty of vicious abuses, in Columbia the mayor's leadership and advance planning helped to restrain police.

McAtee recognizes that *Transformed* lacks black memories from the time and that the full story of Columbia's slow but nonviolent integration includes many essential players. The experience of writing the book and doing readings from it provide opportunities to meet other individuals whom he did not know during

the turbulent time. In fact, at a recent book signing in Columbia, a woman McAtee didn't know rushed up and threw her arms around him. He discovered that she had been the first black child to enter the white schools of Columbia.

In the process of writing the book, McAtee writes that he learned a great deal, and continues to be "transformed." "One may be transformed in a particular moment of insight, but something else comes along that expands that understanding, so that one is always being transformed ..."





# Lexington's Christian-Muslim Dialogue Fall Activities

**Sat. Aug. 25 10 am to noon**  
**"Know How to Go: Navigating Travel and Your Civil Rights"**

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

To open its fall programming, The Christian Muslim Dialogue will feature a panel discussion on a topic of current concern to many Americans. "Know How to Go: Navigating Travel and Your Civil Rights." Providing an overview from Homeland Security and the FBI will be:

- Mark Grose, Acting Federal Security Director
- Kenneth F. Kirk II Special Agent, FBI.
- Moderator: Ron L. Walker Jr., Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Kentucky

This presentation will be followed by Q & A and open discussion. At noon, the group's customary pot luck luncheon will provide time for continued conversation and the opportunity to meet new people. You are welcome to bring a dish or drink to share (no pork, please).

This program is free, and the public is warmly welcome. Other fall programming on fourth Saturday morning of the month will take place Sept. 22, Oct 27, and Nov. 17.

The Christian Muslim Dialogue group promotes understanding and mutual respect between Christians and Muslims. It explores moral, cultural and political factors that have shaped the current context and contribute to the views we hold today. Members believe that education, discussion and reflection help raise the tenor of the dialogue. Above all, the group's activities promote one's personal and collective responsibility to build a more open community at home that will contribute to a more just and peaceful world.

## You're invited to join the Conversation Partners Project!

Sponsored by the Christian-Muslim Dialogue in Lexington, the Conversation Partners Project offers opportunities to meet and talk face to face with someone from a religious tradition different than yours. The project is starting with the traditions rooted in the Abrahamic faiths—Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

How does this project work? It pairs interested persons (or couples) of different faiths for the purpose of meeting one-on-one (or two couples) for conversation at the time and place of their choosing. It aims to reduce stereotypes, and increase understanding and conversation—not conversion. It's about extending more widely the opportunity, the insights and friendships that members of the Christian-Muslim Dialogue have experienced during its 12-year history in Lexington.

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- Organizers will receive applications during the summer 2012. Matching will soon follow.
- After interested persons are paired, each partner will be notified with the name and contact information of the other.
- Partners will arrange the time and place that is convenient for both to meet, beginning when they choose. They may meet one time only or more as desired.
- Both will also receive guidelines and an evaluation form to help the committee improve the process.
- Please share this invitation with those you know who may be interested!

You can enroll online by going to the link at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XV9BJRT>. Hard copies of the enrollment form can be mailed to Carolyn Holmes at 187 Valley Road, Lexington, KY 40503. Contact Roz Heise at: [heise42@insightbb.com](mailto:heise42@insightbb.com) if you have questions.. For a *Lexington Herald Leader* article on this initiative by Merlene Davis, go to <http://bit.ly/CMDConversation>.



# Lexington Fairness Project Speak Out: Stop Bullying Now

Too many of our public school students suffer bullying without knowing anyone is on their side. For many of those students, simply knowing that allies exist can be a source of support. It is the goal of Lexington Fairness and Project Speak Out to provide those allies in Central Kentucky public schools.

The Project aims to provide educators, counselors, school administrators and other staff with the vital information they need regarding LGBT youth bullying and suicide. For a moving video tribute to the need for this project, go to <http://bit.ly/LexFair>.

In August, Project Speak Out will bring to Lexington the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) for training and developmental support of Project Speak Out. GLSEN is the leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for all students.

After the initial workshop involving 2 GLSEN trainers and approximately 30 initial participants, the trainers will have educated a group of core volunteers. Lexington Fairness will be able to continue ad hoc trainings along with the volunteer trainers. In addition, Project Speak Out will evolve into a program that can be instituted across the state to help alleviate bullying incidences. Trainers will be guest speakers at other events, and Lexington Fairness will devote its energy to spreading bullying prevention awareness across Kentucky. Their goal is to work with organizations and individuals to help ensure safe schools for all youth in Central Kentucky. For info on how you can help and get involved, contact [info@lexfair.org](mailto:info@lexfair.org) or 859.951.8565. You can see a feature on the program in the *Southsider* publication at: <http://bit.ly/MQ8PDN>.

## PROJECT SPEAK OUT



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# KNOW DRONES: Supporting Citizen Action

CKCPJ has been contacted by Joe Scarry, who is based in Chicago and has been working with groups there and in other states to systematically build the opposition to killing and surveillance done using drones. He reports that there is a recent marked surge in interest: several of their groups have obtained model drones from Know Drones (<http://knowdrones.com>) to help in education efforts. He says "We think it is going to be a big boost to our activism, and so I am working with Nick Mottern at Know Drones to encourage people in other states to consider obtaining drone models, too."

Groups in other states include:

Illinois: <http://nodronesillinois.blogspot.com/>  
Wisconsin: <http://nodroneswisconsin.blogspot.com/>  
Ohio: <http://nodronesohio.blogspot.com/>  
Michigan: <http://nodronesmichigan.blogspot.com/>  
NCarolina: <http://nodronesnorthcarolina.blogspot.com/>  
Florida: <http://nodronesflorida.blogspot.com/>

If you are interested in being a part of this work, Joe Scarry says "I would welcome the opportunity to talk with you about how the movement is developing, and about ways we can help each other be as effective as possible." You can contact him at [jtscarry@yahoo.com](mailto:jtscarry@yahoo.com).

The Know Drones tour will be in Dayton, Springfield, and Columbus, Ohio, next month, Sept. 19 through 26. For details and updates, go to <http://knowdrones.com>.



This is one example of how the replicas of drones can be used: Robert Rast (pictured above) now displays one at his home in Indiana.

Mr. Rast's son, Navy corpsman Benjamin Rast, was killed accidentally in a Reaper drone strike in Afghanistan in April 2011. That strike also killed Marine Staff Sergeant Jeremy Smith.

Robert Rast has set the replica up in his front yard and sits with it, telling those who stop by what happened to his son. (For more details, see <http://nodronesohio.blogspot.com>).





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**Thurs. Aug. 23rd, 7:00-8:15pm**—You are invited to an Orientation Rally at 2nd Presbyterian Church (460 E Main St, Lexington) in preparation for **The Greater Lexington CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) 2012 Hunger Walk.**

**The CROP Walk** brings together people of all ages and faiths to join in providing resources to fight hunger around the world and around the corner. Funds raised through the CROP Walk help people in more than 80 countries through self-help development, disaster response, and refugee services. If your church or group hasn't participated before, this is the place to start.

In 2011, \$ 24,000 was raised by the Greater Lexington CROP Hunger Walk with approximately 300 walkers coming from 30 groups. Lexington's God's Pantry Food Bank received funds equivalent to 25% of monies raised, in a grant from the CROP Walk Church World Service.

**Sun. Sept. 30** the CROP WALK begins in the parking lot of 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church and covers about 2 miles of downtown Lexington. Don't feel you're up to a walk? You can join online as a Walker or a Sponsor by going to [www.lexingtoncropwalk.blogspot.com](http://www.lexingtoncropwalk.blogspot.com) and clicking on "Register today" box. For more info about Lexington CROP Walk, contact Judy Ellis (859.299.4529, [jke659@gmail.com](mailto:jke659@gmail.com)) or Suzi Kifer (859.312.3026, [suzikifer@insightbb.com](mailto:suzikifer@insightbb.com)). Don't live in the Lexington area? Find a CROP Hunger Walk near you by calling toll free 888.297.2767.

**Thurs. Aug. 30 evening: Central Kentucky Move to Amend** is hosting David Cobb, attorney and chief spokesperson for the national organization Move To Amend. You're invited to hear Cobb speak and answer questions about correcting the "corporations are people, money is speech" fallacy. Move To Amend works to amend our Constitution to firmly establish that money is not speech, and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights. Watch the newspaper for further details (time, place) or send a note to Joy Arnold [central-ky@movetoamend.org](mailto:central-ky@movetoamend.org) or 859.846.5085. See <http://movetoamend.org> for more on the national movement.



**Volunteers Needed to Register Voters!** There is lots of work to be done! Take a look at the calendar of planned events found at: <http://bit.ly/MOUNnx>. "Feel free to contact me for any questions or if you need a ride, etc." says CKCPJ board member Janet Tucker. You can reach her at: [jlynjenks@gmail.com](mailto:jlynjenks@gmail.com).

**You can join a new Advocacy Group on Homelessness**—In the 100+ degree heat of July, a homeless man was discharged from a medical facility with more than a dozen prescription slips, no money, and no shelter arrangements: he was left by a taxi cab on the doorstep of one of the city's nonprofit shelters hours before its posted opening time. This story is only the most recent egregious example of the daily injustices suffered due to gaps in policy, planning, and services.

A new advocacy group is forming in Lexington to explore and implement active alternatives that seek to protect and enhance the rights and services available to homeless persons in our community. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact David Christiansen at [davidccky@gmail.com](mailto:davidccky@gmail.com).

### International Day of Peace 2012 September 21<sup>st</sup>

•Online organizers have called this the "Summer of Peace 2012," a global celebration of and call to action for inner and outer peace. You can go to <http://summerofpeace.net> to register and receive access to a free telesummit with peacebuilders around the world, including Arun Gandhi, Alice Walker, Jack Kornfield, as well as weekly global meditations and prayer events.

•Or you can "Take the Pledge" for peace: "I will take actions for peace in 2012" at [www.pledge4peace.org](http://www.pledge4peace.org) as they count down to "International Day of Peace 2012: Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future." The site has over 84,000 pledges. Organizers urge you to invite everyone in your network to participate.

•Looking for peace education resources? Peace One Day provides free downloadable pdfs. Find links at: <http://peaceoneday.org>.

**Sat, Sept. 22, Drumming for Peace:** in Lexington, at Peace Meal Gardens (at the Leestown Road Bluegrass Community and Technical College campus in Lexington) in celebration of 2012 International Day of Peace. Look for details in the September *Peaceways*, or send a note to [rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu](mailto:rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu).

*If you are planning an event to celebrate the International Day of Peace, let us know! [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com)*







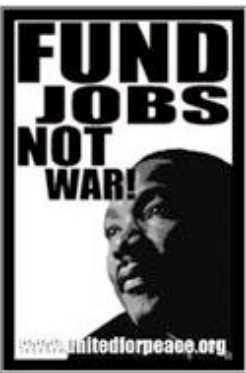
# Central KY Peace and Justice Calendar and News



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**Building the Movement to Reduce Military Spending**—The media is full of reports of gridlock and failure in Washington. Yet behind the scenes, recent months included some significant successes. Below, we highlight some examples and suggest resources to continue the work.

**At FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation)**, you can see details of lobbying results: <http://bit.ly/ReducingMilitarySpending>. As well, on July 18<sup>th</sup>, fifteen members of Congress spoke for 90 minutes on the FY 2013 Defense Appropriations Act in pursuit of one goal—End the war in Afghanistan; bring our troops home. The bipartisan effort, led by Reps. Jim McGovern (D-MA) and Walter Jones (R-NC), included statements by 4 Republicans and 11 Democrats. See excerpts from those speeches at <http://bit.ly/EndWarInAfghanistan>.



**United for Peace and Justice** reports that “In May for the first time, the majority of Democrats voted in favor of the Lee Amendment limiting funding for the Afghanistan War to the safe and orderly withdrawal of US troops and security contractors. This represents a sea-change of opinion from the time that Rep. Barbara Lee stood

alone among her House colleagues eleven years ago, challenging the wisdom of the war. It is unfortunately no surprise that this amendment was defeated 113-303. However, in our upcoming work it will be important to emphasize that the President’s political base is now in clear opposition to his Afghanistan war policy.” Go to: <http://bit.ly/FundJobsNotWar>.

**The Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation** provides analysis of budget priorities: <http://armscontrolcenter.org>. They produce fact sheets, education tools and support for lobbying and advocacy. Staff members write articles and op-ed pieces: most recently, “The Failures of Missile Defense,” written by Center Senior Science Fellow Philip Coyle, argued that “The administration and Congress need to take a deep breath and reexamine where the country is going with missile defense, applying the best science along the way. In the meantime, buying more flawed hardware won’t help” (see <http://bit.ly/FailuresMissiles>).

•NOTE DATE CHANGE TO 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, August 20 at 7:00 pm, **CKCPJ Board Meeting**, Location: Robert H. Williams Cultural Center, Georgetown St. Lexington. Questions? 859.488.1448 or [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com). ALL ARE WELCOME!

•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. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr. Lexington (Go to the end of the parking lot, and then in the side door). Info: [www.pflaglex.org](http://www.pflaglex.org) or email: [president@pflaglex.org](mailto:president@pflaglex.org) or call 859.338.4393. Aug. speaker: Bernadette Barton, author of *Pray the Gay Away: The Extraordinary Lives of Bible Belt Gays*, followed by Q & A, support group discussion, refreshments. Family members, allies, and GLBT individuals of all ages are welcome.

•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 or [info@lexfair.org](mailto:info@lexfair.org).

•Wed Night **GLSO (Gay and Lesbian Services Organization) discussion group** is back at 7pm at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave, Lexington. GLSO operates Kentucky’s only Pride Center, where they’ve been quietly providing services to the GLBTQQA community for decades. More info, hours Pride Center is open and other links at: <http://www.glso.org>.

•2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday **Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky**: Fourth Annual Humanist Forum Family Potluck Picnic, Aug. 8, starting at 6:30pm, at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington.. "Family" includes kids and significant others. The Forum is a Chapter of the American Humanist Association). Its meetings are open to people of all beliefs willing to express their opinions in a civil manner. Childcare is provided. Contact: President Staci Maney, [staci@olliegee.com](mailto:staci@olliegee.com) or 859.797.2662.

•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).

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Recurring Community Meetings





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The most unrealistic person in the world is the cynic, not the dreamer. Hope only makes sense when it doesn't make sense to be hopeful. ... Don't be put off by people who know what is not possible. Do what needs to be done, and check to see if it was impossible only after you are done  
~Paul Hawken <http://bit.ly/HawkinHope>

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# Bits and Pieces

## Hiroshima and Nagasaki: A Remembrance Sun, Aug. 5 at 2:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mills Road, Lexington

Please join us as we meet in remembrance and resolution. We will be joined by Dr. Jim Boland, the Director of the Peace Resource Center at Wilmington College.

The Center houses the largest collection of artifacts from Hiroshima and Nagasaki outside Japan. Its mission is to keep alive the legacy of Barbara Reynolds who was called “the flower of Hiroshima” as she sought to educate the world about the effects of the atomic bomb. To download a poster for this event go to: <http://bit.ly/5AugRemember>.

After Dr. Boland's presentation, you are invited to view some of these artifacts, along with a display of photographs and drawings provided by the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation. For more info you can contact: Rebecca Glasscock ([rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu](mailto:rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu)) or Richard Mitchell ([richard.mitchell@insightbb.com](mailto:richard.mitchell@insightbb.com) or 859.327.6277).



## Upcoming CKCPJ Tabling Efforts

Do you remember when you first learned about CKCPJ? We are most grateful for those *Peaceways* readers who have been with the Council for decades. Yet we regularly meet folks who have never heard of the Council and are surprised that a conservative region like Central Kentucky has a group dedicated to working for peace and justice. We'll be at these upcoming events on the UK campus—if you can stop by say hello and encourage your friends to check us out.

- **Fri, Aug. 24**, from 4-7pm. at the UK Task Force LGBT Welcome: Cookout and Resource Fair for faculty, staff, and students. Location: Student Center Patio
- **Wed, Sept. 5** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at UK's Center for Community Outreach Volunteer Fair in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Center

If you would like CKCPJ to be a presence at your school, contact us at [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com).

**CKCPJ Board Meetings: THIRD MONDAY!**  
Due to scheduling conflicts we are shifting our meetings to third Mondays: **our next meeting is August 20<sup>th</sup>**. See page 7 for details. All are welcome!

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