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VOICES for Peace and Justice

...the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends towards justice. -MLK Jr.

When Separate is Not Equal: Yesterday and Today

"...The destinies of the two races, in this country, are indissolubly linked together, and the interests of both require that the common government of all shall not permit the seeds of race hate to be planted under the sanction of law....

—Justice John Marshall Harlan, in his dissenting opinion, to the 1896 U.S. Supreme Court decision *Plessy v. Ferguson*, that upheld the constitutionality of state laws allowing racial segregation in public facilities under the doctrine of "separate but equal"

"Separate was not equal; it just wasn't. No matter what kind of face you put on it or how many frills you attached to it, separate was not equal."

—Barbara Jordan (1936-1996)

It's hard to believe in 2012, but at one time, the law of the land held that "separate" facilities could be "equal." In 1896 the Supreme Court decision *Plessy v. Ferguson* established this rule. It wasn't until 1954 that the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* overturned *Plessy*, in an unanimous decision that stated "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." The following decades saw heroic efforts by civil rights activists desegregate schools and overturn segregation policies in other public facilities. Those legal victories were essential, but in the twenty first century the work is not finished.

CKCPJ's 2012 Voices for Peace and Justice acknowledges and celebrates the voices of individuals who have spoken and acted for justice and civil rights for all citizens. This year's Voices series invites you to join us in an examination of what segregation meant

yesterday and how we are still working out the meaning of full equality for all. A number of our activities focus on Lexington, but lessons from the struggle for integration and full equality apply far beyond any single city.

A highlight of Voices this year will be the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights' 2012 Civil Rights Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Mark your calendars for Wed, Oct. 17, from 2-4 at the Lyric Theater (300 E. Third St, Lexington). We will co-host this event with the recipient of our 2012 Lifetime of Waging Peace Award, Ms. Yvonne Giles, who is also the director of the Isaac Scott Hathaway Museum Gallery, and member of the First African Foundation. This event will be free and open to the public.

Other events and activities will run through the fall. Below and on page 3, we list activities that take place from September into early October. Look for other October events in next month's issue of *Peaceways*.

Sat. Sept. 8, from 9 am to 5 pm: An exhibit on Segregated Education in Lexington, at the former First African Baptist Church building at Short and Deweese streets. This exhibit coincides with the Roots and Heritage celebration and commemorates heroic efforts from the 19th century and beyond.

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CKCPJ Lexington Youth Initiative Survey Gains Traction as Resource for Local Planning

Maybe you've seen CKCPJ's Youth Survey in the news this summer. On Sun, Aug. 12th The *Lexington Herald-Leader* featured the survey results (<http://bit.ly/CKCPJSurvey>) as a centerpiece of their special Opinions and Ideas youth-focused section. The coverage focused on the 15 prioritized needs identified by youth in the survey. In addition, survey data provided essential information for the Mayor's Commission on Youth Development and Public Safety. Access to part-time and summer jobs was the greatest need expressed by youth. This was among the top recommendations of the Commission to Lexington's Urban-County government and led to an increase of 75 summer youth jobs in Lexington's 2013 budget.

High among other needs expressed by youth in the survey were:

- Opportunities to learn real life skills
- Safe places to hang out with friends
- Better transportation to get places
- Leadership opportunities
- Learning photography or how to make videos
- Having a supportive mentor
- Volunteer opportunities

The survey was developed in close consultation with Lexington north-side youth and conducted by the CKCPJ's Lexington Youth Initiative with critical collaboration from the Fayette County Schools. It collected responses from over 1,200 middle and high school-aged Lexingtonians.

Youth responding to the survey provided the name of their street and the first two digits of their house number. This has allowed the survey results to be mapped by both staff of the Lexington Urban County Government and a mapping class at UK. The survey results and the maps showing areas of need and the location of existing resources will be valuable tools as the Lexington Youth Initiative continues its work with local schools, agencies and businesses to improve conditions for youth, especially Lexington's youth at risk for negative outcomes. We will provide *Peaceways* readers with periodic progress reports on the work of the Lexington Youth Initiative. To be involved in the Initiative's efforts, please contact Kerby Neill 859.293.2265 or Bruce Mundy 859.494.4883. Download a copy of the survey at: http://bit.ly/CKCPJ_Youth. ☺



Several youth who worked with the survey travelled to Cincinnati in July for the dynamic annual conference of the Children's Defense Fund. Survey results were highlighted both in a poster at the conference and in a discussion following a conference session on "The Erosion of Employment Opportunities for Teens, Young Adults and Young Families." L to R: Raequan Benton, Dejah Garner, Dawniyan Mulazim, CKCPJ co-chair and one of the survey's adult organizers Bruce Mundy, and Jasmine McDonald.

Upcoming 2012 VOICES Events and Activities

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A historical note: In February 1865, Lexington African Americans elected their own Colored School Trustees and purchased their first school building.

Though Kentucky state law in 1866 stated that taxes from "Negroes and mulattoes" should be used for "taking care of their paupers and the education of their children," an amendment passed in 1868 insisted that "no part of tax derived from property of Negroes can be used for schools until paupers were all provided for." In that difficult climate, the Colored School Trustees raised money to build a second school in 1872 on Corral Street and petitioned the city council to provide support as mandated in the 1866 state act, insisting that their schools receive the tax dollars they were due. The school, known as Colored School #2, was rebuilt in 1904 and became Constitution Elementary School.

The exhibit held on Sept. 8 features photos and other memorabilia supplied by former students and teachers, as well as archival material documenting lack of adequate funding and support for education of African Americans in Lexington and throughout the state.

Sat. Sept 8: CKCPJ Tabling during the Roots and Heritage Festival: Come out and be a part of the Council's presence during this important community event! Call Howard Myers at 859.268.9225 to volunteer or send an email to peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com.

Sat, Sept. 22, from 2-4 pm: African Cemetery No. 2 Tours, 419 E. Seventh Street. In 1869 trustees of Union Benevolent Society No. 2 purchased a 4-acre tract of land "for the purpose of making it a cemetery." Join us for guided tours by Brother Bruce Mundy beginning at 2:15. The life stories of those buried on site reveal how they overcame injustice to become active in securing their civil rights and those of future generations. One of those buried on site is Robert Charles O'Hara Benjamin, an attorney and news editor, who worked with African Americans to assure their registration to vote in 1900. Mike Moynahan physically attacked Benjamin while at the precinct and shot him in the back as he was leaving the precinct. Mr. Benjamin died from his wound; Moynahan was never brought to trial for the murder. For more info on African Cemetery No. 2, go to: www.africancemeteryno2.org. The day's activities include service plantings and cemetery restoration work with youth. For event updates in case of rain or threatening weather, call Brother Bruce at 859.494.4883 or Howard Myers at 859.312.1932.

Sun, Sept. 30 from 4-6 pm: A Walking Tour and Open House at the offices of the Lexington-Fayette County Urban League, 148 Deweese St. You may have seen the Kentucky historical marker outside this historic building with the red awning. Once the site of "Polk's Infirmary," it sat in the center of the Lexington African American cultural and residential community. Dr. John Polk set up his medical practice here from 1914 to 1936. When African Americans could not be treated in other doctor's offices in town, Dr. Polk was the first physician to occupy the historic structure. Dr. J.R. Dalton later established his medical practice in this building and stayed for many decades. Other African American doctors who joined him on Deweese Street included Dr. Henry Merchant who arrived during the Great Depression, and Dr. Marshall Jones who set up his practice in the post-World War II period. This landmark building has been the headquarters for the Urban League since 1999. Take a short walking tour (weather permitting) to learn of the development of Deweese Street as hub of African American medical and professional services during segregation. Tours are scheduled at 4:15 and 5:15 pm.

Sat, Oct. 6 from 1 to 4 pm: Examining Segregated Library Services. Join us at the Lexington Public Central Library, 140 E. Main St. in Conference Room B on the 4th floor. Can you imagine being denied access to a public library that your tax dollars support? Today this situation seems outrageous to us. Yet until the 1960s, local laws and rules enforced the custom of separate facilities for White Americans and Black Americans. Because no Kentucky city devised a formula for dividing tax dollars between the separate libraries, services varied from one city to another. Featured speaker Reinette Jones is the University of Kentucky Oral History Librarian and co-creator of the Kentucky Notable African American database (www.uky.edu/Libraries/NKAA). Her 2002 book titled *Library Services to African Americans: from the Reconstruction Era to the 1960s* documents the history of segregation in public libraries. In that work, she tells the story of Blacks' own efforts to provide books and educational resources to children and adults. The book also contains many photographs of buildings once utilized for libraries, and features biographical profiles and photos of early African American librarians throughout the state. Time for Q & A will follow the presentation, and a limited number of Ms. Jones's books will be available for purchase.

For questions about any of these events, contact CKCPJ at peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com. For events later in October including bus tours, panel discussions, and more, see the October issue of Peaceways or visit www.peaceandjusticeky.org.



Opposing US Drones at Their Source

by Janice Sevre-Duszynska

Born of the Franciscan and Catholic Worker traditions and linked to the 1970s antiwar and peace movements, the organization Nevada Desert Experience (NDE) traces its roots to 1950's opposition to U.S. nuclear testing facilities at the Nevada Proving Ground (now known as the Nevada National Security Site). The mission of NDE is to mobilize people of all faiths to work toward nuclear abolition and nonviolent social change. They organize several actions annually, including the August Desert Witness (ADW).

Commemorating the 67th anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, this year's August Desert Witness (ADW) coincided with the 39th annual drone convention of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) held from Aug 6-9 in Las Vegas. About 8,000 people from 40 different countries participated in the convention which included workshops and keynotes by military, government, academia and business. There were more than 500 exhibitors, mainly military, as manufacturers vied for tax dollars. I was there as one of a number of peace activists gathering information, doing research, and attempting to interact with the purveyors and purchases of death.

I held a media pass for the AUVSI convention, which allowed me to attend workshops. I took meticulous notes about many technical aspects of the industry including robotics, autonomy, and training of drone pilots. To help me evaluate that information, I would appreciate advice from someone with technical expertise—perhaps a trained scientist or a former Air Force pilot? If you can help, let me know by sending me an email at: rhythmsofthedance@gmail.com.

Not all the anti-drone activists had free access to the conference as I did. For example, Franciscan Fr. Louis Vitale and Medea Benjamin, co-founder of CODEPINK and Global Exchange, each paid the \$200 registration fee online to attend the convention. They were waiting to obtain their badges when they were escorted out of the convention center as unwelcome attendees. Earlier, Benjamin tried to get a place in the convention center to present “an alternative view” with

her recently published book: *Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control* but was denied. Later, the organizers of the August Desert Experience, Jim Haber and Mary Lou Anderson, were banned from the exhibit hall after attempting to dialogue with representatives of General Atomics, the company that makes the lethal Predator and Reaper drones.

Other August Desert Experience activities occurred outside of the AUVSI conference. For example, on Aug. 9th, I was one of fifteen activists who gathered for prayer and remembrance and walked to the Nevada Test Site line to draw attention to the continued development of nuclear weaponry by the U.S. Six of us crossed the line onto the Nevada Test Site. We were briefly

detained in open-air pens, cited for trespassing, and released. That afternoon participants took part in a die-in (the second of this year's nonviolent direct action activities), this one at the entrance to the convention center. After fifteen minutes they were told by security to leave or everyone would be arrested. The activists were then escorted outside by security. August Desert Witness organizers summarized this year's efforts: “This year's ADW was noteworthy for several reasons.

It continued to deepen the working relationship between the Catholic Worker community, Nevada Desert Experience, the local Occupy movement and CODEPINK Women for Peace. In the process, greater connections were also made.” Some examples of those connections are: witnessing at the Creech Air Force Base, and the Atomic Testing Museum, and visiting the Sekhmet Temple, and praying at a local Sikh Temple in memory of the Sikhs recently killed in Milwaukee.

What can you do? I recommend resources available at Voices for Creative NonViolence. To download an important informational pamphlet they've produced, go to: <http://bit.ly/VCNVdrones>. Oppose the drones. Call your members of Congress today (202.224.3121). Tell them you are very concerned about the moral, legal, and security consequences of our drone attacks on Afghanistan and Pakistan.

For more information on the Nevada Desert Experience, go to: www.nevadadesertexperience.org

“Eric Beerbohm's recent book, *In Our Name: The Ethics of Democracy*, suggests that complicity is a professional hazard of democratic citizenship. In other words, each person in the United States bears some responsibility for the things our leaders do to other people in the name of [our] country. ... This means that even by proxy we are to be held accountable for the things our nation does.”

“Atomic bombs and drone warfare” by Andrew Battista
in Lexington's *North of Center* (Aug. 2, 2012)
<http://bit.ly/DronesBattista>.

Lexington Marks the International Day of Peace

In Lexington, you have a number of choices to mark the International Day of Peace.

Tue, Sept. 18, "Celebrate Peace" from 6-8 pm at The Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning (251 W. 2nd St., Lexington). The Center's first Family Fun and Learning Night of the fall celebrates peace through art and activities and includes free dinner. Recommended for families with children ages 3-12 (Teen activities will be held at the same time, elsewhere

in the building. Contact the Center for details). This free event does require registration. Call the Center at 859.254.4175.



Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice board members and volunteers will be staffing at least one table at this event. To join CKCPJ's efforts, call us at 859.488.1448 or email us at peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com for more info.

Thurs, Sept 20, Gathering to mark the International Day of Peace, from 7-8:15 pm. Sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass: "Join us—and the world—in statements about and prayers for peace." Gathering at Woodland Christian Church, 560 E. High St. (at Kentucky Avenue) in Lexington. The Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass invites representatives of various faiths and religious institutions to present a brief prayer for peace from their tradition. By Sept. 17, let them know who will offer the prayer on behalf of your group, along with contact info by sending an email to: dalenekay@msn.com. To download a flyer for this event, go to: <http://bit.ly/InterfaithPeace>. The International Day of Peace, established by the United Nations, is meant to be a day of ceasefire—personal or political. Take this opportunity to make peace in your life and in the world.

Sat, Sept. 22, "Drumming for Peace" at the Peace Meal Gardens from noon to 2:00 pm. Come out for the community drumming, enjoy a lovely 2.5 acre community garden, bring a chair or a blanket and partake of refreshments. Everyone (whether you drum or not) is welcome! Directions to Peace Meal Gardens: Head west on Main/ Leestown Road. Just west of New Circle underpass, turn left onto Opportunity Way (between Leestown Middle School and the VA). Turn right onto Parking Lot A and go ALL the way across the parking lot, then take the gravel road to the garden. Download flyer at <http://bit.ly/PeaceMeal2012>. ☺

AVOL Anniversary Event Thur, Sept. 13 in Lexington

by Emily Evans, AVOL

You are invited to AVOL's 25th Anniversary Event at the Kentucky Theatre, on Thurs, Sept. 13. The event is free and open to all. Reception begins at 6 pm with hors d'oeuvres and Caleb Ritchie on the piano. Our celebration begins at 7pm in the State Theatre with several performances, speakers, and a memorial. As the chair of the event, I personally would love to see and celebrate this milestone with you. We will be commemorating an effective 25 years but also looking forward to the future. At this event, we will invite you to invest in our future, and to contribute your innovative ideas to our strategic plan.

I have been volunteering with AVOL (AIDS Volunteers, Inc.) for four years; it has been an incredibly rewarding experience. AVOL collaborates with

communities to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and to empower those affected. AVOL has a thorough understanding of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and recognizes that it is a complex social issue affecting entire communities, not only HIV-positive individuals. Many people are unaware of how HIV/AIDS spreads and how important it is to be tested regularly. AVOL is here to inform, test, and give assistance to our community. AVOL's staff members are incredibly compassionate, hard-working people, and they're fun to work with too!

For more on AVOL, come see our website at: www.avolky.org. You can sign up as a client or as a volunteer, learn about our rich 25-year history, and access resources on HIV transmission and prevention.

If you have any questions about the anniversary event, please contact me at: emilyevans08@gmail.com. I'm looking forward to seeing you there! ☺





Central KY Peace and Justice Calendar and News



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Wed, Sept. 5, 12 noon Move UK Beyond Coal Rally, in the Free Speech Area (near the Student Center) at the University of Kentucky.

Protest the official opening of the "Wildcat Coal Lodge." Organizers say they ask the University of Kentucky to critically consider their financial relationship with the coal industry, further invest in renewable energy sources, and demonstrate to the campus community their concern for the health of Kentuckians. "We stand with fellow Kentuckians from around the state as we ask the university to examine its ties to the industry and the influence that relationship has on the trajectory of our state." Speakers at the rally include Wendell Berry, Mary Anne Hitt, Hope Johnson, members of the Affrilachian Poets, and Dr. John A. Patterson. It's time to voice opposition to the cozy relationship between Kentucky's land grant university and the exploitive coal industry. It's time to show support for a clean energy future at UK. The student organizers appreciate every community member who comes out to support their efforts. Participation by non-students demonstrates wide support to move UK beyond coal in the 21st century. You can go to the Facebook event: <http://bit.ly/Sept5Coal> or download flyer (above) by going to: <http://bit.ly/Sept5BeyondCoal>. Can't make it to the protest? To sign a Sierra Club online petition, you can go to <http://bit.ly/SierraPetition>. That petition page can also be forwarded as an email alert.



Tues. Sept 11 at 11 am: Come out to support the Sanitation Workers of Lexington at a meeting of the General Government Committee of LFUCG in Council Chambers at 200 E. Main St. The Committee will be considering a proposal to review Ordinance 4-75. Supporters of the workers will be asking committee members to uphold or maybe even strengthen the ordinance. Ordinance 4-75 was passed 37 years ago and signed into law by Lexington Mayor Foster Pettit. It lays out a process by which employees may choose to affiliate with a union for the purposes of meeting-and-conferring with city officials about the conditions of their employment. Background: on July 31, the employees of the LFUCG Division of Waste Management voted to form a union through the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). As part of CKCPJ's ongoing interest in and support of the Living Wage initiative,

Peaceways ran a brief story about the workers' efforts in our June/July issue on page 3. For newspaper coverage by the *Lexington Herald-Leader* go to <http://bit.ly/pre-vote> and <http://bit.ly/resultsLex>. The union has a blog post on the vote at: <http://bit.ly/AFSCMEnote>. For the most recent updates contact AFSCME organizer Richard Becker : call 502.689.9734; email Rbecker@afscmecn62.org; follow him on Twitter: @AFSCME62.

Wed, Sept 12 from 6-8 pm Public Forum on Islam and Muslims in Kentucky at the Richmond City Hall. "You will have the opportunity to speak with panelists who are knowledgeable on the subject," say organizers. This educational event is sponsored by the Richmond Human Rights Commission and the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. For more information please email Sandra Añez Powell sandrapowell@foothillscap.org. Download a flyer at: <http://bit.ly/Sept12Islam>.

Thur. Sept 13 at 7 pm: "The Next Generation of Citizens: How Civics is Taught in Kentucky Schools." at Temple Adath Israel, 124 N. Ashland Ave., Lexington. Cosponsored by the Central Kentucky Chapter of the ACLU of Kentucky and the League of Women Voters. Speakers: Charles Hall, Director, Social Studies Networks, Kentucky Dept. of Education; Malana Salyer, Exec. Dir., Kentucky Council for Social Studies and Civic Education Coordinator, U of L, Kathy Swan, Assoc. Professor, Curriculum & Instruction, UK; and Rick Daniel, District Social Studies Specialist, Jefferson County Public Schools and President, Kentucky Council for the Social Studies.

Sept 15: Video Contest Opens for The Face of Homelessness of Lexington. The contest is part of the "22 Days of Awareness and Connection" that will take place from Oct. 28 to Nov. 18. Winners of the contest will be announced at a kick-off event Oct. 28. For complete video contest rules go to: www.thefaceofhomelessness.info. Organizers say: "We seek to bring about real change in our community: changed hearts. We invite all to learn of the complexity and humanity of homelessness in Lexington and help our community to adopt the public will to end it." Events during the "22 Days of Awareness and Connection" will include "Bus Tours of the Bluegrass Homeless," days of connection, and showing of the original play "Please Don't Call Me Homeless, I Don't Call You Homed" on TV. Coordinated by Catholic Action Center, Central KY Housing and Homeless Initiative, The Community Inn, and the Street Voice Council with the help of many community partners. Questions: 859.514.7210, or email caclexky@insightbb.com.

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Thurs, Sept. 20 from 7-9 pm: "Climate Change: Causes and Significance." At the Lexington Public Central Library, 140 E. Main St, Farish Theatre. Presentation by: Paul Vincelli, Ph.D., Extension Professor and Provost's Distinguished Service Professor, University of Kentucky; and Alice Turkington, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Kentucky Q & A follows presentation. Download a flyer for the event at: <http://bit.ly/Sept20Climate>.

Sept. 28: Early registration Ends! Bellarmine University's 2nd Annual Dialogue on Diversity Conference will be held Fri, Nov. 2, 8:00 am-3:00 pm, at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville. Early registration fee is \$100 per person for the general public, \$25 per person for currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate students. Community members are encouraged to participate and "actively engage in purposeful and meaningful discourse about the pragmatic and theoretical aspects of diversity." Details: go to: <http://bit.ly/PVosxW>.

Sat, Oct. 6 from 4:00-7:00 pm *Pray the Gay Away: The Extraordinary Lives of Bible Belt Gays*. Book launch event with author Bernadette Barton, Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies at Moorehead University, at Winchester Galleria, 101 S. Main St, Winchester (859.745.0045). Come out for wine tasting, beer, non-alcoholic drinks and appetizers. Free and open to the public. At 5 pm, Barton will give a brief talk and sign books. www.bernadettebarton.com.

Oct. 15-19: Ally Week. Across the country, often as members of Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) or similar student clubs, students will celebrate Ally Week, a week for students to identify, support and celebrate Allies against anti-LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) language, bullying and harassment in America's schools.

During Ally Week, many students will encourage their peers and school staff to sign an Ally Pledge which states:
"I believe all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression, deserve to feel safe and supported. That means I pledge to:

- Not use anti-LGBT language and slurs;
- Intervene, if I safely can, in situations where other students are being harassed;
- Support efforts to end bullying and harassment."

(For more info see GLSEN's site at www.allyweek.org).



•NOTE DATE CHANGE TO 3rd Monday, September 17 at 7:00 pm, CKCPJ Board Meeting at 644 Georgetown St. Lexington. Questions? 859.488.1448 or 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.

•1st Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm, Kentucky Migrant Network, Cardinal Valley Center, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact: Isabel Gereda Taylor itaylor@lexingtonky.gov 859.258.3824.

•2nd 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 or email: president@pflaglex.org or call 859.338.4393. September: "Everything You Wanted to Know As a Parent, Sibling or Friend of a GLBT Individual and Had No One to Ask." A lively panel will answer questions, share experiences, provide a long view of the coming out process for families. Programs are followed by Q & A, support group discussion, refreshments. Family members, allies, and GLBT individuals of all ages are welcome.

•2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm, Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky Lexington Public Central Library, 140 E. Main St, Lexington. Contact: Craig Cammack, Chair: 859.951.8565 or 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>.

•2nd Wednesday Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky: starting at 6:30pm, at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington.. "The Humanist Stance on Gun Control: Where Do We Stand?" Dan Wu will present the "con" side of the argument (more gun control is bad) and Nathan Lowe present the "pro" side (we need more gun control). Come prepared for a lively discussion to follow. 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 or 859.797.2662.

•3rd 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.

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acts."

—Howard Zinn (1922-2010) www.howardzinn.org

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A Bit Of Peace

CKCPJ Sends Four Participants to Peace Education Training

"This training gave me the tools to effect change in my underserved and marginalized neighborhood" said CKCPJ board member Tanya Torp after she attended the July training. Called a "Training of Educators," the session equipped adults with the tools needed to train children in peer mediation. Tanya was one of four participants CKCPJ helped send to this session in Louisville. In upcoming issues of *Peaceways*, you'll learn about the pilot project those four are working on.

The Peace Education Program in Louisville provides many trainings each year. Their next session open to the public is a "Co-operative Games Workshop-Part Two," Sept. 18, from 10 am-2pm. CKCPJ will again be sending participants. If you are interested in attending, let us know at peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com. You can also download a registration form at <http://bit.ly/PeaceEd>.



<http://peaceeducationprogram.org>



Participants of Peace Education Program's "2012 Training of Peace Educators" training, July 25-28 in Louisville. CKCPJ sent four people to be trained at this session. Look for information on the pilot program they're working on in upcoming issues of *Peaceways*. Photo courtesy of PeaceEd.



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