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A Symphony of Collaboration

In CKCPJ's annual Voices event series, we highlight perspectives and stories that are essential to the full concert of humanity if we are to realize a living, vital justice and achieve success towards meaningful peace.

This year, our efforts reached back to the era of the civil rights struggle in our theme: "When Separate Is Not Equal: Yesterday and Today." We made connections and worked in collaborations, inspired by the connections highlighted by activists like Martin Luther King Jr. When he identified the "giant triplets of racism, materialism and militarism," he made it clear that the struggle for civil rights, equality, and freedom needed to include struggle against the costs – of blood and treasure – that militarism and war exact. He saw that struggles for civil rights and against violence of all kinds are not separate ones, but linked in their fundamental causes.

The most public highlight of our series took place on Wednesday, October 17, at the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony when most of the Lyric Theater's 540 seats were full as officials, dignitaries, and people from across the Commonwealth gathered to honor the 33 nominees and congratulate the 14 inductees. The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights has held the ceremony periodically since 2000, but they tell us they've never had as large a crowd as this one. Our promotion efforts were an important part of this, as our board members distributed hundreds of flyers at September's Roots and Heritage Festival inviting the local neighborhood. We knew that each of the



Connections made at the Civil Rights Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony included new contacts with student activists. From left to right: Corey Dunn, CKCPJ board member; BCTC students Daniel Beasley and Stephanie Armstrong; Central Christian Church minister of Adult Faith Formation Stephanie McCormick, CKCPJ board member Howard Myers, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Commissioner Samuel R. Coleman Jr., Peaceways staff Gail Koehler, Sayre students Sana Aslam and Hina Iqbal.

nominees had made profoundly important contribution to equality. When those sacrifices were combined with the promise of seeing the historic Lyric theater in its renovated condition honoring its own contributions to the legacy of rights in Lexington, we used all resources available to us and our network. The resulting unprecedented crowds were the reward. At the event we heard "this was fabulous! Thank you." Our collaborators told us that our work was essential to making the myriad of pieces come together into that "fabulous." The event, in turn, showcased the city of Lexington, the tremendous renovation and history of the Lyric, and the kinds of collaborations CKCPJ has accomplished over the years.

We congratulate all the nominees: a press release with a full list including photos and bios is available at <http://bit.ly/CivilRightsHallofFame>. We offer particular congratulations to the Lexington inductees, Martha Layne Collins, Audrey Louise Ross Grevi-

ous, and former CKCPJ co-chair Priscilla Johnson.

Our Voices 2012 events could not have happened without tremendous generosity from many organizations and individuals. The planning committee of Voices thanks the staff from the Mayor's office, and numerous departments at The University of Kentucky. The list of partners, sponsors, and supporters is lengthy, and includes, beyond those already mentioned: The Lexington Convention & Visitor's Bureau, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission, Landrum and Shouse Law Office, the Lexington Fayette Urban Government Social Service Commission, Sayre School. We also thank CKCPJ contributors who shared the vision including donations in recognition of the Madison County Peace Makers, the William Wells Brown Neighborhood Association, and CKCPJ's own local social justice activism. ♦

Voices 2012: Looking back at Historic Segregation, and Forward to Equality

CKCPJ's 2012 Voices events ranged from the size of the Civil Rights Hall of Fame event to the very small. We saw profound connections being made on individual faces during, for example, Yvonne Giles's history tours. CKCPJ honored Ms. Giles with our 2012 Lifetime of Waging Peace Award in recognition her dedicated preservation of Black heritage as it was experienced and memorialized within her community and her commitment to teaching what she finds, particularly at The Isaac Scott Hathaway Museum Gallery which she co-founded and directs.

Ms. Giles reminded us that in retelling the stories of hard-won civil rights, we honor tremendous sacrifices. CKCPJ's Voices series, she says, plays an important part in helping us ask ourselves how much further we need to move towards equality for all and asks if there areas where we may be regressing. It asks us: What do we need to do to move forward?

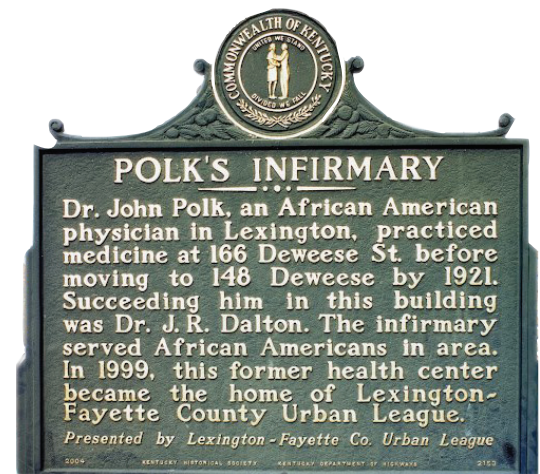
An example of the challenge we face can be found a recent Associated Press

poll where we read that a majority of Americans have a negative view of Blacks and Hispanics:

"Experts on race said they were not surprised by the findings. 'We have this false idea that there is uniformity in progress and that things change in one big step. That is not the way history has worked,' said Jelani Cobb, professor of history and director of the Institute for African-American Studies at the University of Connecticut. 'When we've seen progress, we've also seen backlash.'" *Full account:* <http://bit.ly/APpoll>.

On these two pages, we offer a very brief summary of the events and activities of this year's Voices.

On Sun, Sept. 30 at the walking tour and open house originating at the Urban League offices in Lexington, we learned about efforts in the early twentieth century to recruit a doctor to provide necessary medical services in the vicinity of the formerly bustling Deweese St., once the hub of professional African-American services. Dr.



John Polk's tenancy at 148 Deweese was the result of those efforts. Reflecting on the need for Dr. Polk's services, some tour participants shared stories of their shock when as children they learned that suffering people in need of medical attention were routinely turned away from segregated hospitals and medical facilities because of their race. Carrying forward the ideal of service, Urban League staff provided updates on their programs, including computer training offered at their facilities *For more information:* visit <http://bit.ly/LeagueLex>. ♦

Honoring Ancestors

On Sat, Oct. 22, participants of CKCPJ's Lexington Youth Initiative honored those buried at African Cemetery No 2, caring for the grounds. Throughout the Commonwealth, burying grounds for African Americans have frequently been allowed to deteriorate, while other cemeteries received many resources in recognition of the hallowed nature of the sites.

As they learned local African-American history that missed the textbooks, members of CKCPJ's Lexington Youth Initiative cared for many plots, weeding and planting—with board members Bruce Mundy and Howard Myers at African Cemetery No. 2.

Burials occurred in African Cemetery as early as the 1820s, and for a time it was maintained by the The Colored Peoples Union Benevolent Society No. 2. However, since the 1930s, though, it had suffered cycles of neglect, vandalism and encroachment by neighboring properties. In recent years a dedicated group of volunteers has undertaken its care and undertaken teaching and outreach efforts. See <http://bit.ly/CemeteryNo2>. for more.





During CKCPJ's 2012 VOICES bus tour, participants were inspired by tales of the historic African American contributions to Lexington's horse racing industry by Thomas Tolliver

On Sat, Oct. 6, Reinette Jones presented research which culminated in her book: *Library Services to African-Americans: from the Reconstruction Era to the 1960s*, which documents segregation practices from around the state. While today it seems outrageous that people might be turned away from a public library that their tax dollars supported, until the 1960s in Kentucky, local laws and rules enforced the custom. Reinette Jones is the University of Kentucky Oral History Librarian and the co-creator of the Kentucky Notable African American database (<http://bit.ly/KyNAA>). Her presentation included the stories of Blacks' own herculean efforts to provide books and educational resources to children and adults with limited resources but tremendous vision and courage.

Two bus tours, on Oct. 10 and 13, allowed riders to experience an itinerary prepared by Yvonne Giles, who provided commentary. We learned about African Americans' response to the Separate Coach law of 1898, segregated housing, businesses, entertainment venues and public parks. The tours highlighted several of Lexington's enclave neighborhoods such as Irish Town, Davis Bottom, and Smithtown and the story of protest and bombings in Lexington during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s and the lack of coverage by the local media.

Thomas Tolliver, community organizer and vice president of the Isaac Murphy Memorial Art Garden board, taught participants about the importance of African American's contributions to Kentucky's thoroughbred industry with a well-deserved focus on Isaac Murphy (1861-1896). Murphy was an African-American Hall of Fame jockey, whose legacy the Garden will help reclaim. The official Kentucky Derby website and the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame say that "Isaac Murphy is considered one of the greatest race riders in American history." Yet few race enthusiasts know much, if anything about him.

Tour participants expressed appreciation for his energy, vision and knowledge. Mr. Tolliver has told us via email: "I look forward to the day when the park is complete and we can tell some of those stories on the art panels. Again, thanks for allowing me to be part of the bus tour. I commend all of you who made it possible."

We end our Voices series grateful to human rights commissions everywhere, charged to enforce the laws that prohibit discrimination. And we turn anew to our efforts that work for full equality for all people. ♦

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Calendar for Peace & Justice

WED. NOV. 7

10 am—Help Deliver Health and Hope by Loading a Truck!

Project C.U.R.E. (www.projectcure.org) collects donated medical supplies and equipment from the U.S. and delivers them to clinics and hospitals in more than 120 countries: places across the globe that once had to turn desperate people away due to lack of supplies now receive essential items. In Lexington, Suzi Kifer has spearheaded a successful Project C.U.R.E. chapter. In October they held a Drive by Day that brought many items. Now's the time to load! She says: "Loading the truck will not take much more than an hour if enough people can help. There are boxes for all sizes of people." Send a note to suzikifer@insightbb.com if you can come out to help.

Suzi also says "This will be the last load organized by Cecil [head packer] and me, although we will be willing to help from time to time in a limited capacity. Two people are needed to take our places. The job descriptions are pretty short and we are willing to share what we know. Contact me (859.277.0816 or suzikifer@insightbb.com) for details."

SAT. NOV. 10

MOSAIC

Registrations are due for MOSAIC—Multicultural Opportunities, Strategies and Institutional Inclusiveness Conference—is hosted by the Bluegrass Community and Technical College. Conference dates: Nov. 29-30. Location: Lexington's Marriott Griffin Gate Hotel, Speakers: Ky. Dept. of Juvenile Services Commissioner Hasan Davis, and Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of the Commission on Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Info and questions: Charlene Walker at BCTC: 859-246-6439 or charlene.walker@kctcs.edu.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

CKCPJ Board Meetings! THIRD MONDAYS —Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

Locations rotate. **November meeting** takes place at: 772 Winchester Road, Lexington. RSVP and more info: 859.488.1448 or peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

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

PFLAG: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays,

Bisexuals and Transgendered: 2nd Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm. 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). **Tues, Nov. 13:** author Alana Nicole Sholer will share her experiences as a transgender male to female in "A Journey of Gender Discovery." A native Kentuckian, Alana's coming out process culminated in the recent publication of her memoir, "Hung in the Middle." An video interview with the author can be found at www.hunginthemiddle.com. **Tues, Dec. 11:** Holiday gathering - details TBA. Info: www.pflaglex.org or email: president@pflaglex.org or call 859.338.4393. Programs are followed by Q & A, support group discussion, refreshments. Family members, allies, and GLBT individuals of all ages are welcome.

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

Wed Night GLSO discussion group: 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 GLBTQQIA community for decades. More info, hours Pride Center is open and other links at: <http://www.glsso.org>.

Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky: 2nd Wednesday, 7:00-8:30pm, in the Great Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church. **Nov. 14:** "Open-Mike Night," a chance for newcomers and old-timers to get to know each other better. **Dec. 12:** starting at 6:00pm, in the UUCL Fellowship Hall, Winter Solstice/ Chanukah/Christmas Potluck. The Forum is a Chapter of the American Humanist Association). 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.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth: 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm Episcopal Diocese Mission House at 4th St. & MLK Blvd, Lexington. Contact: Ondine Quinn 859.276.0563.

NAMI Lexington Support Groups: Every Sunday 2:30-4:00pm, Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington. Contact: call 859.272.7891 or go to www.namilex.org.

Want your group's meeting listed here?

Contact us: peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com or 859.488.1448

SUN. NOV. 11

Civil Rights Musical History

11 a.m. service: "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round" with Charlie King and Karen Brandow, longtime musical storytellers and political satirists: presenting a musical history of the Civil Rights Movement (1955-67). Combining historical narrative, power point images, and freedom songs, this 50 minute live performance piece highlights activists such as Rosa Parks, Fannie Lou Hamer and Ella Baker. Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington, 3564 Clays Mill Road, 40503.

Fall Writing Contest Awards

2-4 pm: Bluegrass Literacy's Annual Fall Writing Contest awards event takes place at the Lexington Public Central Library, 140 E. Main Street. Come out to hear winners read and enjoy the fellowship of those who support literacy! Info: 859.299.5982 or e-mail Norma Spencer at: spencer@qx.net. To learn more about Bluegrass Literacy's programming: www.bluegrassliteracy.org.

TUES. NOV. 13

BCTC Fall Speaker Series

6:30pm: "Globalization and Wars in the DR Congo: Stakes and Challenges about Social Justice." Fraternel D. Amuri Misako, from the Democratic Republic of Congo, presents at the Bluegrass Community and Technical College Fall Speaker Series. Oswald Building Auditorium (OB 230), Cooper Campus, 470 Cooper Dr., Lexington. Info: rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu. BCTC speaker series events are free and the public is warmly welcome.

SAT. NOV. 17

Kentucky's MLK Entries Due

"Moving Beyond the Dream to Brighten the Future" entries for Kentucky's MLK awards are due. The Martin Luther King Jr. State Commission, part of the Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment, is seeking artwork, essays and citizenship award nominations for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Citizenship Award, and the esteemed King

Award. Contest is open to kindergarten to 12th-grade students. Winners will be recognized at the Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Celebration in Frankfort on Jan. 17, 2013. Info, details, guidelines: <http://bit.ly/2013MLKAward>. Entries must be properly labeled and addressed to: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Awards, 700 Capital Ave., Suite 138, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

TUES. NOV. 26

BCTC Fall Speaker Series

6:30 pm: BCTC Fall Speaker Series brings the ACLU and a death penalty exoneree to campus (see location and contact details at Nov. 13 event). Since 1973, 141 Americans have been released from death row after being exonerated of the crime which put them there—some have been exonerated posthumously, which makes their communities guilty of putting them to death by mistake. The necessity of abolishing the death penalty is increasingly seen as a civil rights issue: in October, the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights issued a resolution calling on Gov. Steve Beshear and the Kentucky Legislature to abolish the death penalty in the commonwealth (see page 7).

TUES. NOV. 27

Celebration of Gratitude

6:00 to 7:30 pm: The Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass meeting at Temple Adath Israel (124 N. Ashland Ave.) Vegetarian meal will be served: please bring salad, side dish or desert if you're able. People of many faiths, from Buddhists to Baha'is to Christians to Jews, will briefly share rituals of thanks that range from grace before each meal to prayers about the miraculous human body. God's Pantry Food Bank will share the steps they are taking to provide more needed food to over 330,000 people in poverty living in its 50-county service area: you can contribute with your canned donations. Info: Lisa Satin jlifsatin@insightbb.com.

SAT. DEC. 1

Louisville Unity Dinner

The Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression Unity Dinner at Wayside Christian Mission's Hotel Louisville. Keynote speaker: Emcee and community activist Jasiri X. John J. Johnson, Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is this year's Carl and Anne Braden Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. Social Justice Hour (tabling of organizations) 5-6 pm. Dinner at 6 pm. After dinner party: begins 10 pm. Tickets: \$45.

Online ordering: <http://bit.ly/2012Unity>. More Info: kyall@insightbb.com or 502.778.8130.

SAT. DEC. 31

Ninepatch

Deadline for submissions to *Ninepatch: A Journal for Women & Gender Studies* published out of Eastern Kentucky University. They're accepting high quality written art, visual art, and video. Info: visit <http://bit.ly/ninepatchJournal> or email ninepatch-journal@gmail.com.



During the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, the "Face of Homelessness of Lexington" project brings attention to local conditions. See schedule of events at: <http://bit.ly/FaceofH>. That's also where you'll find the answer to the meaning behind those hundreds of bright yellow signs with the number 36,897 on them that have been showing up along the city's streets: they're a part of a campaign by the Street Voice Council, a group organized to help Lexington's homeless.



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Occupy Lexington – Looking Forward

by CKCPJ board member Janet Tucker

Occupy Lexington held its one-year anniversary in Phoenix Park on Saturday, September 29. At the time Occupy Lexington gave up its physical occupation at JP Morgan Chase Bank in downtown Lexington in February, it was one of the longest continuously occupied spaces in the country. The anniversary activities were a reminder to the city that while our tents are no longer visible on Main Street, Occupy Lexington has not given up its activism. In speaking to Channel 36 news, April Browning, one of the most dedicated occupiers stated, “We are especially proud of the organizations and community activism that have spun off of it.” The day’s activities represented that activism while at the same time celebrating the anniversary. “We felt this day was

so important because it has come at a pivotal time for those who have chosen to Occupy, for those who have chosen to stand up and speak out,” April stated.

The day started with a pot luck in the park that was shared with our homeless brothers and sisters. There was ample food for all from from 2 pots of wonderful chili to deserts. A group of young men from a local church brought a number of pizzas. It was an amazing experience in breaking bread and socializing. It was a time to catch up with old friends from occupy as well as talk to some new ones.

The potluck was followed by a rally which was a good representation of everything Occupy Lexington has accomplished and is dedicated to continue. John Blickenstaff and Richard Becker spoke of the importance of the labor movement, with Richard highlighting the misguided effort of some in city council to repeal the ordinance that allows city workers to organize. A petition campaign to combat that effort is underway (contact Richard Becker at by email at Rbecker@afscmecn62.org; or by calling 502-689- 9734. Brandon Dunn, a member of Men of Action and a second district council candidate, spoke of the importance of community organizing. David Christiansen, CEO of Central Kentucky Council on Housing and Homelessness, told us of the effects of rising poverty and the need to raise the minimum wage. These are just a few examples from a great program.

The day showed that Occupy is not dead but that it has evolved and will continue to grow. Steven Burt, another dedicated occupier, stated that across the country Occupy “changed the



national spotlight, it changed the focus from austerity to social and income inequality. More people are aware of the inequality...people are a lot more active and we know each other better.” Our anniversary celebrated these connections. April Brown-ing pointed out, “We want our fellow Occupiers to know how important they all are and that they have planted a seed and now is the time to tend to it and make it grow. We want to help to sustain local activism and we want people to come out of this feeling optimistic. I think we have and will continue to meet

those goals, as lofty as they might seem.”

Our local activities demonstrated what Francis Fox Piven—professor and author of *Challenging Authority: How Ordinary People Change America*—has recently said: “The Occupy protest is not over; it has just begun.” Local activist Brannon Dunn put it this way: Occupy “is not a moment—it is a movement.”

Interested in updates on Occupy Lexington? Contact Janet at jlynjenks@gmail.com or call 859.229.7982. ♦

Michael Benton, writing in Lexington's North of Center, provided an excellent summary of Occupy Lexington's history and significance. See that article here: <http://bit.ly/BentonNoC>

OCCUPY — HOPE AND THE LONG HAUL

For more on Occupy's economic and political analysis and where we go from here:

-“To say “Occupy is dead” is to misunderstand everything about the movement. Occupy can't die as long as the dire conditions that inspired the creation of the movement continue to exist. In speaking with protesters, one can easily see all of their grievances are still real and present.” —Allison Kilkenny The Nation <http://bit.ly/AllisonKilkenny>

-“Occupy hasn't gone anywhere—it is all around. We Occupy Everywhere. We are the 99%.” Occupy Pittsburgh <http://bit.ly/OPittsburg>

-“How Occupy has changed the conversation...” hosted by Melissa Harris Perry, of MSNBC: video available online <http://bit.ly/Harris-Perry>.

-Where it all started: Look through the website at <http://occupywallst.org> which lists events and posts newsupdates; these activists continue their analysis and calls to action.

-“One year on from its beginning, progressives owe Occupy Wall Street a debt of gratitude. The movement's clarion call ‘We are the 99 percent’ has shifted the discourse on economic justice in the United States and around the world. Altered language is the first and essential step to political and policy change.” <http://bit.ly/Colorlines>

-Videotape and transcript of September roundtable “After 1 Year, OWS Gives Voice to Resistance of Crippling Debt and Widening Inequality” discussion at Democracy Now with Frances Fox Piven, Nathan Schneider (editor of the website Waging Non-violence), Occupy organizer Suzanne Collado. <http://bit.ly/OWSResistance>.

-“Ultimately, the history of political activism is the history of setbacks and unexpected advance,” writes the Guardian's Aditya Chakraborty. He cites political scientist Martin Gilens who has said: “A democracy that ignores most of the public has a tenuous claim to legitimacy.” <http://bit.ly/AdityaC>

-Activist Rebecca Solnit: “...Occupy's other signal achievement: we articulated, clearly, loudly, incontrovertably, how appalling and destructive the current economic system is. To name something is a powerful action. To speak the truth changes reality, and this has everything to do with why electoral politics runs the spectrum from euphemism and parallel-universe formulations to astonishing lies and complete evasions.” She says: “One year into the Civil Rights Movement, the Montgomery Bus Boycott was still in progress, catalyzed by the unknown secretary of the local NAACP chapter and a preacher from Atlanta -- by, that is, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr.” See <http://bit.ly/SuccessIsForTheStubborn>.

-The Occupy Movement has found an unlikely ally in a senior Bank of England official, Andrew Haldane, who has praised protesters for their role in triggering an overhaul of the financial services sector. <http://bit.ly/BofEHaldane>.



Change comes about as a result of a multitude of individual acts

Prior to the Civil Rights Hall of Fame ceremony you read about on page one, the Kentucky Human Rights Commission conducted a business meeting, and passed a resolution urging the Kentucky General Assembly and Gov. Steve Beshear to repeal the law that allows the use of the death penalty in murder convictions. Within days, *the New York Times* cited the resolution in an editorial titled “Kentucky's Egregious Death Penalty” (<http://bit.ly/NYTABolishDP>) that called on our Commonwealth to stop killing people in our name.

CKCPJ member organization Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty says “Such a high-profile indictment of the state's broken death penalty doesn't happen on its own.” Their website (<http://kcadp.org/>) lists “10 milestones highlighting Kentucky's ever-accelerating and irreversible progress towards abolition.”



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against those things in life that should not be."*

~ Bernice Johnson Reagon

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You Helped Hundreds Of Homeless People In Lexington Over The Past Five Years with Your Support of CKCPJ

As a long-time advocate of the homeless, CKCPJ board member Billie Mallory saw a need no one else was filling: too many of the most vulnerable in our community—the people of the least financial means—had to travel across town and negotiate numerous steps to have their basic human needs met. That many of the homeless are veterans caught our attention early on. Billie's vision was to bring together service providers in one location for a single day. Readers of *Peaceways* and contributors to CKCPJ provided her essential support when she created Lexington's first Homeless Resource Fair in October of 2008 as a part of our 25th anniversary event. Participants were thankful to find answers to a variety of issues in a single place. An unexpected benefit was that when the agencies and organizations met each other face-to-face, conversations and connections happened that surprised them all. The next year, through a partnership with the Veterans Administration, the Central Kentucky Homeless-Housing Coalition, and Central Christian Church, the fair became an important annual event.

How could CKCPJ—with a budget smaller than most people's salaries—help accomplish this?

The Homeless Resource Fair and VA Stand Down has long since outgrown CKCPJ's ability to administer, but it all

started with Billie's vision and YOUR willingness to step up and contribute to peace and justice in central Kentucky. The connections made at the event are bearing fruit and helping to change the conversation about homelessness in Lexington. You were a big part of that.

We'll have information about innovative approaches to common problems among the homeless in our January issue.

You want to advance peace and justice in concrete ways.

Many of your friends want the same thing! We need you to tell those friends about CKCPJ's participation in the GoodGiving Challenge to maximize our year-end fundraising efforts. We are on the verge of being able to accomplish so much.

Because we link your ideas and your heart's deep desires to activist members who make concrete contributions to peace and justice where we live, your dollars go farther at CKCPJ than almost anywhere else. Please, look for the GoodGiving Guide around town. Go and go to our website where we have a direct link to our page at the Challenge. If you participate in social media—or have



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Board Members Howard Myers and Billie Mallory at this year's fair.

friends who do—while you're at our webpage, click on links to our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter. Peace spreads through a thousand small connections, and you make a big difference when you send our links to your networks.

THANK YOU! for your generous support and your earnest commitment to achieving peace in a myriad of ways.

To expand our capacities, we are thrilled to participate again this year in Lexington's GoodGiving Challenge. Add your name to our email list (send a note to peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com) and you'll hear about all our events and celebrations, and keep you up-to-date on challenges and opportunities for CKCPJ to earn more donations for the work of peace.

