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CKCPJ Annual Dinner and Networking Fair Sunday, March 3 at Central Christian Church (Corner of Short and MLK Blvd in Lexington) Networking and Resource Fair: 5 to 6 pm Dinner & Program: 6 to 8 pm

Our speaker is
A. Hasan Davis, Commissioner of the
Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice

Program includes presentation of these awards:
Lifetime of Waging Peace; Peacemaker of the Year;
Chuck Sohner Worker's Advocate;
Young Peacemaker Recognition

We are very excited to announce plans for our 2013 Annual Dinner, to be held at Central Christian Church. Mr. A. Hasan Davis of the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice will be with us as we continue to focus attention on the youth of Central Kentucky.

When CKCPJ's Lexington Youth Initiative survey reported that youth want jobs, life skills, "safe places to hang out with friends," adult mentors, and volunteer opportunities to work with younger children, we found ourselves reflecting on the needs of those youth who have been incarcerated and whose needs for these positive forces in their lives are no less pressing than those we surveyed in the school system. (That survey report is available at http://bit.ly/CKCPJ_Youth). In fact, we know that as our society has become more litigious, more youth are prosecuted in our courts for acts that would not have been identified as criminal or warranting incarceration ten, twenty or fifty years ago.

We are looking forward to hearing from Commissioner Davis about the role the Dept. of Juvenile Justice plays in the community to support programs focused on

prevention, peacemaking and effective interventions that help reduce our reliance on the court system to solve conflict.

Before the dinner begins, come to the Networking and Resource FAIR. Learn who is doing what in central Kentucky. Dozens of exhibitors are expected.

Our dinner will be provided by Oasis and will include vegetarian options.

To reserve space for the fair or tickets for dinner, please go to our online reservation page at: <http://bit.ly/CKCPJ13>. If you prefer, you can also call Richard Mitchell at 859.327.6277.

Dinner ticket prices are: \$20-50 each on a sliding scale according to your ability to pay. For those with low incomes or for students, suggested ticket prices are \$10 each (Our cost for the dinner is estimated to be \$15 per ticket. Contributions beyond the cost will be recognized with tax receipts). Childcare is available : please let us know how many children you will be bringing to help us plan.

Act now. We have room for only 150. Due date for reservations: Tuesday February 26.

Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee tickets will be available at the door for those without reservations.

—Please contact us so we know you are coming—

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Kentucky 2013 General Assembly Lobbying Days

REMINDER: If you're registering for one of these lobbying days, don't forget to bring your photo ID with you so you can enter the Capitol or Annex buildings in Frankfort. Many lobbying days are accompanied by large public rallies. Check with the sponsoring organizations, below, for more details and their suggestions for your preparation before the day. Need a ride? Many of their registration sites include spots for you to connect with others traveling to Frankfort.

Tuesday, Feb. 12: -Abolish the Death Penalty: Advocacy work will focus on HB 48/SB 45: these bills would prohibit the Death Penalty. Organizers say "Participants are welcome and encouraged. We will meet outside Carl Rollins' office (Annex Room #367). Please contact Holley (theholley@gmail, 859.699.6082) for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 14: I Love Mountains Day brings hundreds of citizens out to Frankfort to tell legislators loud and clear that Kentuckians want clean energy to power their future. The schedule begins at 9 am; for details and to register go to their website at <http://kftc.org> and look for the "I Love Mountains Day" feature. There's also a facebook page at <http://on.fb.me/Ybzi3o>.

Wednesday, Feb. 20: Fairness Lobby Day

Sponsored by numerous coalition partners, the Kentucky ACLU is hosting one registration site: go to their website (www.aclu-ky.org) for details. If you use Facebook, the event page has more details at: <http://on.fb.me/YUQfFj>. There, you are urged to prepare for your personal lobbying by calling 800.372.7181 to schedule a meeting with your state Senator and Representative Feb. 20 to support Senate Bill 28 & House Bill 171 (the operator will help you). Once you've scheduled, you're asked to contact Laura@Fairness.org or call Fairness at 502.893.0788 to let them know the time of your appointment and your representative's name.

Wednesday, Feb. 27: New Kentuckians@the Capitol—Immigration

New Kentuckians@the Capitol will bring together immigrants and allies from across the Commonwealth to meet legislators, build relationships, and open dialogue. Add your voice to the conversation: Contact the KY ACLU's Kate Miller (kate@aclu-ky.org or 502-581-9746) for more information.

NOTE: Everyone is welcome but please register in advance in order to increase the likelihood of actually getting a scheduled one-on-one meeting with your legislator. Go to their website (www.aclu-ky.org) for details.

IN THE NEWS: The KY ACLU's Kate Miller was recently featured on radio station WFPL's Byline show to discuss comprehensive immigration reform. You can hear the piece at <http://bit.ly/TOb7v4>.

Wednesday, March 6: Voting Rights Day

KFTC invites you to join their efforts. Lobby and rally to restore voting rights! Kentucky is one of just a few states that strip former felons of the right to vote—even after they've paid their debt to society. HB 70 would restore voting rights to most former felons and KFTC reports they'll be putting pressure on state legislators to pass the bill. No lobbying experience is needed: everyone is assigned to lobby teams with a mix of veteran citizen lobbyists and people who have never talked to a legislator before. You can go to tKFTC's website for more info and to register, or to the Facebook event page: <http://bit.ly/VRKY13>. Dave Newton is the KFTC Voting Empowerment Organizer: 859.420.8919.

Kentucky General Assembly

Resources to Keep Informed and Be Heard!



This year is a “short” session for the Kentucky General Assembly, with adjournment scheduled for March 30. For Kentucky citizens, NOW is the time to make our voices heard.

One of the best ways to keep updated on legislation during the session is to become familiar with the resources available at the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission’s website at www.lrc.ky.gov.

This site is updated daily during the legislative session. There, you can follow the progress of legislative issues through bill summaries, amendments, and resolutions. Updates track each bill’s status in the legislative process, as

well as the next day’s committee-meeting schedule and agendas. The website provides information on each of Kentucky’s state senators and representatives, including their phone numbers, addresses, and legislative committee assignments. You can access an email form from the digital pages for each representative or senator, too.

Of course, we can all see legislative action in person in the State Capitol’s legislative chambers and committee meeting rooms, which are open to the public. *(See page 2 for upcoming lobby days of interest, and don’t forget your photo I.D. to enter the Capitol or Annex buildings.)*

Want to give lawmakers immediate feedback on issues under consideration, but lack internet access? You can track the status of bills and check on the legislative calendar by phone. See the box below for numbers to call. And don’t forget: You can write to any legislator by sending a letter with a lawmaker’s name on it to:

**Legislative Offices,
701 Capitol Ave.,
Frankfort, KY 40601.**

text adapted from

http://www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/capitol_notes.htm

Kentucky General Assembly toll-free numbers

Legislative Message Line.....	800.372.7181
Bill Status Line.....	866.840.2835
Calendar (Meetings) Line.....	800.633.9650
Message Line en Espanol.....	866.840.6574
TTY Message Line.....	800.896.0305

Legislative Research Commission website:
www.lrc.ky.gov. Click the “Capitol Notes” link for a blog digest—daily notes in narrative form to keep abreast of recent legislative developments.

Not sure who your representatives are? Go to www.lrc.ky.gov/legislators.htm. You can reach a legislator’s office via 502.564.8100, though this is not a toll-free number.

OTHER RESOURCES For Advocacy and Information

Kentucky ACLU Go to www.aclu-ky.org. Details on the three Lobby Days they are sponsoring (see left) are available on their home page, including links to register for those actions. When you click on the “Legislature Update” tab on the top banner, you’ll find numerous resources. For example, on their Legislature Update page, the ACLU tells us “Did you know that with a single fax to (502) 564-6543, you can reach all legislators that you want to contact? Send a faxed letter with all of the names of the Representatives and Senators you wish to contact on the cover letter. The good folks at the Legislative Research Commission fax room will

copy your fax and distribute it to all legislators on your list. The LRC webpage includes a list of all legislators and all committee members.”

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

(KFTC) is one of the most active citizens’ advocacy organizations in the state. Go to their home page at <http://www.kftc.org> and click on the Voting & Democracy tab on the top banner. Under the “Kentucky General Assembly” button, you’ll find tips, tools, resources, and details of pending legislation they’re tracking regarding the environment and clean energy, economic justice, and voting rights. No Internet access? Call Lisa Abbott 859.200.5159.

Kentucky Resources Council issues updates that you can access from <http://bit.ly/KyResources>: look for posts titled “2013 General Assembly Regular Session.” The site is full of research and resources on environmental topics. For updates sent to your email inbox, sent a note to FitzKRC@aol.com.

Kentucky Youth Advocates At www.kyyouth.org, you can sign up to receive updates, access resources including top-quality research, and learn about their legislative priorities. This year they held Children’s Advocacy Day on Feb. 7, before this issue of *Peaceways* went to press. Check their website for updates and other ways you can stay in touch and make your voice heard.

Calendar for Peace & Justice

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

Sun. Feb. 10

One World Film Festival, Lexington: *I Am Kalam*

At Lexington's Central Library theater (140 E. Main St.), at 2:00 and 4:30 pm. *I Am Kalam* is the story of a young Indian boy's hunger for education, something which he cannot aspire to have because of his family's poverty-stricken status. This screening begins One World Films' 15th season which runs through March 14.. For complete info including a trailer on each film, go to <http://owff-lex.org>.

Tues. Feb. 12

Lobby Day in Frankfort: Against the Death Penalty

See page 2 for details.

Wed. Feb. 13

Tazreen Garment Worker Tour

From 4:30-6:30 pm at the University of Kentucky in the Student Center, Room 249. Go to: <http://bit.ly/Tworkers> for the Facebook event page. Just one day after Black Friday 2012, a factory fire in Dhaka, Bangladesh claimed the lives of over 112 Tazreen factory workers. Survivors of this fire will be speaking at UK. Sponsored by the UK Students United Against Sweatshops, who say that with an independent monitoring system, factory fires like this can be prevented and labor rights, upheld. Stand in solidarity with these UK students and the workers they are bringing to campus. Student contact: alexandria.sehon@gmail.com

Thurs. Feb. 14

Lobby Day in Frankfort: I Love Mountains Day

See page 2 for details.

Thurs. Feb. 14

One World Film Festival, Lexington: *Crime After Crime*

At the Kentucky Theater (214 E. Main St., Lexington), at 5:00 and 7:30 pm. The dramatic story of the legal battle to free

Debbie Peagler, an incarcerated survivor of domestic violence wrongly convicted of the murder of her abusive boyfriend. Two decades after her sentencing a re-opened investigation ultimately attracts attention to victims of wrongful incarceration and abuse. Sponsored by Bluegrass and Kentucky Chapters of NOW. Details: <http://owff-lex.org>.

Sun. Feb. 17

One World Film Festival, Lexington: *Lost Bohemia*

At Lexington's Central Library theater (140 E. Main St.), at 2:00 and 4:30 pm. *Lost Bohemia* is the only film documentation of the 165 studios atop Carnegie Hall Carnegie Studios, the artists who occupied them, and the Studio's significant history. Details: <http://owff-lex.org>.

Weds. Feb. 20

Lobby Day in Frankfort: Fairness

See page 2 for details.

Thurs. Feb. 21

One World Film Festival, Lexington: *A Separation*

At the Kentucky Theater (214 E. Main St., Lexington), at 7:00 pm. Set in contemporary Iran, this 2012 winner of an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film is a compelling drama about the dissolution of a marriage. Details: <http://owff-lex.org>.

Sun. Feb. 24

One World Film Festival, Lexington: *Tales From The Golden Age*

At Lexington's Central Library theater (140 E. Main St.), at 2:00 pm. Though the final 15 years of the Ceausescu regime were the worst in Romania's history, the propaganda machine of that time referred without fail to that period as "the golden age." This film adapts for screen the most popular urban myths of the period and aims to portray the survival of a nation having to face every day the twisted logic of a dictatorship. Details: <http://owff-lex.org>.

Wed. Feb. 27

Lobby Day in Frankfort: Immigration

See page 2 for details.

Thurs. Feb. 28

KFTC's Film Screening *Anne Braden: Southern Patriot*

At Lexington's Central Library theater (140 E. Main St.), at 6-8:30pm. Sponsored by KFTC. An Appalshop Documentary. When charged with sedition for attempting to desegregate a Louisville, Kentucky neighborhood in 1954, Braden used the attack to embark upon a lifetime of racial justice organizing matched by few whites in American history. "Anne Braden's life stories drill down to the roots of the country's struggles for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties," said Bob Moses, former SNCC worker. Facebook page event at: <http://bit.ly/Braden13>

Thurs. Feb. 28

One World Film Festival, Lexington: *Footnote*

At the Kentucky Theater (214 E. Main St., Lexington), at 7:00 pm. The tale of a great rivalry between father and son, both eccentric professors who have dedicated their lives to Talmudic Studies. Footnote is the story of insane academic competition, the dichotomy between admiration and envy for a role model, and the very complicated relationship between a father and a son. Details: <http://owff-lex.org>.

Thurs. Feb. 28

Sustainability Lecture by Dr. Vandana Shiva: at U.K.

Free and open to the public, at UK's Memorial Hall, 610 S. Limestone, Lexington, at 8:00 pm. Dr. Shiva is internationally renowned for her publications and work in agriculture, development, feminist theory, alternative globalization, and bio-engineering. She is also the founder of Navdanya, a participatory research initiative to provide direction and support to environmental activism in India. Facebook event page: <http://bit.ly/Shiva13>.

Sun. March 3

One World Film Festival,

Lexington: *Edie & Thea: A Very Long Engagement*

At Lexington's Central Library theater (140 E. Main St.), at 2:00 and 4:30 pm. A documentary about two soulmates whose instant and magnetic attraction lasts 42 years—and counting. Shortly after they meet in the early 1960s, they become “engaged,” though the idea of a civil marriage for gay and lesbian couples was unthinkable at the time and would not come to pass for another 4 decades. Sponsored by the Bluegrass and Kentucky Chapters of NOW. Details: <http://owff-lex.org>.

Sun. March 3

CKCPJ's Annual Dinner

Networking and Resource Fair

5:00-6:00 pm

Dinner and Program 6:00-8:00pm

See Front Page

Wed. March 6

Lobby Day in Frankfort: Voting Rights Restoration

See page 2 for details.

Thurs. March 7

One World Film Festival,

Lexington: *We Were Here*

At the Kentucky Theater (214 E. Main St., Lexington), at 5:00 and 7:30 pm. *We Were Here* documents the coming of what was called the “Gay Plague” in the early 1980s. It illuminates the profound personal and community issues raised by the AIDS epidemic as well as the broad political and social upheavals it unleashed. Though a San-Francisco-based story, the film extends beyond that city and beyond AIDS itself. It speaks to our capacity as individuals to rise to the occasion, and to the incredible power of a community coming together with love, compassion, and determination. Details: <http://owff-lex.org>

Go to that One World Film Festival site, as well, for details of the final two films in the series:

Harvest of Empire, Sun. March 10 and
2 Days in New York, March 14.

Monthly Community Meetings

•**THIRD MONDAYS: February CKCPJ Board Meeting** Location: at our new offices, 560 E. Third St. Lexington. Feb 18 is our next meeting, at 7 pm.. All are welcome! Contact us at peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com or 859.488.1448 for details.

•**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). **Feb. 12:** Dr. April S. Callis, Anthropology Dept, NKU. “The GLBT community and ex-gay ‘recovery’ ministries.” Programs are followed by Q & A, support group discussion, refreshments. Family members, allies, and GLBT individuals of all ages are welcome. Info: www.pflaglex.org or email: president@pflaglex.org or call 859.338.4393.

•**2nd 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.

•**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: www.glso.org.

•**2nd Wednesday Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky:** 7-8:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington.. **Feb. 13:** Daniel J. Phelps. Presentation commemorates the birth of Charles Darwin, 12 Feb 1809 and is titled: "From Fins to Feet: the Fish to Tetrapod Transition." Education for older children: Leanna McCormick and Kim Marshall lead the discussion of "Charles Darwin: the Man, the Myth, the Legend." Childcare for younger children is provided. 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: Forum President Staci Maney, at 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. Call 859.272.7891 or go to www.namilex.org for more info.

•**Saturday Christian-Muslim Dialogue: Usually 4th Sat. 10-noon**, meetings followed by a potluck. **Feb 23:** “The Future of Our Diverse Religious Past: Conversation with Transylvania Student Leaders” NOTE LOCATION CHANGE: Old Morrison, Transylvania Campus (Old Morrison is the white columned building facing Third Street between N. Upper St. and N. Broadway). Dr. Wilson Dickinson, Associate Dean of Religious Life, Transylvania University, is the Moderator. Event features a panel of Transylvania students More Info: email holmes@uky.edu.

Want your group's meeting listed here?

Contact us: peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com or call 859.488.1448

March 23: Youth Speak Peace To Violence

by **N. L. Moore, Pastor**
First African Baptist Church (FABC)

In Matthew 5:9 Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

A peacemaker is not one who merely talks about peace, but one who actively engages in the process of promoting peace. A peacemaker is not one who sits idly by while discord and disharmony disrupts and destroys their community. A peacemaker pursues avenues and participates in efforts that facilitate the presence of peace in their community. I am proud to say that the Youth of First African Baptist Church are proving themselves to be present day peacemakers.

As part of their involvement with the Kentucky Teen Institute Young

Health Leaders of Kentucky initiative, FABC Youth are addressing a major threat to their health and welfare as well as that of their colleagues and friends. That major health threat is the escalating presence of teen violence. The Youth of FABC are tackling the issue of teen violence through a community health awareness and advocacy project. As young peacemakers they are demonstrating their commitment to their faith and their love for their community through the “Speak Peace To Violence” project.

A major objective of the “Speak Peace To Violence” project is the hosting of a community-wide Peace Walk on March 23. The Peace Walk will begin and end at the FABC Mission House located at 901 Georgetown

Street at the intersection of Georgetown Street and Price Road. Registration for the Peace Walk will begin at 9:00 AM. The Peace Walk along with other activities will begin at 10:00 AM.

We would like to invite you to spread the word and come join our young peacemakers as we “Speak Peace To Violence.” Then stay tuned for more “Speak Peace To Violence” events. For more information about the “Speak Peace To Violence” project, visit YouTube and search for “FABC Youth Speak Peace” or contact Anita Hartsfield or Stacy Owens at First African Baptist Church 859.252.7191.

God bless and thank you for your support.

Inspiring a Cultural Shift Toward Peace

by **Michael D. Knox**
Chair, U.S. Peace Memorial
Foundation

Since 2005, the U.S. Peace Memorial Foundation has directed a nationwide effort to recognize peace leadership by publishing the *US Peace Registry*, awarding an annual Peace Prize, and planning for a national monument—the U.S. Peace Memorial—in Washington, DC. (For more on the Peace Memorial: www.uspeacememorial.org.)

These projects help move us toward a culture of peace as we honor thoughtful and patriotic Americans who have taken a public stand against one or more U.S. wars or who have devoted their time, energy, and other resources to finding peaceful solutions to international conflicts. We celebrate these role models in hopes of inspiring other Americans to speak out against war and for peace.

The *US Peace Registry* is open to contributions—the database includes

citizens who have publicly opposed US military actions in a variety of ways, from writing letters to newspapers and public figures, to devoting their lives to peace activism. Your applications are welcome. For more information, and to submit an application for inclusion in the *US Peace Registry* go to the site at:

<http://bit.ly/USPeace>
The editors will review the application and be

in touch with you. Through this process, the *US Peace Registry* will help current and future generations understand how individuals and organizations have contested war and promoted peace. It will work to create a cultural shift where advocating for peaceful solutions to international problems and opposing war are considered as valuable as military action for securing our democracy.”

Biographical info: Michael D. Knox is currently a Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of South Florida and Chair of the U.S. Peace Memorial Foundation. For full bio, you can see <http://bit.ly/Knoxbio>. His

long-standing peace and antiwar activities began in 1965 in opposition to the war in Vietnam.

As a delegate to the 20th National Student Congress, he introduced a successful resolution to hold an antiwar demonstration in August of 1967 in front of the White House. In 1970, Knox co-founded a draft counseling center and, in 1971, he blew the whistle on classified weapon systems research at the University of Michigan. Since then, he has continued to engage in speeches, debates, interviews and other actions regarding peace. He is an invited speaker nationwide on the topics of “building a culture of peace” and “honoring peace leadership.”

In 2005, he founded the US Peace Memorial Foundation. In 2007, he was awarded the Marsella Prize for the Psychology of Peace and Social Justice at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, recognizing him “for more than four decades of outstanding contributions to peace and humanitarian assistance.”

*with thanks to Dennis Neyman,
Kentucky Coordinator, US Peace Memorial
Foundation: dennisney@gmail.com*

The Faces of Unity: Lexington's MLK Day

by Peter A. Hardy

With my camera in hand, I moved around the room at the MLK Day Unity Breakfast (January 21). I asked several people (all strangers to me) if I could take their picture.

While some were initially surprised and demure, everyone seemed pleased to be asked to pose. I was struck by the number of black and white people together, chatting amiably and obvious friends. When I asked these pairs and groups to pose, they moved closer to-

gether, smiled broadly, and were clearly happy to demonstrate their affection.

This was a simple act of pulling closer and presenting eagerly to be recorded at this important event. As it happened around the room repeatedly, I was profoundly affected by these demonstrations of love and community.

Peter Hardy enjoys using photography to capture moments of connection and celebration, and is pleased to share these pictures with Peaceways readers.



Making Global Connections

by Bill Miller

Miller and Associates International
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Global Connections Television (GCTV) focuses on international issues and problems that impact people from Frankfort, Kentucky to Frankfurt, Germany and from Lima, Ohio to Lima, Peru. GCTV is based in Frankfort, KY, and is a privately-funded production that highlights major issues on a variety of topics.

Upcoming programs include:

- Feb. 12/13--Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal, UN USG Dept. of Communications and Public Information (<http://bit.ly/VYvGmZ>)
- Feb. 19/20--Chen Fong, CEO, HNA Group (<http://bit.ly/14UuupC>)
- Feb. 26/27--Alice Slater, Nuclear Disarmament (<http://bit.ly/Wwcr69>)

•March 5/6--Georg Kell, Director, UN Global Compact (<http://bit.ly/11ORkzb>)

•March 12/13--Dr. Jean Krasno, "Former UN SG Kofi Annan's Papers" (<http://bit.ly/11OTVZX>)

GCTV airs on Cable 10 in Frankfort on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

See the GCTV website for more info: <http://globalconnectionstelevision.net>

Contact Bill Miller at millerkyun@aol.com or 502.223.0512 (office); 502.418.0029 (cell).

CORRECTION: While regrettable errors can be found in every issue of *Peaceways*, one recent mistake is serious enough to warrant this note: In our January issue, the organizer of the Douglass Park-Georgetown Street area meeting on Jan. 17 was mis-identified. Please contact Patricia Devine Muhammad at: patriciadevinemuhammad@yahoo.com for more information on the Task Force working on steps to combat gun violence. We apologize to Patricia for naming as organizer of the January meeting Patrice K. Muhammad. In fact, Patrice K. Muhammad edits the important Lexington paper the KEY Newsjournal and hosts the radio show KEY Conversations. We highly recommend you take a look at <http://keyconversationsradio.com> for more details on these important sources of community information.



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—Shirley Chisholm

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It's Past Time to Change "The School to Prison Pipeline"

On Dec. 12, 2012, Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) chaired a hearing on what has come to be called "the school to prison pipeline." Durbin is Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights and Assistant Majority Leader. His office called this hearing "the first-ever Congressional hearing on the matter" and said that it "investigated the troubling increase in the number of young people sent to the juvenile delinquency system as a result of relatively minor school discipline issues."

Full transcripts of all testimony, and links to the video record of the hearing, are available at Durbin's press page on his website (<http://1.usa.gov/WDV1fx>).

In his introduction, Durbin said

In the 1990s, concerns about school violence, some very rightful concerns, and a growing awareness of bullying led many schools to hire police and institute zero-tolerance policies. This resulted in a dramatic increase in suspensions, expulsions and even in-school arrests for misbehavior that had been judged to that point to be rather normal for school children. This school to prison pipeline has moved scores of young people from classrooms to courtrooms.

At Senator Durbin's site, he also notes that these policies do not result in uniformly negative consequences to all students. Instead, the data shows:

striking racial disparities. Over 70 percent of students in school-related referrals to law enforcement are African-American or Latino. Nationally, African-American students are three times more likely to be suspended, and four times more likely to be expelled, than their white peers. Students with disabilities are

suspended at more than twice the rate of students without disabilities. And gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth are more likely to be disciplined and arrested than their peers.

One newspaper reported that Melodee Hanes, acting administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, said in her testimony that the Office of Juvenile Justice has learned that the minute a child sets foot in the juvenile justice system his or her chances of being an adult offender go up 50 percent.

"Their chances of completing their education, their chances in life in general diminish significantly," Hanes said. She spoke of the need at the federal level to provide guidance for school districts across the country in disciplining students, and expressed hopes in "steering program dollars that find alternatives to detention." (Chicago's *Daily Herald*, Dec. 12, 2012. Accessed on Feb. 6: <http://bit.ly/XTaDSc>).

BE INFORMED: An excellent resource for followup can be found in this month's *Teaching Tolerance* magazine, published by the Southern Poverty Law Center. The Spring 2013 issue features in its cover article numerous resources on this problem. At <http://bit.ly/YdBO9i>, you can download a free pdf of the entire issue.

Included are helps for the classroom teacher. One is titled "A Teacher's Guide to Rerouting the Pipeline." *Teaching Tolerance* maintains a bibliography toolkit page devoted to this topic, available at: www.tolerance.org/school-to-prison-pipeline.

CKCPJ's Annual Dinner speaker will help us understand steps we can take in Kentucky. See front page.