

# PEACEWAYS

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## The Challenges of the Now: Celebrating Peacemakers and Pursuing Hope for All of Kentucky's Children

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice (CKCPJ) celebrated our Annual Dinner on Sun, March 3, at Central Christian Church in Lexington. The evening opened with the Peace and Resource Networking Fair. Dinner was provided by Oasis Restaurant. A. Hasan Davis, Kentucky's Commissioner for Juvenile Justice (pictured at below),

provided a stirring keynote address reflecting on "the challenges of the now." He began with sobering statistics on the costs, financial as well as moral, social, and personal, of our current system which too often fails youth incarcerated in a system that denies them "justice." Weaving details of his personal story, he called on our "courage to speak light to the dark places."



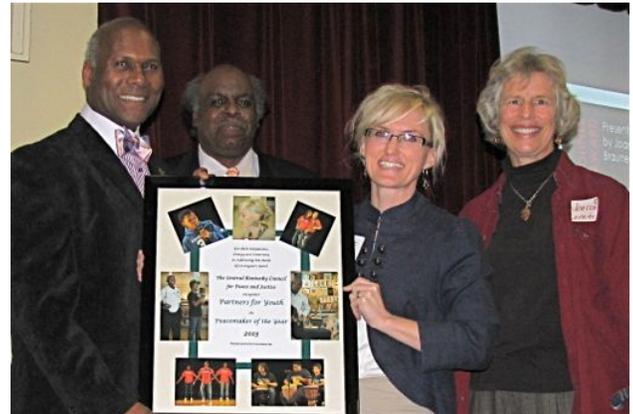
Keynote speaker A. Hasan Davis.

We at CKCPJ are inspired by this call to step up our commitment to Kentucky's youth.

Many of our award recipients this year are pictured here: for a full list see page 3.



Rev. Dr. Albert M. Pennybacker, tireless advocate of peace and justice, received our 2013 Lifetime of Waging Peace Award.



Our 2013 Peacemaker of the Year Award recipient was Lexington's Partners for Youth (PforY) program. L to R: Larry Johnson, PforY; Bruce Mundy, CKCPJ co-chair; Laura Hatfield, PforY; Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto, CKCPJ co-chair.



Dorneshia Thomas, a University of Kentucky student and Gaines Fellow, received our 2013 Youth Peacemaker Award.

A special THANKS goes to peace and justice activists who made the Networking and Peace Fair such a success! For more photos see page 3.



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## CKCPJ announces opening for *Peaceways* editor

CKCPJ announces an opening for the position of editor of *Peaceways*. (After 5 years of producing *Peaceways*, Gail Koehler is stepping down in order to focus efforts on peace education and our online, digital outreach.)

The new editor will begin his or her duties with the August issue. This is a paid, part-time position.

The *Peaceways* editor shall:

-Select and edit as necessary articles, photos, and graphics consistent with the principles and objectives of CKCPJ (see the "What We Do" page on our website: [www.peaceandjusticeky.org](http://www.peaceandjusticeky.org)).

-Oversee layout of the paper newsletter each month.

-Oversee the printing and mailing of the paper newsletter. (Treasurer supplies mailing list each month for the mailing house).

-Send out the email version of *Peaceways* (CKCPJ has used MailChimp for this purpose).

-Ensure that *Peaceways* is published 10 times a year (monthly) with the exception of the joint issues in June/July and November/December.

-Help publicize CKCPJ events, and events of member organizations, as appropriate through the calendar and special articles and announcements.

-Consult with the Treasurer and the CKCPJ Board regarding expenses, contracts or any difficulties related to the publication of *Peaceways* to utilize financial resources wisely.

-Work with any community volunteers who may assist the CKCPJ Finance Committee or co-chairs with special mailings of the CKCPJ such as a Holiday letter or financial appeals.

-Work with the CKCPJ Board to

- a) Develop a cadre of volunteer Contributing Editors to write and/or recruit at least three articles a year for *Peaceways*.
- b) Develop persons who might assume greater responsibility for *Peaceways* in the future.
- c) Encourage Board members and volunteers to contribute relevant photographs for inclusion in *Peaceways*.

If the editor desires to explore increased digital communication opportunities for *Peaceways*, the board encourages that exploration. This is another area in which volunteers help may assist the *Peaceways* effort.

## We encourage all interested persons to apply!

Send a résumé and a letter detailing your relevant experience and why you would like to edit *Peaceways* to:

Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice  
@The Plantory  
560 E. Third St., Suite 105  
Lexington, KY 40508

Questions? Call 859.474.0487. Please apply by April 30, 2013.

# Spotlight: 2013 Chuck Sohner Workers' Advocate Award Winners UK United Students Against Sweatshops

When CKCPJ awarded the group UK USAS our Chuck Sohner Workers' Advocate Award at our Annual Dinner awards ceremony on March 3, we could not have foreseen an important victory for the group only a week later. On Fri, March 15, the University of Kentucky officially affiliated with the Worker Rights Consortium, a non-profit organization founded by universities, students, and labor rights experts and tasked with enforcing codes of conduct on behalf of the more than 180 affiliated colleges and universities.

In a powerful article written by UK USAS member Isabel Cochran (<http://bit.ly/USAS-UK>), the victory is summarized thus: "Through candlelight vigils, Valentine's deliveries, rallies, and building the largest coalition of student

groups on campus in years, students were able to hold our administration accountable to our core values and Code of Conduct. This victory is a wonderful testament to the power of students coming together to make change."

The students lost no time in pressing forward on other urgent campaigns, standing with workers of the US Postal Service, and most urgently, applying pressure on the university's administration to halt plans to out-source dining services. You can sign their petition at <http://bit.ly/UKdining> which reads, in part, "As a Land Grant Institution, UK has a duty to continue to innovate within the agricultural field, and the partnership with Dining Services has helped bring the classroom to life in a sustainable and local way."



Photo: Peter A. Hardy

UK United Students Against Sweatshops members Brock Meade, left, and Alli Sehon, with their new CKCPJ-awarded bullhorn for raising student voices

Look for spotlight stories on our other award recipients in upcoming issues of *Peaceways*:

- 2013 Youth Peacemaker Award  
Dorneshia Thomas
- 2013 Peacemaker of the Year  
Partners for Youth
- 2013 Lifetime of Waging Peace Award  
Rev. Dr. Albert M. Pennybacker



Photos of CKCPJ's Peace Resources and Networking Fair participants by Peaceways staff.



# 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.*

## Wed. April 10

### Rally for Immigration Reform and Legalization with Dignity

11am-1pm at Lexington's Triangle Park, downtown: Program starts at noon-Let's be part of the national movement fighting for a just, realistic, and humane Immigration Reform; and let's put a STOP to deportations right away. Info: Freddy E. Peralta call 859.270.5307 or OISIKy@gmail.com. Flier in English and Spanish, go to <http://bit.ly/R4LD10Ap>. ¡Si Se Puede! Yes We Can!

## Thurs. April 11

### Appalachian Women & The Fight for Environmental Justice

7pm University of Kentucky Student Center Rm 249 UK Sociology professor Shannon Elizabeth Bell discusses her forthcoming book, "Our Roots Run Deep as Ironweed: Appalachian Women and the Fight for Environmental Justice," which examines the pivotal role that Appalachian women have played in the grassroots resistance movement against irresponsible coal-mining practices. Focusing on the narratives of some of these brave activists, their stories of injustice, their motivations for action, the challenges they have faced in the struggle to protect their communities, and the personal transformations they have experienced through their activism. Presented as a part of Earth Days in the Bluegrass. (Facebook event: <http://on.fb.me/144Rrsu>).

## Tues. April 16-Wed. April 17

### Homeless and Housing Conference April 16-17: be part of CKCPJ's presence

April is celebrated as National Fair Housing Month. In Lexington, the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky will hold the "Setting the Pace" conference at the Crowne Plaza Campbell House: it's a collaborative conference addressing the issues of homelessness and affordable housing in the Commonwealth. CKCPJ's table will be staffed each morning and lunch, but you

are invited to sign up for an hour or so in the afternoons.: please send a note to [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com) or by calling Billie Mallory at 859.25.5211. You can see the brochure with more details at [www.hhck.org](http://www.hhck.org).

## Tue. April 16

### Annual BUILD Action Meeting

Doors open at 6:15 pm; Nehemiah Action meeting begins 7pm. At NorthEast Christian Church, 990 Star Shoot Parkway. Overflow parking to the left of Meijer with free "NorthEast" shuttle bus to and from the church. Since 2003, congregations in Lexington have been working together to correct injustices in Lexington and Fayette County as BUILD (Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action). 2013 Justice Issues are: Payday Lending; Affordable Housing; Ex-Offenders Re-entry. Join the 2,000 concerned citizens and BUILD members who will meet face-to-face with public officials and decision-makers. BUILD office: 859.367.0152.

## Fri. April 19

### League of Women Voters: Voting Registration after Naturalization Ceremony

11 am at Lexington's District Courthouse (downtown Courthouse Square). Volunteers interested in helping with voter registration after the ceremony may contact League of Women organizer Roz Heise at [heise42@insightbb.com](mailto:heise42@insightbb.com).

## Sat. April 20

**The Invisible War** 10am – 11am Kentucky Theatre, 214 E. Main St. Free—Q&A after the film with survivors—reserve tickets by email: [theinvisiblewar.ky@gmail.com](mailto:theinvisiblewar.ky@gmail.com). "The Invisible War" is a groundbreaking investigative documentary about one of our country's most shameful and best kept secrets: the epidemic of rape within our US military. Today, female and male soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan are more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire with the number of assaults in the last decade alone in the hundreds of thousands.

## Sat. April 20

### Annual Meeting of the UN Association KY Division

Noon Luncheon. At the University of Louisville University Alumni Club, 200 East Brandeis, Ballroom. Special Honorary Guests: Congressman John Yarmuth. Governor Martha Layne Collins, honored for "Leadership and Lifetime Accomplishments." Focus: United Nations Millennium Development Goal (MGD) #3 Empower Women & Gender Equity (see: [www.unausa.org/mgd](http://www.unausa.org/mgd)). Tickets: \$30. RSVP by April 16. Email: to Gus at [GTR312@aol.com](mailto:GTR312@aol.com) or call 502.875.8368. Or leave a message for info: Teena Halbig, State President, at [teenahal@aol.com](mailto:teenahal@aol.com) or call 502.267.6883.

## Thur. April 25

### 2013 ACLU of Kentucky Bill of Rights Dinner

Cocktail reception: 5:00 p.m. Program: 6:00 p.m. Dinner with Keynote Speaker Mr. James Esseks: 7:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts, 501 W Main St., Louisville. Tickets: \$35 ticket includes cocktail reception and program; and \$125 ticket includes cocktail reception, program and dinner. Available through the Kentucky Center Box Office <http://bit.ly/2013ACLUKY>. All proceeds from this event support the education, advocacy and legal programs of the ACLU. For more information contact: Amber G. Duke, Communications Manager, ACLU of KY 502.581.9746 or [amber@aclu-ky.org](mailto:amber@aclu-ky.org)

## Sat. April 27

### League of Women Voters Annual Meeting

8:30 am at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd Lexington. To accommodate busy schedules and many events on this date, the League meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast. There will be no speaker. "We should be able to conclude business by 10:00 am," say organizers. Agenda will include program plan for next year." Cost: \$5. Please make reservations by April 18th. Call 859.494.3203

**Sat. April 27**

### **Earth Day at PeaceMeal Gardens**

Noon until 1:00. At the Bluegrass Community and Technical College Leestown Campus, 164 Opportunity Way, Lexington. Celebrate the 44th Earth Day! Come to Peace Meal Gardens for a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon! Kid and adult friendly. Activities include face painting, gardening, trees, bees (Seedleaf, UK South Farm, BCTC Sustainability, Bamboozle, Veda and the Glitter Gal, Growing Warriors, Greenthumb, Marvin "the tree guy" Ruffner -- and others!), food (limited quantities, so come early!) Directions: West on Leestown Road, left on Opportunity Way (just before the VA), head towards the BCTC Leestown Campus, turn right onto Parking Lot A and travel ALL the way across. At the south of the parking lot, take the gravel road to the garden. Flyer at: <http://bit.ly/EarthD27A>. Contact: Rebecca Glasscock: [rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu](mailto:rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu).

### **Resources on Drones**

Organizers at [www.knowdrones.com](http://www.knowdrones.com) have information on replicas, events and activities for their April Days of Action. Contact: Joe Scarry at [jtscarry@yahoo.com](mailto:jtscarry@yahoo.com). If you want your event on drones listed here, send info to: [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com)

### **Mark your calendar: May 15**

**The Value of Conscientious Objection** May 15th is International Conscientious Objectors Day—a perfect opportunity to take some time to contemplate and appreciate the value of conscientious objection (CO). The very process of applying for status as a conscientious objector challenges the institution of war. For resources and links on CO: <http://bit.ly/CoC15May>.

### **GUN CONTROL CONTACTS**

Million Moms March:  
[nancy.mckenney@eku.edu](mailto:nancy.mckenney@eku.edu)

Douglass Park/Georgetown Street Area:  
[patriciadevinemuhammad@yahoo.com](mailto:patriciadevinemuhammad@yahoo.com)

Organizing for Action: Keidra King  
Contact: 502.276.3886

Want an event listed here? Email us at [peaceandjusticky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticky@gmail.com)

### **Monthly Community Meetings**

**•THIRD MONDAYS: February CKCPJ Board Meeting** Location: at our new offices, 560 E. Third St. Lexington. April 15 is our next meeting, at 7 pm.. All are welcome! Contact us at [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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). **April 9:** Open Discussion. What is it like to stand up for ourselves and our loved ones? How have we responded to negative comments or hurtful experiences? How do we sustain ourselves? What kind of progress are we seeing? 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](http://www.pflaglex.org) or email: [president@pflaglex.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@lexfair.org).

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

**•2nd Wednesday Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky:** 7-8:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington.. **April 10:** Marine Biologist Drew Gervais will start the Earth Day discussion on environmental issues. Humanist Education for Children will be tackling the same issues in Classroom #3, "The Green Room." 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. Contact: Forum President Staci Maney, at [staci@olliegee.com](mailto: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](http://www.namilex.org) for more info.

**•Saturday April 27: Christian-Muslim Dialogue:** "Environmental Stewardship and our Faith Traditions." Speaker: Fr. John S. Rausch, Director of Catholic Committee of Appalachia. This is the Christian Muslim Dialogue's last program of the spring semester. The series will resume in August in the new academic year: organizers urge you to come out and hear this challenging program that will contribute to growing understanding and enlightened conversation. Location: Hunter Presbyterian Church, 109 Rosemont Garden, Lexington. More Info: email [holmes@uky.edu](mailto:holmes@uky.edu).

**Want your group's meeting listed here?**

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# Profile: Jesse Higginbotham Technology Trust

*Remembering Jesse by continuing his work, ideas, dreams, and sharing what he loved*

by Rebecca Woloch

In 2007, the Jesse Higginbotham Technology Trust (JHTT) was established as a memorial nonprofit to continue work in honor of Jesse. Because Jesse loved technology and believed that everyone should have access to it, our first goal was to develop the "Mindtriggerz Project": donated computers are refurbished, then given to children in the Cardinal Valley area who could not otherwise afford them. Since 2007, we've come a long way and will have delivered our 100th free computer this year.

Our second primary project was one Jesse had been developing with friends. Having lost a classmate to suicide, students wanted a positive way to express their love and had requested space on the Dunbar High School campus to build a memorial garden. Today, with the help of many hands and a great deal of sweat-equity, the Dunbar Memorial Garden encompasses a large and beautiful area, filled with native plants and refinished picnic tables—a place to study, learn, share and, most importantly, to connect with each other and our environment.

While we have participated in and helped sponsor a variety of events in keeping with Jesse's spirit of giving, in 2012 our Board of Directors committed to a "Year Round Plan for Giving" to do more for our community and Jesse's neighborhood. Beginning in December we collected and donated homemade baked goods for area food shelters and during January and February we sponsored a "wish-list" drive to

support the work of the Nest Center for Women, Families and Children and MASH Drop Inn, a crisis shelter for at-risk youth. Students from Dunbar's Beta Club also assisted with this initiative.

Because of our concern that many of the underserved youth of Cardinal Valley are being left behind we have aligned with two other organizations helping our kids: the Valley Park Activity Board is dedicated to bringing healthy, safe and educational activities to our neighborhood and the Cardinal Valley Elementary School PTA

are working hard to raise funds to install a new playground at the school – the old playground was removed during the major renovations taking place and there is no budget for a new one.

Because of Jesse's love for reading, in March we launched a Kid's Book Drive. A Book Festival / Festival del libro was held on March 30 at Valley Park where we distributed literacy supplies and over 1,000 donated books to our local youth. The day's activities ranged from reading to each other to crafting homemade bookmarks.

As we continue to branch out and reach out, we remain connected

to our Dunbar kids and volunteers: our primary fund-raising event for the year is a native plant sale that hosted at Paul Laurence Dunbar high school. On May 11, from 10am to 2pm we will hold our "4th annual Native Plant Sale—Dunbar Memorial Garden" under the front pavilion of the school. Join on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/10GnVmD> and you'll see updates on the native varieties we are able to propagate from the garden to sell. And you can "like" the Jesse Higginbotham Technology Trust Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/JhigginbothamTechTrust](http://www.facebook.com/JhigginbothamTechTrust) to keep up with all the additional plans, projects and activities we will sponsor to help our community, especially our young people.

Plans are underway to help the Cardinal Valley PTA by hosting a Mother's Day Festival/Festival de las madres on May 12 at Valley Park from 1pm to 5pm. Food, games, prizes, music and other activities will take place with a portion of the proceeds benefiting their fund-raising effort for a new playground. We'll have more details on the event soon, on our Facebook page and website. As always, the continued support of our community, our kids and our volunteers is so vital in keeping us

encouraged and motivated to do work in honor of Jesse. While we know we will never accomplish what he did in his too-brief life, we're trying hard. Visit our website: [www.jessehigginbotham.com](http://www.jessehigginbotham.com). We welcome you to join any of our efforts.

*Rebecca Woloch was Jesse's mother. She says: "Everything we do, we do to honor Jesse and to celebrate his life and what he did for us all."*



From the JHTT facebook page, April 6: "Congratulations to us - and Alicia too! Our 100th free Mindtriggerz computer (our second ever laptop) to an incredible Cardinal Valley young person who will use it as she pursues a degree in Social Work. Let's hear some applause!!!" Photo: JHTT



A special "Thank you" to the many wonderful children who visited us at the Book Festival. Look closely at this photo and you will see the youngster in the middle is designing her own personal bookmark that says: "Read" - we think that's particularly awesome! (JHTT Facebook post)

# Peace Is Possible: The Stories Behind the Plate

The vision behind CKCPJ's specialty Peace is Possible license plate project originated with former CKCPJ co-chair Rebecca Glasscock.

Asked to describe the inspiration behind and significance of the design of cranes, she writes: "For centuries, cultures around the world have seen the crane as a symbol of peace, purity, wisdom, and longevity. In Japan, the crane—long associated with good luck—

took on special meaning after WWII. Origami peace cranes are now widely recognized, associated with Sadako Sasaki (see box at right). The Sandhill crane, an ancient

ambassador of peace. The migration of this crane is a wonderful sight, familiar to many Kentuckians."



Rebecca Glasscock has already taken CKCPJ's Peace is Possible plate applications to many meetings in the area. Here she staffs a table on March 3 at the Peace and Networking Fair.



Peace Plate artist Jaqui Linder, left, was captured drumming with Joan Brannon (center) during Peace Meal Gardens International Day of Peace celebrations last fall. Photo: Adrian S. Plunkett, Bluegrass Courier.

ity, peace and harmony."

Now, CKCPJ needs your help to spread the word to family, friends, neighbors and colleagues: urge them

Rebecca then contacted her friend and colleague artist Jaqui Linder. Jaqui says: "After [Rebecca] contacted me, I set to work to bring her idea to life. Rather than have one large crane standing, I envisioned several cranes in flight in black silhouette against a sunset. To my mind, this would communi-

cate movement upward and outward toward hope, the vivid lavender-purple suggesting transformation, the dramatic oranges and softer yellows representing strength and light, the natural scene in toto communicating possibil-

to apply for this beautiful license plate of original artwork and to help all of Kentucky know that Peace is Possible. Your purchase of CKCPJ's specialty license plate supports our efforts to bring peace education curriculum to Kentucky youth.

*See page 8 for details on how to apply for this plate and support peace education curriculum in Kentucky.*

## A note on Sadako Sasaki and Japanese origami cranes

Sadako Sasaki was a Japanese two-year-old when, on Aug. 6, 1945, an American plan dropped an atomic bomb on her city, Hiroshima. When she was 11 and suffering the effects of leukemia, she began folding paper origami cranes, inspired by the legend that those who accomplished the feat would be granted a wish. (Many children have read the story *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, a non-fiction children's book by Eleanor Coerr, which tells of her death before she completed her goal). In Japan, she is honored in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park with a statue and plaque, inscribed in Japanese:

これはぼくらの叫びです これは私たちの祈りです 世界に平和をきずくための English translation:

"This is our cry, this is our prayer: for building peace in the world."

## Bridging Cultures: Education for Global Citizenship and Civic Engagement: June 12-15 in Cleveland, Ohio 6<sup>th</sup> International Summit on Conflict Resolution Education (CRE)

This conference is designed for those interested in Civic Engagement, Conflict Resolution Education (CRE)/ Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)/ peace education (PE), global education, citizenship and democracy education, the role and impact of migrating populations/communities, including

educators, college and university faculty, staff, and students, K-12 educators, public health officials, gender based violence prevention practitioners, local, national, and international policy makers, and individuals who work with youth serving organizations.

Contact Tyler Olson, Program Coordinator for Global Issues Resource Center at 216.987.2582 or by e-mail at: [Tyler.Olson@tri-c.edu](mailto:Tyler.Olson@tri-c.edu) with your questions. Full conference info including detailed costs and early bird registration (April 12) at: [http://bit.ly/CRE\\_summit](http://bit.ly/CRE_summit).



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the antidote to despair.”**

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## Actions You Can Take For Peace and Justice

### Register for CKCPJ’s Specialty License Plate

Imagine letting the world know that Peace Is Possible when you drive your car.

This vision can become reality: the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice is very pleased to announce that our application for a specialty license plate has been approved by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Now CKCPJ is collecting the required 900 registrations and accompanying payments within two years. When these are collected, we will submit the funds and the applications to the Cabinet, and the production of the plates can begin.

You can register for one of these beautiful plates in a number of ways. Online registration is available at our website, [www.peaceandjusticeky.org](http://www.peaceandjusticeky.org) and costs \$28. If you’d like to save the \$3 processing fee, you can instead download a pdf form and mail in your check

made out to CKCPJ. We can also send you a form through the mail: call 859.488.1448.



Specialty plates allow organizations collect a fee to fund special projects related to their core missions. (These funds cannot be expended for administrative purposes.) Once the plates are in production and CKCPJ does receive ear-marked funds, we will use them in support of our efforts to bring peace education to Kentucky’s youth.

See page 7 for the stories behind the design and the original art of this beautiful plate.

### April 24: Kentucky Gives Day An Online Fundraiser—[www.kygives.org](http://www.kygives.org)

Kentucky Gives Day is a 24 hour online fundraising effort supported by promotional spots in the news about this state-wide effort.

CKCPJ is participating to raise funds for our peace education efforts. Follow us at our Facebook page. or log onto [www.kygives.org](http://www.kygives.org) and check out the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice page. Interested but busy that day? You can schedule your donation by clicking the donate button; then under the box **Make This Donation Occur**, select “On a Giving Day.” Your gift will be posted to our account on April 24.



You can help by making a donation and telling your friends, family, and coworkers! Thank you so much.