

# PEACEWAYS

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## Realizing Accountability Creates Equity

The public is invited to attend the **RACE Forum**

November 16, 2013, 1 pm

Imani Family Life Center, 1555 Georgetown Road, Lexington

This a CKCPJ Voices event

Fayette County has had a Race, Community and Child Welfare Committee (RCCW) in place for several years. This committee, composed of those who work with families and children in the child welfare system and interested community partners is devoted to eradicating racial disparity in the child welfare system with solutions that improve services to

all children and families in the community. The Fayette County RCCW Committee will co-host a community forum for dialogue and to create recommendations for reform of service to families and children of color in the child welfare system.

The forum will be 1 to 4 p.m. on November 16 at Imani Family Life Center, 1555 Georgetown Road. Sev-

eral community partners are working with RCCW including CKCPJ, the Children's Law Center, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, the NAACP, SKY Families, Kentucky State University and Imani Family Life Center.

All who want to learn more about this challenge or to help create solutions are invited to attend.

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## Community invited to listening session

A listening session on the future home of the Community Inn will be held 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Mon., Nov. 4, at Central Christian Church, 205 E. Short Street. Operators of the Community Inn seek community input on six potential locations as they move forward to acquire and renovate a new home for their church and homeless shelter operations.

"We know there are a lot of people with strong opinions about where we should move," said Ginny Ramsey, co-founder of the Catholic Action Center and the Community Inn. "We think that it's important to hear from neighborhood representatives, city officials, social service agencies, and local businesses as we decide on our new home. We also think it's extremely important that we give individuals who are homeless a chance to tell us what their needs are and how we can best help meet those needs."

Three possible sites have been proposed by Lexington-Fayette Urban

County Government and have appropriate zoning for use as a homeless shelter. They are 166 North Martin Luther King Blvd., 1353 West Main St., and 2526 Regency Rd. The other sites under consideration are 1400 North Forbes Rd., 353 Waller Ave., and 219 East Short St., which are

also zoned for use as a homeless shelter. The listening session will include an opportunity for participants to explore the possibility of finding additional funding to support smaller shelters scattered throughout Lexington.

Ginny said she believes it is important to engage the community in the selection

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A rainy Saturday didn't dampen the enthusiasm--and dancing!--at the Festival of the Streets on October 19 in downtown Lexington. Story, page 6.

## RACE

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The problem is readily identifiable. For example, in 2010, the population of youth ages 0-17 in Fayette County was identified as 68.9 percent Caucasian, 18.0 percent African-American, and 9.3 percent Hispanic. Yet, African-American youth represented 38.8 percent of children in out-of-home care in Fayette County and 36.3 percent of all youth referred to the Department for Community Based Services for alleged abuse and neglect. In 2012, African-American youth represented 27.0 percent of all youth that exited out-of-home care in Fayette County, while making up 34.8 percent of youth that emancipated or aged out of care. (All data secured from the Cabinet for

Health and Family Services through a contract with Kentucky Youth Advocates).

Educator and historian Dr. Michael Washington will begin the event by speaking about institutional racism and the role of the gatekeeper in the community. His remarks will be followed by a guided conversation between community members and key gatekeepers who provide services to families through the local child welfare system. Gatekeepers who assist families in working through the child welfare system include court staff, social workers and mental health service providers. Following meaningful dialogue designed to advance mutual efforts to reduce racial and eth-

nic disparities that negatively impact children and families, organizers hope to identify strategic areas that require joint action by the community and system employees. The afternoon will end with small group discussions designed to determine action steps that can be considered by the Fayette County RCCW Committee, which will then bring proposals to its January meeting and determine steps that may be taken to accomplish the identified reform. The event offers a way for concerned and compassionate members of the local community to join together and determine how to effectively remove bias that can harm children in Fayette County and improve services designed to help.

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## Support CKCPJ by purchasing a specialty license plate

Imagine reading "Peace is Possible" on a Kentucky license plate. Now help make that plate possible. Between now and May 31, 2014, CKCPJ will recruit 900 applicants for the plates and receive \$25 from each that will go toward the specialty plate purchase. Each applicant will pay \$25 CKCPJ will send the money in one check to the Kentucky Department of Transportation when the campaign is finished. Information and money toward the specialty license plate goes to CKCPJ up front and money will be kept in a special fund just for this campaign.

At the completion of the successful campaign, the CKCPJ will begin to receive a portion of the funds from each specialty plate sold. Funds will be used to help schools integrate peace education into secondary school curricula, paying particular attention to college and career readiness standards. This effort will involve three phases:

Phase One will negotiate peace studies curricula for use in public high school social studies courses.

Phase Two will reach out to school district personnel and high school social studies teachers, with information about the curricula.

Phase Three will conduct teacher workshops, one-on-one technical assistance, or a combination of the two. If funding levels allow, CKCPJ will provide support materials and on-site assistance.

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card (with a \$3 processing fee) with our secure Vanco Services website. Or you can request a paper application from us and mail it back with your \$25 check to CKCPJ today.

CKCPJ is also looking for places to set up sign-up tables, i.e., at local

social justice organization event or religious gathering. Contact organizers at [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com) with ideas on how to get the word out about this beautiful specialty plate.



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## Listening session to be held Nov. 4

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process before new property is acquired. The listening session will be an open forum where participants can move around to learn more about potential sites and offer pros and cons for each location. At the end of the session, small groups will share their results with the entire group and notes from each small group will be shared publicly.

Pre-registration for the listening session is strongly encouraged. No fee required. To pre-register, send your name and contact information to [\[insightbb.com\]\(http://insightbb.com\) or \[davidcccky@gmail.com\]\(mailto:davidcccky@gmail.com\).](mailto:caclexky@</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

The Community Inn must move because in June 2012, the Board of Adjustment revoked its conditional use permit at its current location, 824 Winchester Road. In 2013, a number of social service groups had been working on a plan that would use the former Lorillard Lofts property to host a variety of services, including attorney offices, medical services, and the Community Inn. In mid-October, Mayor Jim Gray announced that the city would not support that project.

# Making Peace Means Teaching Skills

by Gail Koehler

**Q:** Why are we violent, but not illiterate?

**A:** The answer is agonizingly obvious: “We’re taught to read!”

CKCPJ’s education project, LexingtonUnited, is guided by this insight, articulated by author Robert C. Koehler (no relation to the author of this article), from a question originally posed by the writer Colman McCarthy. In fact, we benefit from the rich tradition of nonviolence and teaching the skills of peace in countless ways.

When we lead cooperative games, whether at the Carnegie Center’s “Create Peace” Family Fun Learning Night in observance of the International Day of Peace in September or at the Lexington Farmer’s Market during the summer, we see children immediately grasp the deep wisdom of playing together in a spirit of fairness and equality.

It was during our summer camp that we experienced the deepest learning, however. Peacemaking skills take time to practice, and LexingtonUnited remains dedicated to recreating and sharing with other youth the privilege of building a series of small, albeit temporary, mini-communities focused on cultivating alternatives to conflict.

This fall, LexingtonUnited responds to requests to teach as “special guests” in university and college classes as well as fulfilling specific training sessions. Our spring break camp for middle school-aged youth is in its planning stages, and we continue to pursue grant opportunities. To this point, all of our activities have been provided by our staff as volunteers; however, to grow our programming further and expand our trainer pool, we need to be able to pay for time dedicated to this important work.

We express a most sincere thank you to every CKCPJ donor who has helped support this growing effort. You can follow us on Facebook, where we provide frequent updates, news, and links to conflict resolution and nonviolence resources ([www.facebook.com/LexingtonUnited](http://www.facebook.com/LexingtonUnited)).

*Gail’s commitment to transforming conflict has grown with her children who now stand taller than she, and they continue to point out what more she needs to learn. From the playground to the board room, she’s come to see conflict as a “tragic expression of unmet needs.” Through trainings at PeaceEd and Quaker sources, Gail has seen skills-based training serve as an essential part of equipping peacemakers.*



LexingtonUnited’s Summer Leadership Camp participants and trainers extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the CKCPJ donors. Without your support, this work would not be possible.

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# 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. Nov. 3**

**Sahel Calling**, free screening of a short documentary about music and musicians in Mali, West Africa during the time of the recent conflict in their country. 2-4 pm, Farish Theater, Central Public Library, Lexington. The filmmaker, John Bosch-Holmes, a Lexington native now working in NYC, will be present to discuss the film and film making. Local residents from West Africa will also discuss the film and its current relevance.

**Mon. Nov. 4**

**Exploring Spirituality: Searching for God**, Historic Saint Paul Roman Catholic Church, 425 West Short Street, Lexington. Featuring Brother Paul Quenon, OCSO, on Merton's Spirituality in an adult education series designed to help participants build a balanced and practical spirituality, drawing from the models discussed during this series Contact: JR Zerkowski, jrchevy Chase@aol.com

**Tues. Nov. 5**

**Sing For Democracy**, Total Grace Baptist Church, 1313 N. Limestone St., Lexington, 6:30 pm. Gospel Fest to restore voting rights to former felons who have served their debt to society. Sponsored by KFTC, Lexington Night Hawks Motorcycle Club, Total Grace Baptist Church.

**Wed. Nov. 6**

**One in Ministry: Opening the Door to Understanding and Friendship** Historic St. Paul Roman Catholic Church 425 W. Short Street, Lexington, KY, 40507. An adult education series sponsored by the Parish Office of Stewardship and Development designed to promote mutual respect through education. Featuring Imam Mahmoud Shalash, Islamic Center of Lexington. Contact JR Zerkowski, jrchevy Chase@aol.com

**Thurs. Nov. 7**

**Lunafest: A collection of short films by, for and about women** Kentucky Theater, 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for students and non-profit employees. Tickets can be purchased at [lunafestlexington.eventbrite.com](http://lunafestlexington.eventbrite.com) or email [events@greenhouse17.org](mailto:events@greenhouse17.org). For more information visit [lunafest.com](http://lunafest.com). Proceeds benefit breast cancer research and GreenHouse17 (formerly called Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program).

**Sat. Nov. 9**

**Book Signing, Dr. Jakobi Williams**, Wild Fig Bookstore, 1439 Leestown Road, Lexington. 4 pm. Dr. Williams will speak and sign copies of his new book, *From the Bullet to the Ballot: The Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party and Racial Coalition Politics in Chicago*.

**Fri. Nov. 8**

**Movies with Spirit**, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clay's Mill Road, Lexington. November's selection will be *Thirteen Grandmothers*. Potluck at 6 pm, film at 7. The event is free, but donations to cover the cost of screening will be accepted.

**Wed. Nov. 13**

**Healthcare Reform and the Affordable Care Act**, Garrett Adams, MD, MPH. Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington, 3465 Clay's Mill Rd., Lexington. Dr. Adams is retired from the faculty of the U of L School of Medicine where he was Chief of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Medical Director of Communicable Diseases at the Louisville Metro Health Department and founder and medical director of the Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, a not-for-profit volunteer clinic in the Cumberland Mountains. Contact Rick Meadows, [richardmeadows@berea.edu](mailto:richardmeadows@berea.edu). People of all beliefs are welcome at these discussions. Humanist education for children and childcare are provided. Contact Staci Maney, [staci@olliegee.com](mailto:staci@olliegee.com)

**Sat. Nov. 16**

**Realizing Accountability Creates Equality** Community Event. 1- 4 pm Imani Family Life Center, 1555 Georgetown Road, Lexington. The forum will present information about how bias in institutions that serve children and families of color creates disparities for children. Participants will propose actions designed to build bridges between gatekeepers and the community. Contact Shanee Walker, 859-253-1500 or [shanee.walker@kysu.edu](mailto:shanee.walker@kysu.edu), see story, p. 1.

**Your Event Here**

*Do you have an event that you would like to promote in Peaceways? Send information to [peacewayseditor@gmail.com](mailto:peacewayseditor@gmail.com). Please send notification by the 10th of the month.*

**Sat. Nov. 16**

**Jail-Prison Ministry Conference**, 9 am, Episcopal Mission House, 203 East Fourth Street (corner of Fourth Street and Martin Luther King Blvd.), Lexington. Sponsored by The Episcopal Diocese of Lexington Ministry Conference. Conference will include several dynamic and inspiring speakers with interesting and exciting presentations. If you are interested in ministry to the incarcerated or are currently involved in such ministry, please plan to come.

**Sat. Nov. 23**

**Annual Shared Thanksgiving Feast** Christian Muslim dialogue. Turkey (halel) dinner with all the trimmings. Program: Counting Our Blessings Through the Arts. Hunter Presbyterian Church, 109 Rosemont Garden, Lexington.

**Sat-Sun. Nov. 23-24**

**School of the Americas Vigil**, Columbus, Ga., Fort Benning gate. For schedule and more information, see [soaw.org](http://soaw.org).

**Tues. Dec. 3**

**Wild and Scenic Film Festival**, Kentucky Theater, Lexington. Sponsored by Kentucky Heartwood. Volunteers needed to screen films and assemble sponsors. [www.kyheartwood.org](http://www.kyheartwood.org).

**Fri. Dec. 6**

**Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ**, activist and author of *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, will speak at 6:30 pm, St. Peter Church, 153 Barr St., Lexington. The event is a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the incorporation of the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Story, p. 5.

**Thurs.-Sat. Feb. 27-Mar. 1**

**Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference**, University of Kentucky, Lexington. Keynote addresses by Dr. Laura Pulido, Dr. Bruce Braun. Registration deadline, Dec. 2. See [geography.as.uky.edu/dimensions-political-ecology-conference-2013](http://geography.as.uky.edu/dimensions-political-ecology-conference-2013)

# KCADP celebrates 25th anniversary

Father Pat Delahanty  
CCK Executive Director

On Dec. 10, 1988, the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty officially incorporated; in 2013 we celebrate our 25th year of pushing to end the use of the death penalty in Kentucky.

To help us celebrate, Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, author of *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, is coming to Kentucky to speak and promote the new edition of her book. Its publication 20 years ago sparked a national dialogue on the death penalty and helped shape opposition to state executions. Sister Helen travels the world giving talks about her ministry and continues to bring new persons to the abolition movement.

On December 6, 2013, Sister Helen will speak at St. Peter Church, 153 Barr Street, Lexington at 6:30pm. She will sign copies of the new edition of *Dead Man Walking* which has a new forward by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and new Afterwords by Sister Helen, Tim Robbins (director of the movie, *Dead Man Walking*), and Susan Sarandon (who played Sister Helen in the movie).

On Dec. 5, Sister Helen will make a presentation at the Louisville Free Public Library, 301 York Street at 7 pm. This is free, but ticketed; contact the library, 502-574-1611, for information about obtaining a ticket.

KCADP needs your continued support. We survive mostly on contributions and on the occasion of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary we hope to receive gifts honoring those years and all who helped make them fruitful. Kentucky is closer now than ever to abolishing the death penalty because you and others have raised a voice against this violent state act.

As of this writing no court or jury has handed down a death sentence in over three years. We have had few executions: two of the three refused to fight for their lives. You can visit online, [www.kcadp.org](http://www.kcadp.org), and support us using PayPal or send your contribution to PO Box 3092, Louisville KY 40201. Please send a happy anniversary card with a gift according to your means. We hope to see you at St. Peter Church on December 6.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

**CKCPJ Board Meetings** THIRD MONDAYS 7pm. More info: 859-488-1448 or [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com). All are welcome!

**Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace** Every Thursday 5:30-6 pm at Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main St ) in downtown Lexington. Contact Richard Mitchell 859-327-6277.

**Kentucky Migrant Network** 1st Monday Noon-1:30 pm, Cardinal Valley Center, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact Isabel Gereda Taylor [itaylor@lexingtonky.gov](mailto: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 Meeting. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr. Lexington (Go to the end of the parking lot, and then in the side door). Info: [www.pflaglex.org](http://www.pflaglex.org) or email [president@pflaglex.org](mailto:president@pflaglex.org) or call 859-338-4393. Programs are followed by a question and answer session, 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](mailto:info@lexfair.org).

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

**Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky** 2nd Wednesday, 7-8:30pm, in the Great Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church. 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](mailto:staci@olliegee.com) or 859-797-2662.

**Kentuckians for the Commonwealth** 3rd Thursday, 7 pm Episcopal Diocese Mission House at 4th St. and MLK Blvd, Lexington. Contact Ondine Quinn, 859-276-0563.

**NAMI Lexington Support Groups** Every Sunday 2:30-4 pm. Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington. Call 859-272-7891 or go to [www.namilex.org](http://www.namilex.org).

**Christian-Muslim Dialogue Fall Program** 4th Saturday 10 am-noon. All are welcome. Locations vary, call 859-277-5126. The Christian-Muslim dialogue promotes understanding and mutual respect between Christians and Muslims. By exploring moral, cultural and political factors shaping the current context, it promotes personal and collective responsibility to build a more just and peaceful world.

**Movies with Spirit** 2nd Friday of every month. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clay's Mill Road, Lexington. Potluck at 6 pm, film at 7.

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

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# Street Voice Council hosts Festival of the Streets

Lexington, a town renowned for its parties and festivals, saw the Festival of the Streets on Saturday, Oct. 19. The event was planned by the Street Voice Council (SVC), an assembly of people who are homeless or formerly homeless. Other sponsors of the event include Divine Providence, Inc.; National Alliance on Mental Illness; and CKCPJ. "We have the Festival of the Horse and the Festival of the Artist, why not a festival celebrating our brothers and sisters who live on the streets?" said Ginny Ramsey, co-founder of Divine Providence, Inc., the umbrella organization that includes the Catholic Action Center, Divine Providence Way and the Community Inn, a night shelter.

Over \$700 worth of arts and crafts were sold to a rain-drenched crowd. Displays also included works of prose and poetry by people who call the streets home. One author was Steven Dykes, a graduate of Bates Creek High School, a resident of Divine Providence Way and a member of the Street Voice Council. Dykes, who answers to the nickname "Hillbilly," wrote of his experience with drugs, alcohol and prison in prose as well as poetry.

"We wanted to show that we have talents. We're not all bad," said Hillbilly, who has been sober for five years and was recently released from prison.

One of Hillbilly's pieces described his experience with Moral Reconciliation Therapy, a cognitive behavioral treatment system for offenders and at-risk groups. Through MRT, he explored his life, begin-



Ginny Ramsey and Steven Dykes, "Hillbilly," were among the folks who danced despite the cold rain that fell on the Festival of the Streets on Oct. 19 in Lexington.

ning with his childhood and work to set on-going goals.

"Hillbilly is really a story of redemption," said Ginny.

Despite a steady rain during the morning of the Festival of the Streets, the atmosphere was joyous music and dancing. Visitors purchased paintings and crafts created by members of the SVC, read the display of poetry and prose and purchased and ate food prepared by formerly homeless people who have completed culinary training at the College for Technical Education.

Ginny called the day a good "dry run," because the rain kept the crowds smaller

than they would have been with better weather. She was one of several people who improvised a raincoat from a black trash bag and danced, despite the rain.

"More than anything else," she said, "the folks had fun. And they really need an outlet for fun."

The members of the Street Voice Council met at 8:30 to set up the tents and tables for the event that started at 11 a.m. When the festivities ended at 4 p.m. the group broke down the area and cleaned the plaza.

"The SVC will get together next week to plan future events," Ginny said.

## Resource Fair in Lexington impacts nearly 500 people



Billie Mallory, Emily Underwood, Allison Tate and Donny Damron served coffee to participants at Stand Down on Oct. 17 at Central Christian Church in Lexington.

Stand Down, a resource fair held on Oct. 17 for people who are homeless or marginally housed served 301 persons living with 95 other adults and 78 children for a "total persons impacted" of 474.

- 67% were homeless by the narrow HUD definition
- 14% were precariously housed (couch hopping)
- 19% had their own place
- 25% were veterans
- 57% listed a disability
- 9% had employment
- 22% were women (decrease from 31% in 2012)
- 55% were people of color (Lexington's population of people of color is 22%)
- 1,469 units of service were provided, averaging 4.88 per person
- 1,520 one-ride bus passes were distributed.

The 301 persons completing intake applications cited 258 visits to the emergency room in the last 90 days, highlighting the importance of Stand Down to connect people to housing and services. Annualized, this figure grows to 1,023 visits per year for this small group. Recent research indicates that the average cost of one ER visit is \$1,952, making the aggregate cost \$2 million per year.

# Criminalization of homelessness

*The Road to Geneva: A Blog Series on U.S. Criminalization of Homelessness and International Law by Kirsten Blume, Program on Human Rights & the Global Economy Fellow. National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty. October 3-8, 2013. First of a series.*

The criminalization of homelessness is an urgent issue in the United States. [This fall], representatives from the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (the Law Center) will travel to Geneva to ensure that the United States is held accountable to homeless individuals on the topic. In Geneva, the UN Human Rights Committee will conduct its fourth periodic review of U.S. compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). From now until the conclusion of committee proceedings, the Law Center will bring you a blog mini-series with a focus on how U.S. laws that criminalize homelessness violate particular articles of the ICCPR.

As required of complying nations, the

U.S. submitted its latest report on compliance to the HRC in December, 2011. In collaboration with the U.S. Human Rights Network, the Law Center has consistently used advocacy tools to ensure that U.S. human rights violations in conflict with the U.S. report were apparent to the HRC. The Law Center submitted its shadow report, "Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading," during the HRC review to further demonstrate how U.S. laws target homeless individuals. For instance, local ordinances that allow police to arrest individuals for lying or sitting in public violate the protection against arbitrary arrest and detention (Article 9).

Recently the Columbia, S. C., City Council created a plan to exile the entire homeless population from the downtown area through relocation to a remote shelter outside the city. Under the plan, homeless individuals could have faced arrest for returning to the downtown area without an appointment. Advocates, guided by the ICCPR, were able to ensure that the plan was rescinded.

ICCPR rights differ from laws recognized by U.S. courts, and thus help to fill in gaps for domestic advocates defending the human rights of homeless individuals. In our shadow report, we describe six ICCPR articles currently being violated. Each day leading up to Geneva, we will bring you analysis of a new ICCPR article and corresponding U.S. violations. We hope that this blog series will articulate U.S. violations in ways that can help human rights advocates. The Law Center will host a webinar on World Habitat Day, Oct 7th 2013, regarding international law advocacy tools. At a recent American University Washington College of Law event, Navi Pillay, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, urged U.S. citizens to engage in international law to defend victims of human rights violations in the U.S. We aim to shed light on the U.S. ICCPR violations in solidarity with advocates across the country as we collectively attempt to combat cruel and degrading treatment of homeless persons here at home where our domestic laws fall short.

## Interfaith Alliance recognizes long-time members of Hunter Presbyterian

The Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass held its annual dinner on Oct.17 at Central Baptist Church when it presented its 2013 Faith and Freedom Award to Charles and Carolyn Holmes, pictured here with presenter Nancy Jo Kemper (right). Carolyn and Charles Holmes were recognized for their service to the people and democratic, progressive causes of Lexington for the past 50 years. They are often found in the background for many events that bring people together in Lexington, and are always present to lend their support



Carol Kodler



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to inter-religious and international understanding. Keynote speaker was Dr. Joan Brown Campbell whose presentation was titled, "Exploring the Compassionate Cities Movement." Members of TIABG and Dr. Campbell spoke with Mayor Jim Gray during Dr. Campbell's time in Lexington. For more information about Lexington's effort to become a Compassionate City, contact Nancy Jo Kemper, [nkemper@transy.edu](mailto:nkemper@transy.edu).



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Frederick Douglass (1857)

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# CKCPJ's GoodGiving Effort Needs YOU!

## You want to advance peace and justice in concrete ways.

During the GoodGiving Challenge, your efforts help make CKCPJ eligible for thousands of dollars in cash prizes. 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.

## Many of your friends want the same thing!

When you tell your friends about CKCPJ's participation in the GoodGiving Challenge, every new person you engage helps maximize our efforts. There is so much more CKCPJ is on the verge of being able to accomplish—if we just had a few more dollars to stretch.

## THANK YOU!

Your generous support and your earnest commitment to achieving peace in a myriad of ways heartens us more than you realize.

## Join us Fri. Nov. 1 for the Launch!

The 2013 GoodGiving Challenge Launch Party takes place Friday, Nov. 1 from 3 to 7 pm, at the West Sixth Brewing Company at 501 West 6th Street in Lexington.

## Your presence may just win us some cool cash for peace and justice!

West Sixth Brewing Company will donate a total of \$2000 to the

three organizations (small, medium and large) with the most supporters at the Launch Party. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a complimentary cupcake. Food trucks and cash beverages will be available, including house-made sodas for those who prefer non-alcoholic refreshments.

The Good Giving Challenge runs through Dec. 31. Add your name to our email list (send a

note to [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com)) so you won't miss any events and celebrations, including opportunities for matching donations and donor incentives and gifts.

Check us out on Facebook, too, where we'll be running CKCPJ success stories, peace facts, and news—local and global—of hope, victory, and the work that lies ahead.

