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## Lexington decreasing incidence of violence in African-American community

by Margaret Gabriel, Peaceways editor

"I believe that Lexington has a moral obligation to alleviate the hopelessness experienced by individuals, families, and communities," said Larry Johnson, project coordinator for Lexington Cities United, an initiative of the National League of Cities that focuses on eliminating violence-related deaths of African-American men and boys.

Larry went on to explain violent death is not solely a problem of the African-American community. "The depravity, insanity and inhumanity we witness concerning violent death reflect the bleak outlook that many have to earn a living wage and the ready availability of criminal options to address poverty and need. Such options have the potential to impact all vulnerable populations."

Research shows, Larry said, that there are strong indicators concerning the need to reach out to African-American young men who age out of the foster care system when they reach their 18th birthdays. In article by Investigate West, Investigative Journalism for the Pacific Northwest, entitled "Aged Out and Alone at 18" (February 15, 2013) by Claudia Rowe states that "Former foster youth have off-the-charts rates of homelessness and post-traumatic stress. They end up in jail, prison or hospital emergency rooms far more frequently than other teens their age." By age 24, 81 percent of young men formerly in foster care have been arrested.

Reversing this statistic, Larry said, "is not an African-American issue but a human race issue, a human rights issue, a life



Rika Wallin

Larry Johnson delivers the keynote address at the CKCPJ Annual Dinner in March.

or death issue. Our issue."

Johnson commended the decrease in the incidence of violent deaths among African-American males in Lexington since 2011 but suggested that additional progress is needed. He cited a report by Gretchen Ruth Cusick, Mark E. Courtney, Judy Havlicek and Nathan Hess of the University of Chicago that states: "Placement in group care is a strong predictor of criminal behavior and arrest, and suggests that efforts to prevent crime among foster youth transitioning to adulthood are well targeted at those in group care." A later study by Courtney *et al.* (2001) found that 37 percent of former foster youth had not completed high school or obtained a GED, and only 9 percent had taken any college courses within 12 to 18 months of discharge from care.

Finally, Larry cites "The Effect of Edu-  
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## Rally calls for fair wages, honors Browning

by Janet Tucker

Nearly 100 people rallied at the University of Kentucky on May Day, May 1, International Workers Day. The rally, co-sponsored by the Carpenters Union, the Service Employees' International Union (SEIU), the Teamsters, UK United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS), Young Workers Lexington (YWL), and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth and CKCPJ, was initiated by Rev. Troy Thomas, a member of SEIU.

The rally was called in response to wage theft by UK in their construction projects on campus. "The University of Kentucky is balancing its budget on the backs of workers and students. We need to stand up for workers and students at UK," said Victor Gomez, a worker on the UK construction project. "No wage theft on the dorm construction projects. Workers, many of whom are immigrants, are working hard to build the new dorm, but too often they are not paid for the work they do. This cannot be considered acceptable in our community."

Isabel Cochran, from USAS, demanded no out-sourcing of the university's dining services, a campaign that USAS has been working on over the past year. USAS wants to keep UK dining services public and high quality and requests that dining workers receive the same benefits as other UK employees. The group is particularly opposed to outsourcing to Sodexo, a contractor known for bad employee

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# CKCPJ Committees

CKCPJ recently reorganized its committee structure to

- address issues central to our mission in our committees;
- address administrative matters in the Steering Committee; and
- to focus board meetings on the issues of peace, justice, and sustainability that confront our communities and inspire our membership.

Listed here are the newly established committees, with descriptions of their missions and contact information for the CKCPJ board members who are serving as co-chairs of each committee.

The information is listed in order to recruit and involve *Peaceways* readers in the work of CKCPJ. Please consider joining one or more committees. Whatever time you can give will move peace and justice forward.

## Events and Calendar

CKCPJ supports events that are consistent with our principles whether organized by our member organizations or by any other local group. If you value sharing knowledge and increasing understanding, we need you! We are looking for innovative ways to share knowledge about peace and justice so that we create a better understanding within our community.

Join the Council's Events and Calendar Committee! We will synchronize and publicize events sponsored by or with CKCPJ to maximize membership and community involvement in every

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## Fundraising

CKCPJ thinks globally and works locally here in Central Kentucky facilitating and encouraging communication and collaboration among our members and our community. We are looking for people who desire to make a difference. Would you like to join a group whose focus is fostering peace within our community?

Join the Council's Fundraising Committee! You will have the opportunity to organize and participate in annual fundraising strategies and events such as the Voices Letter, Spring and Fall Phone-a-thon, Goodgiving and the Holiday letter. These efforts

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## Human Rights and Economic Justice

The recently formed Human Rights and Economic Justice Committee of CKCPJ is looking for volunteers to join us in working toward a better Lexington. Our initial focus will be a campaign to establish a minimum wage here in Lexington. Recognizing that collaboration builds the best grassroots efforts, the committee is currently contacting other advocacy organizations and groups to recruit a "Leadership Team" to plan the campaign. If you, your group, your organization or your faith community are interested in joining this effort, please contact either or both of the committee co-chairs, David Christiansen at davidccky@gmail.com or Janet Tucker at jlynjenks@gmail.com. Thanks!

## Peace Action

The CKCPJ Peace Action Committee has been extremely active when confronted with challenges such as the lead up to, and early stages of the Iraq War. At other times it has mustered less involvement.

As long as the United States maintains a military on a nearly permanent war footing, Kentucky activists need to be alert to the potential for misuse of our troops and maintain a strong, informed, and permanent peace movement. At present there are conflicts across the globe that could produce U.S. military intervention. These include disputed islands off the coast of Japan, tensions in Ukraine, horrific violence in Africa, and a brutal war in Syria.

CKCPJ's Peace Action Committee invites those interested in its work to contact Richard Mitchell (859-327-6277 or rjmq47@twc.com) or Kerby Neill (859-396-6811 or tkneill@earthlink.net).

The draft mission statement of the Peace Action Committee follows. Join us and help us work for a more just and peaceful world.

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## VOICES

Each fall since its 25th anniversary in 2008, the CKCPJ has presented a series of events highlighting the voices of human rights activists. Thousands of people have attended activities that:

- focus on issues of peace and justice;
- voice concerns for the voiceless;
- build local and regional coalitions for better communities; and
- share exciting local, regional and national ideas.

We are seeking partners to help launch the 2014-15 VOICES series. The topic will be issues related to central Kentucky's minimum wage and/or Living Wage Campaigns. Check out the Living Wage Calculator for Kentucky's counties, <http://livingwage.mit.edu/states/21/locations>. Join us in planning the VOICES events this year: contact Janet Tucker (jlynjenks@gmail.com) or Randolph Hollingsworth (dolph@uky.edu) to learn more.

# Americans For Change Bus Tour Rallies in Lexington

by Janet Tucker

Americans United for Change is hitting the road with the "Give America a Raise" bus tour that supports President Obama's plan to raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 an hour.

On Monday April 28, Lexington residents joined others from across the state as the bus tour came to Lexington and rallied at Thoroughbred Park. The Lexington stop, hosted by Kentucky Jobs with Justice, Kentucky AFL-CIO, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Bluegrass Central Labor Council, United Auto Workers and others, highlighted the need to give America a raise.

The bus has traveled 3,500 miles while making stops in 11 states, gaining widespread local media attention and putting Republicans in Congress on notice. Now, the "Give America a Raise" tour is ready for round two. With the backdrop of a 45' long, 16-ton anti-poverty billboard, it called on U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell to support the Harkin-Miller bill that raises the minimum wage to \$10.10.

Two low-wage workers, Pam Newman and Jaison Gardner, both from Louisville, told the crowd about the unfairness of working hard for low wages. Pam said,

"We all make choices. There are lots of people just like me that have to make a choice about paying the rent or buying food or paying rent or paying medical bills. That is a choice we should not have to make. A wage of \$7.25 per hour is not making that happen. We need \$10.10 an hour; to be honest we need \$15 per hour." Other speakers included Bill Londrigan, state president of the AFL-CIO; and Bonifacio Aleman, executive director of Kentucky Jobs with Justice.

Many Americans agree. No one who works should live in poverty. Yet that's exactly what's happening to workers around the country earning the current minimum wage. While the federal minimum wage has stayed the same since 2009, inflation has increased the prices of food, gas, utilities, and basic necessities, making it nearly impossible to live anywhere in America on \$7.25 an hour (\$15,000 a year). It's long past time for Congress to give America a raise. For more information about the bus tour, see [americansunitedforchange.org](http://americansunitedforchange.org).

Janet Tucker serves on the board of CKCPJ and is an active member of KFTC.

## BCTC Fair promotes peace, justice and fun!

by Rebecca Glasscock

Lexington's Eight Peace Fair, hosted by Bluegrass Community and Technical College, gathered dozens of people at the Cooper Drive campus on Saturday, May 17.

At the end of the day, a BCTC student said "Why can't people be as nice to each other as they were today?" It may well come down to trust. In peaceful places, people trust each other to do what's right, to treat each other fairly, to be kind – and to have fun in the process.

That's the hoped-for contribution of the

peace fair – to help build solid foundations of trust in our community.

This year's music was awesome, and – for the first time – the sound system was powered by the sun (thanks to Appalachia-Science in the Public Interest). As in past years, bamboo structures, flags, and sails added to the peaceful atmosphere. Some of the participants have been part of the peace fair from day one, including Providence Montessori and CKCPJ. Others, such as the Sphinx Academy and Ellie Dove's Designs, were newcomers to the fair. Children probably took naps on the

way home, as the Urban Ninja Project, another newcomer to the fair, was so invigorating.

The closing ceremony for this year's fair was a "flash mob" of the One Billion Rising dance, which was dedicated to the kidnapped Nigerian girls. The community's hope is for all girls and boys to be able to obtain an education without experiencing threats or fear.

To view the dance, go to <https://on.fb.me/lhdfihl>



Lexington's March Madness Marching Band kicked off the Peace Fair on May 17.

## The Central Kentucky Council for Peace & Justice

*Board of Directors:* David Christiansen (co-chair), Bilal El-Amin, Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (co-chair), Mary Ann Ghosal (secretary), Marion Gibson, Randolph Hollingsworth, Rahul Karanth, Susan Lamb, Richard Mitchell, Bruce Mundy (past co-chair), Howard Myers, Kerby Neill, Steve Pavey, Nadia Rasheed, Alexandria Sehon, Rabbi Uri Smith, Janet Tucker, Craig Wilkie (treasurer). *Peaceways Staff:* Margaret Gabriel (editor), Penny Christian, Gail Koehler, Betsy Neale, Jim Trammel (proofreaders). The views expressed in *Peaceways* are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice.

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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.*

**Sat. May 31**

**Les McCann Juke Joint**, 7 pm, Lyric Theatre and Cultural Arts Center, 300 E. Third St., Lexington.

The concert that will benefit the Les McCann School for the Arts, a school that celebrates and develops artistic excellence in Lexington's East End. Come celebrate the arts in Lexington--past, present and future. Welcome Les McCann, the "godfather of soul jazz," back home to the historic Lyric Theatre, along with Javon Jackson, one of the finest contemporary jazz musicians. Other great local artists will share the stage including Tee Dee Young and the Scandalous Band, Joan Brannon, Devine Carama, Denise Brown Dmitrius Conley-Williams and the Lexington Fashion Collaborative. Tickets, \$20. Children 16 and under \$5. VIP tickets: \$75 includes front row seat, private reception with artists and CD. See [www.lexington-lyric.tix.com](http://www.lexington-lyric.tix.com) (859) 280-2218.

**Thurs. June 5**

**Megachurches, Megastores, Monopolies, and Monotheism**,

7 pm, Great Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd., Lexington. Richard Meadows will lead a discussion that will explore how monotheism largely replaced polytheism by using one god to try to explain everything rather than having a god of thunder, a god of volcanoes, etc., even though this led to paradoxes like "If there's one omnipotent and omniscient god, why is there evil in the world?"

**Tues. June 10**

**PFLAG Meeting**, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Drive, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Presentation first hour, support group meeting second hour.

The presenter at the June meeting transitioned from female to male at the age of 36. He will talk about his self-discovery, decision to take action, the response of his family, employers and peers, and his partner journeys.

The group welcome LGBTQs, their family members, friends and allies. PFLAG meetings are a safe, confidential setting where all are accepted and respected. More information at [www.pflaglex.org](http://www.pflaglex.org).

**Wed. June 4**

**Deep Listening Session**, See page 5.

**Mon. June 16**

**Concert featuring Anne Feeny, Brad Yoder and JP Wright**, the Good Ol' Ruyard Kipling, 422 W. Oak St., Louisville. 7 pm. \$15 admission. On her website Anne says that she has been "comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable since her high school graduation in 1968, and appeals to "left-leaning" music fans. Utah Phillips calls Anne "the best labor singer in North America." If you would like to carpool to Louisville for the concert, contact Janet Tucker, [jlynjenks@gmail.com](mailto:jlynjenks@gmail.com).

**Fri. June 20**

**World Refugee Day Summit**, Lexington's Bridge to the World 9 am - 2 pm, Central Library, 140 E. Main St., Lexington. Lexington has an ever-growing population of refugees. Did you know we have the third largest population of resettled Congolese immigrants in the country? Learn more about the advantages and challenges that come with welcoming refugees into our community. Register at <https://sites.google.com/site/lexington-refugeesummit/>

**Sat. Jun. 21**

**Festival of the Streets**, Court House Plaza, 120 N. Limestone (Main St. and Limestone), Lexington. 11 am-4 pm. Sponsored by the Street Voice Council and Divine Providence, Inc. Fun for all ages, free admission, art displays, wall of poetry, wall of stories, arts and crafts sale. Live music, fun games, great food; corn hole, dominoes, and chess contests. Celebrating the gifts and talents of men and women who call the streets of Lexington home. For more information, contact [calex2000@gmail.com](mailto:calex2000@gmail.com), or 859-514-7210.

**Fri. Jun. 27**

**Community Games Night**, Location, TBA, 7:30 pm. Sponsored by Lexington United. Fri. June 27, 6:00-7:30 pm Join graduates of Lexington United's Leadership Camp in a night of fun and frolic! Note: we are looking for the ideal location for this event. Contact us if you can offer a space: 859-474-0487 or [lexingtoncommunitybuilding@gmail.com](mailto:lexingtoncommunitybuilding@gmail.com). Watch our Facebook page and website for updates ([www.lexingtoncommunitybuilding.org/](http://www.lexingtoncommunitybuilding.org/))

**Sat. Jun. 28**

**Lexington Pride Festival**, Court House Plaza, 120 N. Limestone, Lexington. 11 am. The eighth annual family-friendly event will include a parade, vendor booths, food and an appearance by Erin Davies and the "Fagbug," which makes a statement about hate crimes.

**Fri. July 4**

**Fourth of July Festival**. Downtown Lexington, various locations. The day-long celebration will include the Bluegrass 10K, a street festival, a parade and fireworks. To apply for a parade entry, see [downtownlex.com](http://downtownlex.com).

**Thurs-Sun. July 10-13**

**Whippoorwill Festival 2014**, Skills for Earth-Friendly Living. 1 pm Thursday to 11:30 pm Sunday. HomeGrown Hide-Aways, 500 Floyd Branch Road, Berea, Ky. See [www.whippoorwillfest.com](http://www.whippoorwillfest.com).

**Sat-Sun. Jul. 26-27**

**Muddy Cheer Challenge, Lexington**. The challenge is a non-competitive run that brings families and communities together through the power of team bonding and having a muddy good time while providing a judgment-free zone and non-intimidating environment for all ages. Muddy Cheer is a fundraising company, so any sports team, church, small charity, or group is invited to participate. See [muddycheerchallenge.com](http://muddycheerchallenge.com).

**Attention**

**Lexington activist Steven Burt** puts out this call: "I am beginning a project that will end in a documentary on activism in Lexington. This will include involvement in mountain top removal, Occupy Lexington, Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, and any student organizations. If you want to help with it, or if you have things to contribute contact me at: [Sburt00043@gmail.com](mailto:Sburt00043@gmail.com)."

**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.*

## Creating a way to listen deeply to each other

You are invited to a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 7 pm, at the Plantory, 560 East Third Street, Lexington. Your hosts for the meeting are Gail Koehler, a trainer at Lexington United, and Betsy Neale, PhD, sexuality educator.

The purpose of this meeting is to plan an experience in deep listening with members of the peace and justice community of central Kentucky. Our topic is discussing listening to each others' deep concerns about abortion, reproductive rights, choice, our care for the unborn, and women's health.

The goal is not to argue a particular "side" but to use the model from the Compassionate Listening Project (<http://www.compassionatelistening.org/>) whose practitioners have developed a method used for decades in political hotspots throughout the globe, particularly in Israel and Palestine.

Leah Green, project director of the Compassionate Listening Project, says that members of the project are committed to "creating an environment conducive to peace-building through deep, empathic listening. It is no simple thing: At times we listeners must dig deep within ourselves to move beyond our own judgments and opinions. When we listen with the intention of building empathy and understanding, we also quickly build trust, and possibilities emerge. We have been able to bring opposing sides together in one room to listen to each other because our intentions are trusted."

Is this a model that can be used in Lexington to address a contentious subject? Come and work with us as we discover what empathy and compassionate intention can uncover. If you have training in Compassionate Listening or other deep listening facilitation, we are particularly interested in hearing from you!

For more information, contact [gmkken-tucky@gmail.com](mailto:gmkken-tucky@gmail.com) or call 859-813-2649.

*"Some time ago I recognized that terrorists were people who had grievances, who thought their grievances would never be heard, and certainly never addressed. Later I saw that all parties to every conflict were wounded and at the heart of every act of violence is an unhealed wound."*

—Gene Knudsen Hoffman (1919-2010), a Quaker peace activist who created 'Compassionate Listening' as a model for peacemaking

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

**CKCPJ Board Meetings** 3rd Monday, 7 pm. 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** First Thursday, 7 pm, Great Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington. 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 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.

**National Action Network** 3rd Thursday of each month, 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Central Library, Lexington.

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

**Contact [peacewayseditor@gmail.com](mailto:peacewayseditor@gmail.com) or 859-488-1448.**

# Housing Updates

*Billie Mallory provides updates on issues that address affordable housing and homelessness in Lexington.*

- Charlie Lanter, formerly of Lexington's Community Action Agency, began his work as the new director of the new Office of Homeless Prevention/Intervention on May 5. Charlie will coordinate the recommendations of the Mayor's Commission on Homelessness and develop interventions and prevention strategies with other community partners to serve people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in order to reduce homelessness in the community.
- This office will also form an advisory board of service providers and citizens with interests in housing issues. The board to offer advocacy and support to issues related to homelessness.
- An advisory board of stakeholders has been formed to provide direction and offer advice to the proposed Affordable Housing Office, under the direction of Derek Paulsen, Commissioner of Planning, Preservation and Development (LFUCG).
- An awareness/advocacy campaign promoting awareness of social and economic justice issues related to poverty and homelessness will include the Festival of the Streets (See page 4) on June 21 at Courthouse Plaza. Go to [peoplesvoicelex.com](http://peoplesvoicelex.com) for more information about the event and to obtain promotional bumper stickers and wristbands.

• In October 2013 Lexington's city council passed an ordinance regulating adult day shelters serving "people with limited financial resources; including those that are homeless." This zoning ordinance requires any "facility providing basic services during daylight hours" to apply for a conditional use permit with the Board of Adjustment and requires a public hearing. This ordinance targets service providers and programs serving low-income and homeless people with "food, personal hygiene items, mail/phone/computer, employment, information and referral services," and is designed to include new providers of nearly every basic human service. Many national and local advocacy agencies find this "conditional use" zoning to be questionable and are making inquiries concerning discrimination and unconstitutionality of targeting a specific class or group of individuals that includes people with mental illness, disabilities, those who are elderly or have special needs that might be impacted by homelessness. CKCPJ has sent Lexington's Mayor and council members a letter to voice our very grave concerns about the city's "Day Shelter Ordinance." You can read it on our blog at: <http://bit.ly/1jtlETB>. Please consider sending your own letter or calling or sending an email to the mayor and LFUCG council members (you can find their contact information at <http://bit.ly/1tmQbYQ>).

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cation on Crime: Evidence from Prison Inmates, Arrests, and Self-Reports," by Lance Lochner and Enrico Moretti, which states that the biggest impacts of failure to graduate are associated with murder, assault, and motor vehicle theft. The study suggests that completing high school reduces the probability of incarceration for these crimes for both black and white youth

Current efforts in Lexington to reduce violence, Larry said, include increased summer youth job offerings, an I DO initiative, bringing school, faith, neighbor-

hood and city leaders together to identify current programs for youth; a resource guide designed to inform young people and their families about positive opportunities for youth; violence prevention conferences in order to educate professionals and service providers on best practices in supporting at-risk youth.

Larry agrees with Cities United leaders across the country: "Violence among African-American men and boys is not a crisis, but an on-going, pervasive and chronic public health concern and not a crime to be punished."

## Signatures sought for petition

There is a petition in circulation directed to Charles and David Koch, Chairman and CEO, and Executive Vice President, respectively, of Koch Industries, which says: "We, citizens of the United States, denounce you, Charles and David Koch, for using your vast wealth—more than the combined wealth of the bottom 40 percent of Americans—to corrupt our democracy.

You are thereby undermining the most precious gift we possess, our democratic system of government. You deserve to be shamed and condemned by all Americans."

Will you sign this petition? Click: <http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/we-denounce-the-koch>.

### Receive *Peaceways* Electronically

We cannot put a price on Mother Earth or on your support, but we can strive to be good stewards of the planet and of your contributions. In order to reduce its carbon footprint, production costs, and resource usage, CKCPJ is going digital. Starting August 1, the default delivery method of *Peaceways* will be electronic (through e-mail and social media outlets). The annual cost to create, print and mail one annual subscription using both delivery methods is approximately \$15 per year. CKCPJ appreciates contributions to offset mail delivery expenses. If you have contributed to us financially, you will continue to mail you a paper copy of this newsletter. If you have not mailed us a check, you MUST opt-in to receive *Peaceways* in the mail either by using [bit.ly/PWdelivery](http://bit.ly/PWdelivery) or by calling 859-488-1448. If you are not receiving e-mail notifications, but would like to, register/update your profile information through [bit.ly/Signup4peaceways](http://bit.ly/Signup4peaceways). Thank you!

### May Day Rally

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policies including reclassifying full-time employees to part-time to avoid paying for healthcare.

Rapper Devine Carama provided entertainment. Also a Teamster member, Devine's music was as inspiring as it was entertaining. He said rap music started as social commentary, and he carries on that tradition. Other speakers were Bill Londrigan, state president of the AFL-CIO, Robert Akin, president of the Bluegrass Central Labor Council, and Bonifacio Aleman, executive director of Kentucky Jobs with Justice.

The rally also honored the memory of April Browning, a pillar of the people's movement in Lexington, who passed away suddenly on April 7. Her partner and Teamster member spoke about April, the many strengths she brought to the labor movement and how she will be missed. Following the rally many went to a candlelight vigil for April at site of the Occupy Lexington site, an effort April launched and led.

YWL member Greg Capillo summed up the rally saying, "It felt great to be a part of a truly diverse left coalition calling for the rights of the people. I know this was part of April's dream that we shared at Occupy Lexington. This represents a new chapter in our struggle for a more just world. It's important that we maintain a presence on May Day. We should continue to talk openly about the systemic theft that embodies our current economy."

*Janet Tucker is a member of the CKCPJ board and is active with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.*

# CAC accepting award nominations

Community Action Council is accepting nominations for the 2014 Jack E. Burch and Dr. Abby Marlatt awards.

The Dr. Abby Marlatt Community Partnership Award recognizes a business or organization that exemplifies the spirit of community and selflessness for which Dr. Marlatt, a longtime council board member, was known. Nominees should be organizations or businesses that have shown a willingness to take a public stand in support of people with low income. They should have made a measurable impact toward building a livable community for everyone through advocacy, volunteerism, giving, and other impactful mechanisms.

The Jack E. Burch Spirit of Community Action Award was created in 2013 to honor the council's longtime executive director who passed away this year. Jack served as executive director from 1979 to 2013 and during that time led the organization through a rebirth and expansion that rippled across multiple communities.

Jack was a passionate believer in the community action movement as it emerged from the original War on Poverty. During his tenure as executive director always supported the maximum feasible participation of people with low income in finding solutions to poverty. The Burch

Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies the values of economic and social justice that defined Jack's tenure with the organization. Nominees should be individuals who have made a significant and lasting impact to prevent, reduce or eliminate poverty within the council's core service areas.

Please spread the word and send us your nominees. Winners will be announced and recognized at LexEndPoverty 2014 (formerly The Poverty Forum) on September 27, 2014, at the Lyric Theater. This event will feature keynote speaker Dr. Cornel West; tickets can be purchased at [www.lexendpoverty.org](http://www.lexendpoverty.org).

The nomination form can be accessed at the CKCPJ website, [www.peaceandjusticeky.org](http://www.peaceandjusticeky.org). Peaceways readers are asked to send nominations AND share this with others in the council's core services area – Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison, and Nicholas counties – so that they may nominate a champion for people with low income. Nominations are due by 5 pm, Fri., June 6, and should be returned to Cheryl Weiss at Community Action Council ([cheryl.weiss@commaction.org](mailto:cheryl.weiss@commaction.org)), mailed to Cheryl at Community Action Council, P.O. Box 11610, Lexington, KY, 40576; or dropped off at any council office.

# New CKCPJ Board Members

CKCPJ is proud to introduce three new members to its board of directors: Heather Hadi, Steven Lee Katz and Teddi Smith-Robillard. Heather brings the insight of an attorney who works on immigration issues; Steve recently launched a housing initiative in cooperation with Ginny Ramsey and the Catholic Action Center; Teddi has worked tirelessly for many years to restore voting privileges to former felons. Terms for the new members will begin in July.

If you are interested in serving on CKCPJ's board, please contact [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com).

## Peace Action Committee

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The CKCPJ Peace Action Committee shall:

- Remain alert to situations that may lead the U. S. or other nations into armed conflict;
- Build programs of peace education and promote the values and practices of nonviolence, particularly those that can resolve and avoid violent conflict;
- Encourage the role and rule of just international law and urge our leaders to respect it;
- Advocate the development and strengthening of local and international organizations that contribute to peace;
- Work to reduce excessive spending for "national security" at the cost of addressing other basic human needs;
- Increase awareness that much U. S. military action is in the service of U.S. material, commercial, and political hegemony and guard against putting our troops in harm's way for such purposes.

## Fundraising Committee

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support the Council's principles. We will learn new concepts and methods of fundraising and look forward to fresh ideas.

Fundraising with others who share your concerns about peace and justice is rewarding; a chance to learn new valuable skills and provides opportunities for personal growth. Betsy Neale, one of the founders of CKCPJ, writes, "A few years ago I learned a technique for doing face-to-face fundraising, which is most challenging but also one of the most effective forms of fundraising. I participated in a campaign that raised almost \$500,000. I got over my fear of asking people for money because I believed strongly in the value of the project. We conducted interviews with prospective donors in a way that respected them and presented the project in an honest and compelling manner."

The Fundraising Committee's role with CKCPJ is essential to ensuring that peace and justice issues are raised and fostered throughout Central Kentucky.

Please send your contact information to [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving on the Fundraising Committee.

## Events Committee

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peace and justice event in central Kentucky. We need to identify new events, create ways to get the word out so that everyone benefits, and grow a list of volunteers.

Please send your contact information to [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving on the Events and Calendar Committee.

## Submissions to Peaceways

Articles submitted for publication in *Peaceways* should show an awareness of and sensitivity to the CKCPJ's mission and concerns. Articles submitted by non-Council members are encouraged.

Articles of varying lengths are encouraged. News items (50-250 words) are welcome; announcements or reports of council-sponsored events (or events of council member groups) are likely to receive priority. Short personal essays reflecting an individual's experience of peace and justice-related events and community action or activism are encouraged, as well.

Feature articles should be no longer than 500 words, unless you are willing to have the piece cut to fit one page of *Peaceways* text. Pieces will be edited for clarity. Please include references in the text

for all quotations, statistics, and unusual facts. End- or footnotes are not used. We encourage submissions to be queried to the editor at [peacewayseditor@gmail.com](mailto:peacewayseditor@gmail.com) before writing a unique feature article intended solely for *Peaceways*.

For all submissions, the author's name, address, and phone number should appear on the body of the submitted text. If you submit material that has been published or which you are also submitting to other publishers, be sure to indicate this. Please make submissions in Word format via email. Book reviews are usually solicited by the editor; we welcome inquiries from potential reviewers.

Submission deadline is the 10th of each month. *Peaceways* is published 10 times a year.



*"If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we would find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility."*  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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*News from Lexington United, CKCPJ's peace education initiative*

# Lexington United Offers Summer Leadership Camp

**Monday, June 23**

**Friday June 27**

**9 am-1 pm**

**Location: The Plantory  
560 E. Third Street, Lexington**

**Participants:**

**Youth entering grades 6-8  
home school  
students welcome**

Apply online: <http://bitly/2014Youth>.  
Apply in person at the Plantory, 560  
E. Third Street, Suite 105. Or apply by  
phone, 859-474-0487

At Lexington United, we recognize in young people an inherent desire to make a difference. The practical skills provided by our trainings are tools that, coupled with youths' determination and innovation, provide a solid basis to make a positive mark on the world.

This summer we again offer a leadership camp for middle-school students that will enable them to think about conflict and conflict styles.

Cost is \$100 for the week, lunches included. We welcome participants of all income levels and offer many scholarships. The low cost of the camp, and scholarships, are made possible by a grant from Lexington's Partners for Youth Foundation.

Camp size is limited; those interested are urged to apply as soon as possible.

Because we learn new patterns of interaction best when our whole person is involved, camp includes co-operative games. These use play to introduce the building blocks of conflict resolution: affirmation, cooperation and communication. We work hard as we're challenged physically and intellectually to solve problems, build teams, and push ourselves—while activity breaks old patterns and introduces a new set of skills. Through role plays, youths practice using new vocabulary and skills that help them meet the challenges in their lives with new resources.

Because we are committed to diversity and prejudice reduction, our camps provide activities that include identifying how all of us can mis-label those different from ourselves. Through culture sharing and examination of assumptions, our camps provide participants with the opportunity to establish new relationships based on positive attention and mutual respect. Equipped with a new tool set, camp graduates are better able to negotiate the challenges of increasing diversity. Camp participants learn leadership skills including conflict resolution and prejudice reduction through experiences at this fun summer camp. Participants will be certified to lead games at our community game night event on Friday, June 27. Cash stipends will be awarded to those game leaders.



Photos courtesy of Lexington United



Above left, participants work at untying a human knot. Right, Izzy listens intently to her partner. Below left, young people examine the pre-conceptions they have about vegetables. Right, a great big thank you!

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