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CENTRAL KENTUCKY COUNCIL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE August 2014

Make Minimum Wage A Living Wage Voices 2014: Economic Justice

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice will focus *Voices 2014* on economic justice and the need to increase the minimum wage to a living wage. The annual campaign, with a fresh topic every year, is a series of events that examines the issue from many angles and strives to give the public a comprehensive understanding of the issue in the context of peace and justice.

“This year we want to show how economic justice will give a voice to the voiceless,” said *Voices 2014* co-chair Janet Tucker. “By increasing awareness we hope to build coalition and share ideas in the community.”

Voices 2014 will begin on August 21 with a tour of the new, larger quarters in the Bread Box on West Sixth Street, the new home of CKCPJ. This new site en-

ables The Plantory to provide office space to nearly two dozen Lexington non-profit organizations. Janet and other members of the *Voices 2014* planning committee hope that by giving the public the opportunity to see the “working space” of CKCPJ more people will want to become involved with the mission and work of the council, particularly the current focus on the living wage.

Other *Voices 2014* events will include:

- A screening of “Inequality for All,”

at the Farish Theatre in the Lexington Public Library on Monday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m. The viewing of the film will be followed by a discussion. Planning is underway to include a panel of low-wage workers in central Kentucky.

- Following the appearance of Cornel West, sponsored by the Community Action Agency on September 27, CKCPJ will hold a discussion of West’s book *The Rich and the Rest of Us: The Poverty Manifesto*, on Thursday, Oct. 2, pm, at Wild

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CKCPJ, with The Plantory, moves to larger quarters

The Plantory, Lexington’s largest non-profit center, opened its new doors on July 1 at 501 West Sixth, Lexington. The center provides a home for CKCPJ and a hub for non-profits in the community, where they can come to share space, ideas and resources while increasing collaboration and sustainability. The Plantory also provides a positive, professional workspace to improve the quality of life for non-profit professionals and small businesses who are working to improve the community. The space will house over 100 non-profits, the largest in Lexington.

At the Plantory non-profits and social entrepreneurs can gather to learn from each other, attend training, find

resources, work together, play together, share costs and minimize expenses. The Plantory meets a critical need in Lexington’s non-profit world by intentionally growing the community as an affordable center where cooperation and creativity can flourish through workspace, meeting space, incubation services, workshops and networking events.

Many non-profits struggle to become sustainable. Often this is because of operational inefficiencies, the high cost of starting a business, lack of resources, duplication of services, or missed opportunities for collaboration. Lexington has many creative people who are passionate about making positive changes in the community. The Plantory is applying the

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April Browning’s name was misspelled in the June issue of Peaceways.



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Book Review

Doing the right thing at the right time

Doing Democracy. Bill Moyer, three others (2001). 199 pages. New Society Publishers, Canada.

Reviewed by Jim Trammel

You can't be progressive without "progress," and you can't make progress without a plan. Enter Bill Moyer (the progressive social organizer, not Bill Moyers the journalist) with his Movement Action Plan (MAP).

The MAP overlays Moyer's 40 years of direct experience to coalesce social change movements into four phases (no problem, pre-problem, problem, problem solved) and eight stages. Pressures build in the first three stages, building to a "takeoff" event in the fourth stage (such as the Stonewall riots that served to launch gay rights into the general public awareness). Following a curious fifth stage in which the movement returns to "simmer" in the absence of the wildfire of publicity, the problem and proposed solution gain majority public backing in phase six, succeeds in phase seven, and protects its gains in phase eight.

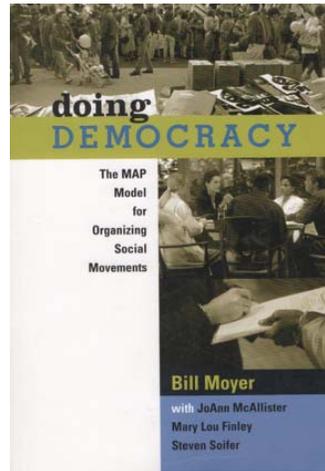
A further modifier: The effective participant must know when in the eight stages to play which personal role (informed citizen, the rebel who effectively draws attention to the inequity, the reformer who works the political institutions, and the agent of change who advances and protects the cause as it swells toward success.

All along, the "powerholders" are opposing our hypothetical group's enlightened efforts (interesting that Moyer always presumes that no one in power shares his enlightenment – Senator Warren on line

two, Bill, should I put President Obama on hold?). All this construction might strike the cynical reader as the kind of bullseye management that happens when you paint a target centered on the arrow you shot into the wall.

It's not enough, in Moyer's plan, to simply be an activist. You have to be doing the right things to the right degree at the right time, or else you're counterproductive. Don't be one of these Negative Rebels: a Hard Left radical (a too-far-leftie recognizable by off-putting anti-American posing); a ineffective naïve follower (lackey of the powerholders); an agent provocateur bent on embarrassing the movement; or worst of all, someone tending toward violence, an utter turn-off of the undecided public, Moyer warns.

The first hundred pages of this textbook are nicely summarized by a two-page graphic on the Eight Stages of Social Movement Success (pages 44-45);



absorb this and you can skim the historical background, definitions, and generalizations, and you're that much closer to getting back out there on the barricades.

The second half is case studies from Moyer and other authors that cram the long-term progress of five hot-button issues into Moyer's paradigm: civil rights, anti-nuclear energy, gay/lesbian rights, the breast cancer awareness movement, and globalization. Globalization fits least, being an amalgam of confusing movements (anti-World Trade Organization/ International Monetary Fund/World Bank, free trade, NAFTA, and others in regular succession) by which the public hasn't yet been moved, and whose progress is mostly wishful-thinking anecdotal.

But it's better to have a plan than to just be wandering around trying to change society hit-or-miss, so it may be argued that Moyer has at least given us a shorthand to describe movement progress and track the impact of events and attitudes on whether your cause will ever be taken up by enough citizens to impact the powerholders and alter the fabric of society. At least you'll know whether to direct your troops to hold a demonstration, meet with your

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Fig Book Store, 1439 Leestown Road, Lexington.

• These events and others that may be developed before the end of the *Voices 2014* campaign are intended to help people understand how an increased minimum wage will make Lexington a better, more livable community.

Please see the September issue of *Peaceways* for additional information about *Voices 2014*.

For information about making a donation to Voices 2014 on-line see the CKCPJ website, peaceandjusticky.org. If you prefer, a check can be sent to CKCPJ, 501 West Sixth Street, Suite 250, Lexington, KY 40508.

Ways to Take Action

Child refugees

Urge President Obama and Secretary of Homeland Security Johnson to treat Central American children who have crossed the U.S. border to escape violence as refugees, not criminals, and to give them all available protections under international and domestic law by signing the petition at http://act.credoaction.com/sign/border_crisis_refugees/?sp_

Contact the Koch Brothers

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/wedenounce-the-koch>.

Peace in the Middle East

Kevin Martin, Executive Director of Peace Action asks *Peaceways* readers to take action for peace in Palestine and Israel by calling the White House comment line at 202-456-1111 and demanding a ceasefire and suspension of U.S. weapons and military aid to Israel.

U.S. taxpayers fund over \$3 billion in military aid to Israel annually, enabling continuation of the illegal occupation of Palestine and armed conflict with the Palestinians.

Peace Action advocates nonviolent solutions to conflict, and as such, calls for a ceasefire by Israel and Hamas to end the current conflict. Additionally, Peace Action believes the U.S should suspend transfers of weapons, crowd control devices, and military training to Israel in response to Israel's human rights abuses of Palestinians and in order to help end what *The Washington Post* called a "deeply asymmetrical conflict."

Every Child Has a Story

by T. Kerby Neill

This commentary by CKCPJ board member Kerby Neill is reprinted from the Lexington Herald-Leader.

For many years U.S. policies helped crush reform and populist movements in Central America, and civil wars left those countries economically depressed, corrupt, and crime ridden. A June, 2013, article in the New Republic, titled "The Most Dangerous Job in the World," documented the murder of 900 bus drivers in Guatemala as organized crime viciously squeezed bus companies for protection money. Competing drug cartels count powerful police units on their payrolls, and the US drug market fuels these brutal enterprises. Trade policies negotiated to benefit U.S. and Central American business elites often operate at the expense of the poor. Visitors on Central American tourist tracks may skirt encounters with poverty, while puzzling that Pepsi trucks sport guards brandishing shotguns.

In 1998 and 1999 my wife, Mary Ellen, and I lived in Mesquital, a huge barrio south of Guatemala City. Mesquital began as a community of squatters, many war-displaced. We volunteered with UPAVIM, a woman's cooperative where many widowed or abandoned mothers made crafts for export. Sales provided an income and enabled the cooperative to offer medical and remedial education services for their children. At UPAVIM, Mary Ellen worked as a nurse, and I directed a supplementary education program with the help of international volunteers.

Public resources in Mesquital were virtually non-existent. When a drunken father of seven sliced the arm from his 16 year-old daughter with a machete, authorities placed the girl in a shelter but left father and the other children in the home rather than assume any burden for the children's care. For Mesquital's 125,000 souls there was no public high school or middle school. Children sat in the few cramped primary schools four hours a day, either morning or afternoon—without textbooks. Teachers were high school grads unable to find work in safer areas. What a student copied into a notebook was assumed to be learned.

Kids often gathered in our small house, and their families were grateful for our concern. We acquired several "godchildren," some formally. One family asked us to serve as *padrinos* for both their youngest children. They are among youth

we see in periodic visits to Guatemala. Two years after we left their father was murdered. Five years ago, at a bus stop, their oldest brother was cut down in a drive-by shooting. In 2013 their mother succumbed to an undetermined illness in the public hospital leaving our godchildren, a girl, 16, and boy, 14, alone in a hovel and dependent on neighbors. Immigration attorneys made it clear that we didn't have a snowball's chance of getting them U. S. visas. We hoped to help them educationally, teach them some English, and send them back with skills valuable beyond the barrio.

In January of 2014 I visited Guatemala to assess the kids' situation. In Mesquital, where the airport cabbies refuse to go, I found that friends with small stores had left in response to threats when they failed to pay protection to rampant gangs. The barrio was bigger and bustling but everyone shared tales of violence. Soldiers and national police sported assault rifles at major intersections, but disappeared at nightfall. I walked beyond the pavement to the edge of a ravine where I found our godchildren in their scrap metal shack with pirated electricity and no water.

Through the Catholic parish I left funds for the children to get basic provisions every two weeks. We enrolled them in a better school, but the kids were behind and in circumstance scorned even in Mesquital. They were teased and dropped out days after my departure. Parish neighbors reported that the children lived by collecting extortion payments for the gangs. They might come to the parish occasionally for funds but feared being seen as 'disloyal' to the gangs if they depended on the parish for support. Two weeks ago two youth were gunned down within yards of the kids' shanty. Thankfully, they were not hurt, but we greet all news from Guatemala with trepidation.

Each child in the immigrant flood has a story. Some flee violence, some seek family already here, some travel on dreams polished by unscrupulous coyotes. But after dangerous, thousand-mile journeys, we need to hear their stories and to know the possible consequences of our responses. A July 13 *Herald Leader* opinion piece asked how we could address the needs of these youth while we so badly fail to address the needs and violence in our own poor communities? As a nation are we incapable of both?

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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.

Wed. Aug. 6

Coalition/Planning Meeting, "Make the Minimum Wage a Living Wage," 6:30 pm, The Plantory, 501 East Sixth Street, Lexington. Join members of CKCPJ to plan events and strategies concerning economic justice.

Thurs. Aug. 7

Sixth Annual Humanist Forum Picnic, Fellowship Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington and outside, 3564 Clays Mill Road. 6-8:30 pm. Bring something to share: Food, drink, preconceived notions, prejudices, curiosity, etc. "Family" means kids and significant others included.

See skeptical freethinkers, secular humanists, UU humanists, atheists, agnostics, *et. al.* in their natural habitat! Meet their families, learn of their professions, their hopes, their fears, their dreams. Humanist Forum events welcome people of all beliefs.

For more information contact Humanist Forum President, Staci Maney, staci@olligee.com, or Dick Renfro, frickdan@windstream.net.

Tues. Aug. 12

PFLAG, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Rd., Lexington, 6:30 pm. Local writer Wynn Malone, author of *Finding the Grain*, will discuss the modern history of lesbian fiction writing, focusing on the role of family and straight friends in stories. The program will be followed by discussion of the PFLAG support group. The group welcomes members of the LGBTQ community and their families.

Thurs. Aug. 21

Open House, CKCPJ new quarters at The Plantory, 501 West Sixth Street, Lexington. The Plantory's new, larger quarters in the Bread Box in this historic neighborhood in Lexington is providing CKCPJ the opportunity to expand its storage and training space. CKCPJ is one of two dozen non-profit organizations in Lexington housed at The Plantory. The Open House is the kick-off for CKCPJ's *Voices 2014*, and we would like for the public to see its "working space," to encourage more people to become involved with its work.

Fri-Sun. Aug. 22-24

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth Annual Membership meeting, General Butler State Park, Carrollton, Ky. The theme for 2014 is "From the Grassroots to the Mountaintop: Empowering Grassroots Leaders," which is intended to highlight leadership development as KFTC's highest priority. The meeting will open on Friday night with Kentucky poet Bianca Spriggs and will feature workshops on Saturday and Sunday. For more information and registration, see kftc.org/events

Sat. Aug. 23

Taste of Grace, The Ballroom House, 241 Brannon Road (in Brannon Crossing), Nicholasville, 7 pm. Proceeds from the 2014 Taste of Grace will support Juvenile Restorative Justice. Help the event by donating a bottle of wine, valued at \$25 or more, to the "Wall of Wine," or by donating silent auction items.

Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. For more information, 859-273-5077, scottglk@windstream.net, or don.deluca@eku.edu.

Tues. Sept. 9

PFLAG, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Rd., Lexington. A representative from the Fayette County Schools will address LGBTQ issues and services within the public school system.

The program will be followed by discussion of the PFLAG support group. The group welcomes members of the LGBTQ community and their families.

Mon. Sept. 15

"Inequality for All," Farish Theatre, Lexington Public Library, 140 East Main Street, 6:30 pm. The documentary by director Jacob Kornbluth examines the widening income equality in the United States. The film is presented by American economist, author and professor Robert Reich, premiered at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival in the Documentary Competition section, and won a U.S. Documentary Special Jury Award for Achievement in Filmmaking. "Inequality for All" is part of CKCPJ's *Voices 2014*, which is focusing on economic justice. The screening will be followed by a discussion that will include a panel of low-wage workers in central Kentucky.

Thurs. Sept. 18

At-Large Council Debate, Norseworthy Auditorium, Fayette County Public School Support Services Center, 701 East Main St., Lexington, 7 pm. Individuals running for at-large positions in the Lexington-Fayette County Urban County Government will address issues of importance to Lexington and Fayette County. The debate will include input from Fayette County students.

Sat. Sept 27

LexEnd Poverty: A Night to Build Livable Communities, Lyric Theatre, 300 East Third Street, Lexington. Dr. Cornel West will be the keynote speaker for an evening that will also include dancing, drinks, hors d'ouvres and a silent auction. Tickets \$50; VIP \$100 (includes a drink ticket and exclusive reception and meet-and-greet with Dr. West) Tickets at the door, \$60, \$125. Scholarship opportunities available. Call 859-244-2221.

Thurs. Oct. 2

The Rich and the Rest of Us: The Poverty Manifesto, a facilitated discussion of the 2012 book by Dr. Cornel West and Tavis Smiley. Wild Fig Bookstore, 1439 Leestown Road, Lexington. Time, TBA. The book has sparked a national discussion of the poverty crisis in the United States.

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 mountaintop 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."

Your Event Here

Do you have an event that you would like to promote in Peaceways? Send information to peacewayseditor@gmail.com. Please send notification by the 10th of the previous month.

PFLAG focuses on inclusiveness

by Linda Angelo

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG, pronounced “pea-flag”) represents parents, families, friends, and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ). This national organization began in 1972 when Jeanne Manford marched with her gay son in New York’s Pride Day parade with a sign reading “Parents of Gays Unite in Support of our Children.” So many young people asked Jeanne to talk with their parents that she founded a support group; it grew into PFLAG, now with hundreds of chapters across the United States. In appreciation of Jeanne’s trailblazing and years of advocacy, President Obama awarded her the Presidential Citizens Medal in 2012.

The Central Kentucky chapter of PFLAG is composed of parents, siblings, friends and allies, as well as LGBTQ individuals and couples and meets once a month at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church. Parents come to get help dealing with their feelings or to become better educated about talking with and supporting young people more effectively. Attendees also include LGBTQ teens and adults, teachers, clergy, college students and allies who care about these issues and want to help.

From one of our parents: “Keep the promise you made when you first became a parent because the person before you is the same child you loved before they told you this news. Take your time to sort out your feelings, to get support, and to get educated. Do your best to love your child as you always have.” Nothing replaces parental love, and nothing hurts more than parental rejection. PFLAG is a safe, confidential place to feel respected, accepted and supported for who you are, wherever you are in your own journey or family struggle. Just as you pledged to love and nurture your child in the life ahead of them, PFLAG members pledge to support one another, working toward greater acceptance, equality and understanding by all.

PFLAG’s mission is that of support, education and advocacy, and the Central Kentucky chapter is willing to provide information or presentations to interested groups. Free publications are available for download at www.pflag.org. For more information see www.pflagcentralky.org.

Linda Angelo, a founding member of PFLAG Central Kentucky, is a PFLAG board member and the organization’s program coordinator.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

CKCPJ Board Meetings 3rd Monday, 7 pm. More info: 859-488-1448 or 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, 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 or email 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.

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 GLBTQQIA 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 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.

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 or 859-488-1448.

“G” is the new “H” word

by Billie Mallory

Gentrification is an emotionally loaded word that can produce visceral reactions, depending on how you view it. Wikipedia defines gentrification as “a shift in an urban community towards wealthier residents and/or businesses that increases property values but often drives out poorer, long-time residents.”

Developers might be offended by this definition, as they such may see themselves as “saving” a particular neighborhood from blight, crime and undesirables by overhauling, upgrading or revitalizing it. This rebirth is often launched by an influx of young professionals, followed by the arts and trendy businesses that perceive themselves as “advancing” a depressed neighborhood with better homes and gardens including colorfully painted houses, community gardens, murals and other fashionable facades. However, long-time, often low-income, minority residents are sometimes distressed and see themselves displaced, disenfranchised or removed from that neighborhood or “hood.”

The word ‘hood, shortened from neighborhood, means “to share a condition, quality or character,” according to Webster’s Dictionary. The word is also laden with positive and negative emotions and is often used as an affectionate word for one’s old urban homeplace; similar to referring to the “burbs” for those living in the suburbs or “townie” for downtown

residents.

However both of these words—gentrification and ‘hood—are often seen as negative and are “prettied up” by substituting “revitalization” for gentrification and “urban core” for ‘hood to make them acceptable in proper conversation. Make no mistake, though: changing the words does not change the impact or the conflict that can occur between the new and the old, the rich and the poor. Nor does it change the balance between renovation and preservation. Often, there is little conversation and no coordination between developers and current residents before the bulldozers start rolling in to tear down abandoned homes and historic buildings. Generations of cultural fabric are ripped away, and institutional memories are lost forever.

Those who are elderly, poor or helpless are often left feeling vulnerable and hopeless with no voice in their future. Those few who are left no longer recognize their neighborhood; fences are built, literally and figuratively, to discourage talking and working together. What new neighbors may perceive as improvement, long-time neighbors see as the destruction of a way of life.

Gentrification does not have to be entirely negative, however. Meaningful dialogue and collaboration that is mutually respectful and includes appreciation for a beloved history, meaningful culture successful social change efforts can take decades.

My favorite fact in Moyer’s biography: He helped organize the Poor People’s Campaign, which marched on Washington in 1969 – a march in which I participated. I was a college student journalist there to cover it, but it became such a massive and emotional event that it was impossible not to get caught up.

Doing Democracy, which has gone through at least eight printings, has been studied as a field guide all over the world, and is as useful a way to chart movement progress as anyone has devised. And I’m mildly surprised not to have immediately found a similar blueprint for activists on the right wing, although I’m sure this naïve citizen will have some pointed out to me after this.

Reviewer Jim Trammel’s life could have used an action plan.

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 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. Thank you!

and significant contributions of the old neighborhood can benefit both the old and the new residents. This dialogue can explore the overall need for improved infrastructure, rehabilitation of old homes and new businesses.

Neither does ‘hood have to be negative. Remaining neighbors and new neighbors can come together with an appreciation of past struggles, oral histories, recognition of collective memory, and newly developed shared conditions. These qualities and characteristics can help all discover common values that can create new memories that will be cherished by all in the “neo-hood.”

Billie Mallory is an affordable housing activist and a member of CKCPJ.

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startup model of co-working and incubation to improve non-profits individually and to better connect and develop Lexington’s non-profit economy. The Plantory is already a training model for similar centers around the state, and a resource for co-working centers nationwide.

Plan to attend the open house on Aug. 21. For more information, contact CKCPJ, 859-488-1448 or peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com

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congressperson, hand out flyers at the subway, or climb a skyscraper.

Since this book was written in 2001, and Moyer died in 2002, I was curious how Moyer’s structure fit around the Occupy movement. Some brief internet research placed the Occupy demonstrations of a few years ago as a possible Stage 4 event, after the dispersions of which the movement sank into a Stage 5 “Perception of Failure.”

Others maintain that the movement did win a small victory by establishing the concepts of the 1 Percent and income inequality in the public dialogue, but it was prevented from any greater success largely through failure to articulate specific goals. (Don’t you remember seeing the coverage and thinking “Okay, but what do these people want?”) Anyway, the jury is still out; as the case studies prove, these



The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice is continuing the sale of its artistic specialty Kentucky license plate that proclaims: “Peace is Possible.”

The lovely artwork for the license plate was created by local artist Jaqui Linder and features a flock of sandhill cranes. The crane is a centuries-old, cross-cultural symbol for wisdom, peace and longevity.

Locally, the ancient sandhill crane is recognized as a multi-cultural ambassador of peace. The sandhill migration is a wonderful sign, familiar to many Kentuckians.

In Japan, the crane is especially revered and thought to bring good fortune. It is believed that crafting 1,000 origami cranes grants the creator a single wish.

After World War II, author Eleanor Coerr published a moving children’s book, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, a tale of a young girl’s failed attempt to fold 1,000 origami cranes before her premature death due to radiation exposure from the atomic bomb blast over Hiroshima. Folded origami cranes took on a powerful meaning after the book’s publication in 1977 and came to symbolize peace through the title character’s unforgettable perseverance.

“I envisioned several cranes in flight to communicate movement upward and outward toward hope,” Jacqui said.

The lavender-purple on the plate represents transformation while the dramatic oranges, which blend to soft yellows, symbolize strength and light.

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May 20, 2014

Mayor Jim Gray and LFUCG Council Members:

As an organization that supports and advocates for issues of justice and equality for all persons, this letter is to express ourselves on the issue of LFUCG Ordinance No. 129-2013, the “Day Shelter Ordinance.”

We believe that our community is better than this. We are dismayed that the local government should prevent the expansion of services to aid the neediest among us while pandering to those that cry NIMBY. It is a shame that national attention has, deservedly, been drawn to this effort of those that govern Lexington to discriminate against “people with limited financial resources, including people who are homeless.”

The crux of the matter is that the requirement to obtain a conditional use permit ANYWHERE in Fayette County to help those that need help presents what is usually an insurmountable bar and is unfair, discriminatory and lacks compassion for our most vulnerable citizens. Our society tends to equate wealth with worth and view those with less wealth as undesirable neighbors that are more likely to engage in anti-social behavior. However, we believe that all people that may be in need of assistance deserve fair and equal access to services whenever and wherever it is needed. An enlightened, democratic government needs to protect the interests of all of its citizens from discrimination – not to discriminate against those in poverty, homeless or otherwise in need.

We are also concerned that since the Day Shelter Ordinance was passed last year, it has been enforced in an arbitrary manner. Some providers of services to people in need have apparently not been required to obtain a conditional use permit to expand, while others have been constrained.

Sadly, given the structural changes in the global economy that have been occurring, increasing numbers of working people – who provide the services that benefit the entire community (including the wealthy) – are being squeezed financially. This is occurring as the number of affordable places to live in Lexington continues to shrink. Therefore, we can foresee the need for a future expansion of services to help people with “limited financial resources”. The Day Shelter Ordinance is the wrong response to what is happening and should be immediately rescinded so that our local government can justly serve all citizens of Lexington.

Sincerely,

The Board of the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice

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 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.

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Colman McCarthy*

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News from Lexington United, CKCPJ’s peace education initiative

Peace Education includes learning and FUN

by Sarabeth Brownrobie, Executive Director, Lexington United

Lexington United celebrated the end of its first year with a Youth United Leadership Camp and Community Game Night. During the year Lexington United offered participated in lots of activities.

We trained three groups of volunteers at the East Seventh Street center, conducted a professional skills training with the Community Action Council, attended an advanced training with the National Coalition Institute, participated in a Project Speak-Out workshop, held a Confidence in Conflict retreat, presented a unit to a nutrition class at UK, and led a

two-day interpersonal conflict resolution class at BCTC. In addition, we secured a mentoring relationship with PeaceEd in Louisville as we continue to work towards developing a peer-mediation model in the Lexington school system.

We are growing and learning every day, thrilled that our work is receiving such a positive response. We are lucky to have had such thoughtful, challenging youth in our camps. It has better prepared us to bring practical

skills to those we serve and to enhance the effectiveness of conflict resolution and prejudice reduction curriculum.

Most important, we learn these new practices through a lot of interactive FUN. Summer Camp 2014 was held from June 23-27 at the former Plantory offices on Third Street. The culminating Community Games Night was held on Fri, June 27 at the North Lexington Family YMCA. Almost 100 people came to join our certified games leaders—graduates of our summer camps—as they led families in games and the “Minute-to-Win-It” activities that they researched, developed, and tested in our camp. These physical and intellectual challenges engage family members of all ages in a high-energy evening that creates community. Folks who come as strangers leave as co-creators of a



Sarabeth Brownrobie

In a prejudice reduction activity that began with youth contributing a variety of ways that they identify themselves, a deepening exercise included their claiming labels others had called them: here, they choose from the many suggestions and use blank forms to write others they’ve heard. Left to right: Carter Brownrobie, Kyla Langford, LaMikah Burdette, Xavier Hardin and Leaf Saxton.



Peter Hardin

Cagney Felton of Lexington’s Nerd Squad challenged the almost 100 Community Games Night participants to experience the egg as one of the strongest natural structures. Camp participant LaMikah Burdette takes her turn to the “egg walk,” demonstrating the awesome structural integrity of the egg.

fun-filled, team-building time.

Looking ahead to the next year, we are pleased that we will be able to send a diverse team of six to a Training of Educators in Peer Mediation at PeaceEd in Louisville. To move forward it is essential that we build our team, and PeaceEd has been an essential part of our journey. We are raising funds to develop our Peer Mediation model, to give our staff the best training possible, and to continue offering community games night. We are striving to become more financially sustainable through private donations and paid corporate trainings and to be less dependent on grants.

Overall, Lexington United has enjoyed a fun, stimulating, and satisfying initial year. The coming year promises to move us forward as we build our team and learn and grow with the children and adults who participate in our activities. Please join us!

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