

# Peaceways

CENTRAL KENTUCKY COUNCIL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE September 2015

## Voices 2015: *Closing the Gaps*

by Margaret Gabriel, Editor

Voices 2015, "Closing the Gaps," is coming in September and October. The 2015 events will examine gaps that prevent achieving the just society for which we dream.

Voices 2015 will kick off on Aug. 31 at Blue Stallion Brewing, 610 W. 3rd Street, Lexington, as part of the brewery's Mission Monday series. From 4 p.m. until 11 p.m., CKCPJ board members will share information about upcoming Voices 2015 events, and CKCPJ will receive 10 percent of taproom sales.

Closing the gaps between people of color and law enforcement, and the meaning of the Black Lives Matter movement, will be the focus of a panel discussion Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Northside Branch Library, 1733 Russell Cave Road, Lexington.

The University of Kentucky's Constitution Day events at the W.T. Young Library will focus on constitutional rights and freedoms on Sept. 17, starting at 7 p.m. CKCPJ will co-sponsor The evening events for Constitution Day.

Bishop John Stowe will address the Ethics and Morality of Immigration on Tues.,



The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice sponsored a memorial of the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Aug. 9. Story, page three.

### An easy way to provide financial support

If you shop at Kroger and have linked the number on your Kroger Plus card so that Kroger makes a donation to CKCPJ for purchases you make at their store, THANK YOU! CKCPJ has discovered that this is a very easy way for members and supporters to provide financial support the organization.

CKCPJ was notified in July that there was a typographical error in the information that had been submitted, making it difficult to link Kroger Plus cards to the CKCPJ account. The error has been corrected, so if you had a problem, please try again to link your card to CKCPJ at registration number 16439.

We don't need much, but we do need a little bit to make sure that we are able to both keep the organization solvent and to underwrite the requests for funds that we receive from peace and justice groups in central Kentucky.

If you're one of the five people who enrolled in 2014, you must re-enroll for 2015-16. If you have never enrolled, take this easy opportunity to provide financial support each year.

When you go to your computer to register, have your Kroger Plus card handy so you can enter your card number on the registration site; again, CKCPJ's number is 16439.

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to support CKCPJ in this way, now would be a great time to register. Thanks!

Oct. 6, at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, 601 Hill 'n Dale Road, Lexington.

On Oct. 15, a panel will discuss the opportunity gap in Lexington's public schools at Imani Baptist Church, 1555 Georgetown Road, Lexington.

Panels and venues are still being finalized at press time, but information will be available at Blue Stallion Brewing's Mission Monday on Aug. 31 and on the CKCPJ website, [peaceandjusticeky.org](http://peaceandjusticeky.org). Come to some or all of these events to consider the evidence of these gaps, their causes and actions that can be taken to close them.

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# #Black Lives Matter conference is amazing

by April Taylor

In the first gathering of its kind, hundreds of #BlackLivesMatter activists from all over the country came together in Cleveland recently. One of the many things that made this gathering different is that it was designated as a black only space, meant to be a place where activists could learn, heal, and grow. Events on Friday offered a myriad of workshops on organizing, history, healing, and so much more, capped off with an opening ceremony that evening.

The opening ceremony started with words from #BlackLivesMatter leaders, who spoke of the gravity of this moment, the inspiration of being with so many black activists and organizers, the resiliency of black people, and the work we all feel compelled to do.

The most moving segment of the program occurred when family members of those killed by police spoke about their loved ones, sharing favorite memories, and telling the world why they fight. The family of Emmett Till acknowledged that had he lived, he would be turning 74. Kerry Baxter Jr.'s, grandmother spoke of her oldest grandson. Vonderritt Myers Jr.'s mother spoke of her only child. Michael Brown's father talked about how his greatest accomplishment was graduating and that he was moving forward with his life.

Kendrick Johnson's mother talked about her son's passion for football. Rekia Boyd's brother spoke of her golden smile and how she would sing Keyshia Cole's song "Love," just to get on his nerves. Eric Garner's mother told us how he loved Run DMC and Christmas and how empty last Christmas was without him. Cary Ball Jr.'s mother said he was a college student, with a 3.6 GPA, who advocated on behalf of ex-offenders.

Oscar Grant's mother said he loved gumbo and loved helping people. People rose to their feet as Grant's family told the crowd, "We fight because we are in a state of emergency." They continued, "Our liberation will come through you!" Anthony May's mother said he was just 15 years old and had a great love of music.

Meagan Hockaday's sister said he was killed in just 20 seconds in front of all three of her children. Jordan Davis's father told the crowd he used to dance to James Brown as a child and that he loved to swim. Tesfaye Mokuria's daughter said



April Taylor

her father spoke five languages and was a gardener and a nurturer. He was killed in front of her and her one-year-old sister.

Andrew Johnson's father described his son as the type of child parents pray for. Tamir Rice's mother talked about how much her son was loved by the community and that he loved video games and helping people. Many cried as family members spoke of their loved ones, releasing pent up emotion into this supportive space.

As the ceremony prepared to come

## Saying goodbye and thank you to Julian Bond

by Bill Fletcher, Jr., reprinted with permission

I did not expect to awaken this morning to news that renowned social justice activist Julian Bond had passed away. I had not known that he had been ill. The reference in the announcement was that there had been a "brief illness."

When I first met Julian Bond, sometime within the last 15 years, I still had in my mind's eye the picture of a young, audacious electoral activist from the 1960s. Although he was still very good looking and very sharp, he had by that point reached the stage of an "elder" in the movement. Yet being an elder did not mean disappearing or retiring from the movement for Julian. Whether through teaching, writing or serving as the chairman of the NAACP's Board of Directors during crucial moments in that organization's life, Julian Bond was far from a disappearing figure.

Julian Bond will be remembered for many things including his election to the Georgia State Legislature; his being expelled from the same state legislature due

to a close, the crowd broke out in a re-energizing chant of "Black Lives Matter!" As the ceremony closed, the atmosphere felt like a church service for activists and organizers. Kendrick Lamar's "Alright," blared through the speakers, and many in the crowd danced joyfully, ready to begin a weekend of education, grieving, healing, and organizing.

April is an activist in the local Black Lives Matter Movement.

to his stand against the Vietnam War; his co-founding and work with the Southern Poverty Law Center; and his chairmanship of the NAACP. But he will also be remembered as a clear and eloquent voice for social justice, whether that voice took the form of on-air commentaries or in op-ed writings. He could not be silenced, and for that African Americans and all progressives owe him a major debt.

Julian Bond was from a generation of activists who had a courage demonstrated through commitment and action that is alien to most of us. This courage and experience was not something that he held over other's heads as a way of forcing them to submit to his judgment. Rather it represented accumulated experience that, if one was lucky enough, one could glean through even a brief discussion or exchange with him.

Julian Bond shall be missed. We must, therefore, hasten to offer our recognition and appreciation for all that he offered and for the stands he was prepared to take.

# Community remembers World War II bombings

by Mary Ann Ghosal

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice sponsored a commemoration of the anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 9. That evening a group gathered beside a narrow inlet in Jacobson Park in Lexington to meditate and reflect on the atomic bombings 70 years ago. Attention was also given to the ongoing practice of firebombing civilian population centers that has continued to this day (e.g., Gaza City last year and various Yemeni cities this year).

Individuals in the group shared readings about Hiroshima, Nagasaki and other incidents of violence. One of the readings was given by 83-year-old Hiroshima survivor Setsuko Thurlow who wrote, "The first thought that comes to me is the image of my four-year-old nephew, Eiji, transformed to a charred, blackened child who died in agony. Had he not been a victim of the atomic bomb, he would have been 74 years old this year. This shocked me. Regardless of the passage of time,

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## Peace is Possible

CKCPJ continues 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 pre-

ature 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.

CKCPJ is one-third of the way toward the 900 reservations required for the license plate to be produced. To reserve a license plate, at a cost of \$25, please go to the CKCPJ website, [www.peaceandjusticeky.org](http://www.peaceandjusticeky.org).

## 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.

**Mon. Aug. 31**

## **Kick-off, Voices 2015 Mission**

**Monday** Blue Stallion Brewing 610 W. 3rd Street, Lexington, 4 pm - 11 pm. CKCPJ will receive ten percent of tap room sales. Blue Stallion holds "Mission Monday" during the summer months, donating ten percent of tap room sales to local non-profits. For more information about Mission Monday and Blue Stallion Brewing, see [bluestallionbrewing.com](http://bluestallionbrewing.com)

**Thurs. Sept. 3**

**"Anti-Atheist Prejudice,"** Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky, 7 - 8:30 pm, Great Hall, Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington, 3564 Clay's Mill Road. Psychologist Will Gervais, an evolutionary and cultural psychologist at the University of Kentucky, will summarize research on how greater collective and individual awareness of atheists might impact attitudes toward atheists. He will close with recommendations for overcoming societal stigma against religious unbelief.

**Tues. Sept. 8**

**PFLAG Central Kentucky**, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte, Lexington. *The Face of Fairness in College*. A Kentucky native discusses her experience in high school and then college (and also Europe) as a lesbian, while a BCTC dean and the University of Kentucky Director of LGBTQ Resources will share how LGBTQ issues are being addressed at their institutions.

**Tues. Sept. 8**

**Voices 2015 What Does the Black Lives Matter Movement Mean?**, 7 pm-9 pm, Northside Branch Library, 1733 Russell Cave Road. A panel that will include Corey Dunn, retired policeman Earl Rayford and activist Quentin Savage will address issues related to closing the gaps between people of color and law enforcement, particularly examining the meaning of the Black Lives Matter movement.

**Thurs., Sept. 10**

**LFUCG**, 4 p.m. Council of the Whole. Council chamber. Minimum wage increase discussion. This is the meeting that was originally scheduled for Aug. 20.

**Thurs. Sept. 10**

**PREP Talks**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Transylvania University Campus Center Gym, corner of 4th Street and Broadway, Lexington. The series includes solution-based discussions designed to promote public awareness and generate ideas on a variety of local issues related to Preventing, Reducing, and Eliminating Poverty (PREP). Malcolm Ratchford, Executive Director of Community Action Council, will focus on poverty, including equity vs. equality and structural barriers.

This PREP Talk is free and presented by Columbia Gas of Kentucky. Call Cheryl Weiss, 859-233-4600 ext. 1409, to reserve a seat.

**Tues. Sept. 15**

**Lexington Working Families Campaign** 7 pm, Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. The meeting will focus on the on-going discussion of the proposed increase of the minimum wage in Lexington.

**Wed. Sept 16**

**CKCPJ Peace Action Committee** 7 pm, Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Discussion topics will include health care reform and climate change.

**Thurs., Sept. 17**

**Voices 2015 Constitution Day**, 7 pm, W.T. Young Library. CKCPJ will co-host evening events with the University of Kentucky.

**Thurs. Sept. 17**

**"About Ray,"** Kentucky Theatre, 7 pm, a film that tells the story of a transgender teen and a family experiencing transition in Kentucky. **CANCELLED** Planning, Naomi W. London. Sponsored by PFLAG Kentucky, supporting LGBTQ individuals and their families. \$5 admission.

**Sun. Sept. 20**

**Voices 2015 9th Lexington Peace Fair**, Lawn of Bluegrass Community and Technical College, 470 Cooper Drive, Lexington. 1 pm - 6 pm. Contact Rebecca Glasscock, [rebecca.glasscock@uky.edu](mailto:rebecca.glasscock@uky.edu).

**Sat. Sept. 26**

**Christian Muslim Dialog**, Masjid Bilal Mosque, 1545 Russell Cave Road, 10 am - noon. "Islam and the Environment." Exploring the Quran and other Islamic teachings, this talk will focus on the Islamic viewpoint on environmental issues, highlighting the many similarities between Christian and Muslim thinking. Dr. Ihsan Bagby, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Kentucky, will also discuss the interfaith environment movement in Kentucky and possible avenues of cooperation.

**Tues. Oct. 6**

**Voices 2015, The Ethics and Morality of Immigration**, 7 - 9 pm, Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, 601 Hill 'n Dale Drive, Lexington. Bishop John Stowe. Following his comments, Bishop John will take questions about his experience in ministry to immigrants.

**Tues., Oct. 13**

**PFLAG Central Kentucky**, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte, Lexington. *The Face of Fairness in the Military*. Counselors from the Veterans Administration will show and discuss the 40-minute documentary "The Camouflage Closet," in which nine LGBT veterans share their stories of trauma and of recovery.

**Sat. Nov. 21**

**Christian Muslim Dialog**, Masjid Bilal Mosque, 1545 Russell Cave Road, 10 am - noon. "Islam 101" How familiar are you with Islam and its basic tenets? According to some estimates, Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world. A Muslim speaker will share the basics of Islam and answer the questions you always wanted to ask. Traditional Thanksgiving lunch follows the program.

**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 previous month.

# Dance Jam moves to Quaker Meetinghouse

By Linda Angelo

Several decades ago, Meriah Kruse started a group called Women on the Move. Women on the Move evolved into Free Motion, and then Dance Jam, which over the years met at Mecca, WingSpan and the MindBody Studio. Although Meriah has retired from leadership of the group, it continues as her legacy, now sponsored by the non-profit group Motion Matters, dedicated to the power of movement to change people's lives and co-chaired by Meriah and Pamla Wood.

The group has recently moved to the beautiful Quaker Meetinghouse which has a fabulous floor and a large, light-filled space that allows us to welcome new folks. In order to join us you don't need to be a "dancer." You don't need to meet anyone's expectations. Dance Jam is simply a group for people who enjoy moving to music. We encourage you to take care of yourself and move in whatever way pleases you. Our music includes world beats, rock, jazz, Latin.

Dance Jam meets from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays (due to rush hour, promptness is optional). Come tired and leave revitalized! Cost is \$7 per session, which covers the cost of space rental. Cost may lower if regular attendance grows, so bring a friend!

*Linda Angelo is a regular at Dance Jam and a member of PFLAG Central Kentucky.*

## Jefferson Davis statue remains in rotunda

Thanks to everyone who submitted comments concerning the statue of Jefferson Davis in the Kentucky Capitol Rotunda. As you may know, the Historic Properties Advisory Commission, which is the final authority concerning displays in the Capitol, decided on Aug. 5 to keep the statue in the rotunda.

Upcoming issues of *Peaceways* will keep readers informed about the on-going efforts to assure that space in the Capitol Rotunda is reserved to honor people who have made a significant contribution to the state of Kentucky.

### 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 Street ) in downtown Lexington. Contact Richard Mitchell 859-327-6277.

**Migrant Network Coalition** 1st Monday Noon-1:15 pm, GLOBAL LEX, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact Lindsay Mattingly, [lmattingly@lexpublib.org](mailto:lmattingly@lexpublib.org), 859-231-5514.

**PFLAG Central Kentucky** 2nd Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm. LGBTQ individuals of all ages, family member, friends and allies are welcome. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington. [info@pflagcentralky.org](mailto:info@pflagcentralky.org) or 859-338-4393. Speakers followed by confidential support group meeting.

**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 "Heart to Heart" 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.

**Dance Jam** Every Tuesday, 5:30 pm - 7 pm, Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave. Move to the extent you are able. Sponsored by Motion Matters, \$7 per session, to cover space rental. Contact Pamla, [info@motionmatters.org](mailto:info@motionmatters.org), 859-351-3142.

**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.

To include a regular meeting of your organization in this space, contact Margaret Gabriel, [peacewayseditor@gmail.com](mailto:peacewayseditor@gmail.com)

# Hope of which party?

by Jim Trammel

He's the hope of his party. Or he's going to doom it. He'll unify his voters and sweep them to power, or divide them and open the door to another defeat. He came from nowhere, challenging the presumptive next nominee, in a quixotic bid that has defied logic as it gained strength. He holds some views that many challenge as unpopular, yet he's finding an increasingly vocal audience—but wait a minute, some of his support may be voices actually for the other side, hoping to help propel him to the nomination so he can then go down in flames, handing victory to the other party.

Yep ... I'm talking about Bernie Sanders.

Nope ... I'm talking about Donald Trump.

Whether or not you agree with what they stand for, they have both invigorated a previously somewhat predictable political discussion in this Presidential campaign year.

But who are these two novices, really? Should we take them seriously? Perhaps vote for one of them? Would that be a waste? What do they believe, anyway?

Here is a down-the-middle summary of their positions, both from a recent PBS analysis, in no particular order of fervency. Check frequently for updates.

## **Donald Trump believes:**

government must cut spending. Climate change is a hoax. Social Security and Medicare must not be cut; grow the economy to save them. Limit restrictions on guns, ban some assault weapons, and extend the waiting period for purchase. There should be no path to immigration citizenship, but he would grant legal status to graduates of U.S. colleges. Obamacare should be repealed and replaced; he's not specifying with what, but once he did come out for something very much like single-payer. He wants to limit abortions, but preserve the rape-incest-life of the woman exceptions. Marriage is between a man and woman and should be defined state by state, but he agrees the Supreme Court can determine the law. He wants to

end corporate taxes, lower individual tax rates and consider a one-time tax of 14.25 percent on the wealthy to pay down the debt. He says the U.S. should walk away from the Iran nuclear talks and increase sanctions. He would send a limited number of ground troops to deal with ISIS.

**Bernie Sanders believes:** Amend the Constitution to limit corporate and interest-group spending in campaigns, thus reversing Citizens United. He would establish automatic voter registration, end soft money, and provide free TV time for political ads. He wants to tax carbon emissions. He would cut state college tuitions 55 percent by providing \$18 billion to state governments. and allow lower-rate student-loan refinancing. He would break up big banks and open up the Federal Reserve. He would ban assault weapons, eliminate the federal handgun waiting period (states can handle that, he said when voting against the Brady Bill), and offer limited protection for gun manufacturers. He voted for Obamacare, but favors single-payer. He would offer immigrants a path to citizenship, and waive some deportations now. He would raise some taxes on the wealthy, cut taxes on the middle class and underclass, and double the tax on capital gains and dividends for the wealthiest two percent. We should withdraw troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. The U.S. should not lead the fight against ISIS. He supports the Iran negotiations, would not toughen sanctions, and is critical of Benjamin Netanyahu. In general, he wants less of a focus on international conflicts and more on the domestic needs of the U.S. middle class.

Read more and decide for yourself, starting with:

## **Pro-Trump book: *Time To Get***

**Tough: *Making America #1 Again*.** The candidate's manifesto. Many other books by and about Trump focus on his business dealings, his advice for success, and other issues besides politics.

**Anti-Trump book: *Trump: The Deals and the Downfall*.** By Wayne Barrett, 1992. Barrett, a *Village Voice* reporter, has



followed Trump for several years during his rise in the 1980s, and has alleged in recent CNN interviews that Trump dealt with mob figures in his New York and Philadelphia property dealings. Law of averages, maybe.

**Pro-Sanders book: *Outsider in the White House*.** The candidate's manifesto, originally published as "Outsider in the House" in 1996 when he was re-elected to Congress. The national edition will be released Dec. 8.

**Anti-Sanders material:** No anti-Sanders books are listed online – maybe they haven't yet had time to go to press. Most of the online criticism of Sanders comes from old-line socialists who were with him in Vermont and who now fault him for seeking a Democratic nomination he once was "too pure" to consider. The closest thing I can offer to a critique is an article in the conservative *National Review* by correspondent Kevin D. Williamson from July 2015, "Bernie's Strange Brew of Nationalism and Socialism."

Two dissimilar candidates are strangely having similar shake-'em-up effects on their political parties. Consider carefully, and vote effectively.

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*Reviewer Jim Trammel has watched national, state and local politics since the 1970s, and he says he's damned if he's ever seen anything like this.*

# KCC addresses the moral urgency surrounding climate change

by T. Kerby Neill

On August 6, the Kentucky Council of Churches convened a group of religious leaders to emphasize the moral and environmental urgency of addressing climate change. Echoing Pope Francis' recent call for global climate action, Catholic, Jewish, Islamic, and Protestant leaders stressed the shared moral ground that demands action for the future of all earth's inhabitants. Ironically, these vital presentations drew only a small audience. That this event did not occur in Rupp Arena reflects the abysmal state of our political class, which remains in denial or paralysis in the face of the climate crisis. With refreshing candor, Dr. Ishan Bagby acknowledged his frustration that so few of his Muslim brothers are responding to the Quran's message to care for God's creation. The same could have been said across faiths. In facing a crisis that overwhelms our politicians, it is not surprising that our congregations feel disempowered.

Tim Darst of Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light did encourage personal courses of action. He suggested starting with a serious assessment of our home energy use. Lists of energy-saving strategies are available in the resources section of their web site (<http://www.kentuckyipl.org>). Tim reported he was able to reduce his electrical use by close to 70 percent and was amazed at how wasteful his regular usage had been. He also gave examples of congregations refitting their places of worship for solar energy and some members of the congregation then converting their own homes to solar. There are government incentives and financing strategies to support such conversions. You can discover them with a little research.

There are other dedicated groups in Kentucky studying shifting laws, regulations, and attitudes to encourage utilities to adapt their infrastructures to greater residential and commercial use of solar power (Kentucky Conservation Committee, Kentucky Environmental Foundation, and Sierra Club).

While Kentucky politicians champion the low electrical rates made possible

by Kentucky coal, the unpaid costs of environmental damage, which economists call externalized costs, fall on all of us in the form of poorer health, weather related disasters (flooding, drought, wildfires, loss of snowmelt water), and the deterioration of the planet we pass on to our children and grandchildren. Too many Kentucky politicians are on the take from polluting fossil fuel interests. Reframing serious efforts to slow global warming as a "war on coal," these elected officials perpetuate a true war on our planet. We can refuse to re-elect them.

Our utility companies are slowly beginning to move towards safer and more sustainable energy sources. You can go to the Kentucky Utilities website, for example, and pay to have them purchase a fixed

## Nagasaki vigil

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he remains in my memory as a four-year-old child, who came to represent all the innocent children of the world. This has been the driving, compelling force for me to continue my struggle against the ultimate evil of nuclear weapons. His image is burned into my retina. Many survivors have been passing in recent years with

amount of wind energy from out-of-state. They are also developing their first solar generation site. Kentucky entities that are profit-driven or must give close attention to their balance sheet will not move to renewables without encouragement. Over time, home solar installations may pay for themselves, but larger and more concerted action towards renewable energy generation is needed. Concerned groups may have to offer our utilities special encouragement and maybe even give them a hand-up by investing in renewable energy and selling it to them at a loss. Only people motivated by love and not by America's economic orthodoxies are likely to do that. Perhaps groups that pursue such "profitable" endeavors as feeding the hungry or sheltering the homeless are best positioned to save the planet.

Kerby is a member of CKCPJ's Peace Action Committee.

their dream of the abolition of nuclear weapons unfulfilled. Yes, their motto was, 'Abolition in our lifetime.' This reality intensifies the sense of urgency more than ever, with firmer commitment."

The vigil concluded with floating lanterns making their way slowly across the inlet to strains of "This Little Light of Mine" and "Down by the Riverside."

Mary Ann is the CKCPJ secretary.

## 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.

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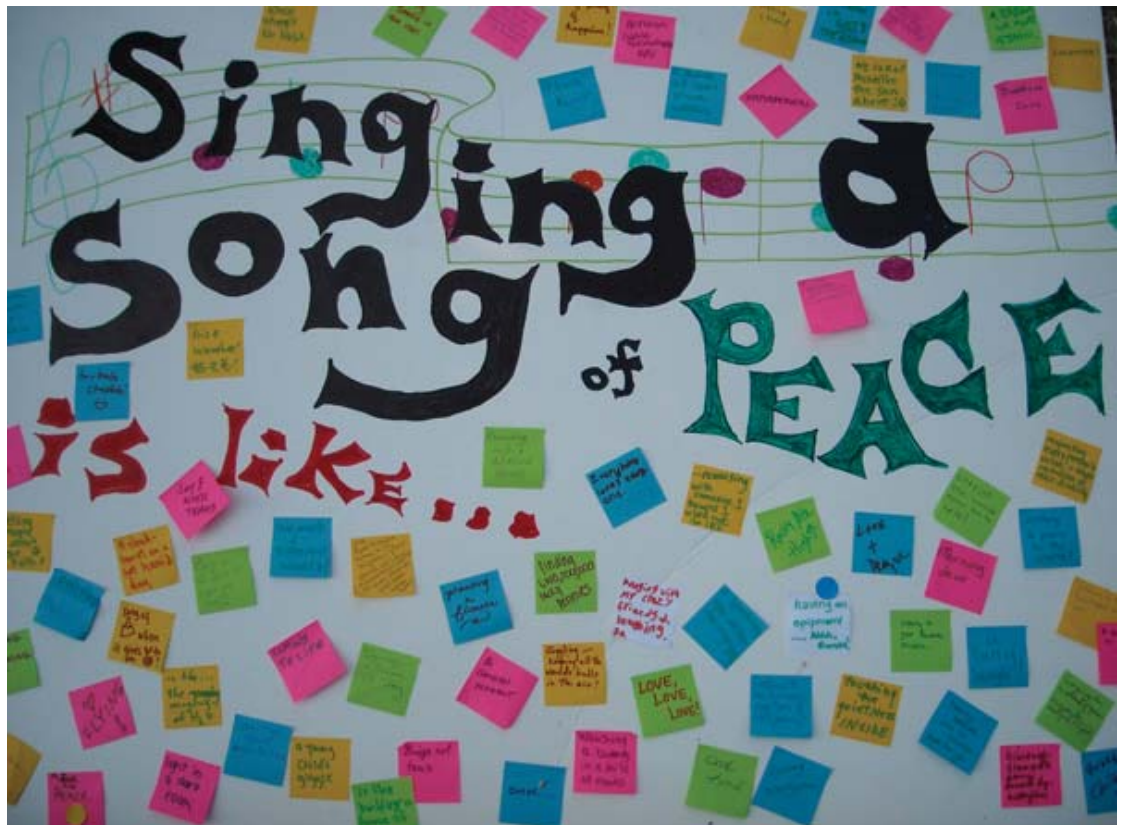
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## ***At a past Peace Fair, people were asked to complete the line: Singing a Song of Peace is like... They replied:***

grandchildren...lying on a cloud of grass — because it is restful & light...a soft breeze on a hot day...listening to the heartbeat of God...a belly laugh...writing a poem to the world...respecting every person's value & talents regardless of their abilities

...fields of flowers with hovering butterflies...having someone who is always there for you...touching the quietness inside...Live. Love. Laugh...listening to new harmony — sometimes it's a bit jarring...rocky mountain high...reuniting with someone I thought I used not to like...utter calm...one home...love, love, love...finding 1,000,000,000 lucky pennies...ommmm.....juggling! keeping all the balls in the air!...is like the howl of a wolf in the wilderness...the dove of peace...connecting with a childhood friend...laughter!...a dream we must attain!...dancing in a spring meadow...like popcorn, because everything keeps popping up...we can all shine like the sun above!...making a friend...breathing love...a drink of cool, pure water...painting...a cloudburst on a hot humid day...is like building a house of cards...hearing a mourning dove at dusk...flying!...a warm chocolate chip



...dancing a dream of joy...listening to your favorite music...a golden moment...a symphony of happiness!...light in a dark room...is like the mingling of H2O...dancing about architecture...like knowing your first child (and all others) in full beauty...

cookie...winning the Derby...fair trade chocolate!...joy with tears...sowing seeds in the rain...a family reunion...planting a flower...perfect weather...a young child's giggle  
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activism-ending performance art...inspirational...violence is NOT the answer!...writing a poem to the world...letting the world know you're here!...having an epiphany...love & prayer...morning dew...hanging with my crazy friends & laughing so...brings out tears...coming to life...we need a different world!...being in the arms of people you love.  
*Add your voice at the 2015 Peace Fair on Sept. 20, BCTC Campus, 1 pm - 6 pm.*

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