

Peaceways

CENTRAL KENTUCKY COUNCIL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE April 2016

CKCPJ Honors Peacemakers at Annual Dinner

by Margaret Gabriel, Editor

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice, a unique association that addresses the whole fabric of peace and justice issues, held its annual dinner Sunday, March 6, at Imani Baptist Church for more than 100 people. Some in attendance are associated with religious denominations, others are secular. Some concentrate on issues of peace and justice for individuals and families, others emphasize national and international issues.

CKCPJ's members—individuals as well as group members—have different priorities and talents, but all share a belief that peace and justice can best be advanced by sharing ideas and working together.

The evening started with the annual Networking Fair with such local groups as Students for Peace and Earth Justice, PFLAG, Movement to Amend, and Bluegrass Domestic Violence program. Groups set up displays that explained their mission and gave information about how to become involved.

CKCPJ co-chairs Janet Tucker and David Christiansen welcomed their guests and invited Rev. Willis Polk, pastor of Imani Baptist Church, to the podium to offer a meditation.

The 2016 CKCPJ awards recognized long-standing champions of peace and justice in central Kentucky, including Jennifer Mossotti, who received the Chuck

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Tanya Fogle accepts the Peacemaker of the Year award for KFTC.

CKCPJ co-chair moves to Pennsylvania

by Mary Ann Ghosal



Mary Ann Ghosal, Janet Tucker.

CKCPJ bids goodbye to co-chair Janet Jenkins Tucker, who has decided to leave her home of over 25 years to return to her family home in New Castle, Pennsylvania, in April.

A retired nurse, Janet worked at the University of Kentucky and as a home health nurse. Those who knew of Janet's care and compassion were never surprised to learn of her professional credentials, but since her retirement—and for years before that—Janet was an active member of many progressive causes.

Janet has served as the co-chair of CKCPJ since 2014, and has been involved with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (from the days it was known as Kentucky Fair Tax Coalition), the Kentucky Chapter of the National Organization for Women, Occupy

Lexington (a spin-off of Occupy Wall Street), Move to Amend, and the Kentucky Workers' League. She is vice-president of Committee for Correspondents for Democracy and Socialism, a nationwide group that meets via the internet.

In addition to her fervor for activism, Janet lives with and loves her two dogs, and enjoys spending time with her friends, most of whom share her passion for standing in solidarity with people who need a voice.

Karen Conley, who has graciously agreed to assume the role of CKCPJ co-chair, says "Janet can be drafted to do just about anything that needs to be done."

Janet is generous in offering hospitality to people visiting Lexington. Her home on Johnson Street was my home as I recuperated from surgery several months ago. I'll miss her!

Mary Ann is CKCPJ's secretary.

Join CKCPJ for its quarterly board meeting and potluck supper. June 1, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Avenue, Lexington, Ky.

Agenda will include reports from standing CKCPJ committees and will entertain suggestions about future directions for the council. If you would like to add an agenda item, contact co-chair David Christiansen, davidccky@gmail.com.

Gun Violence In America as of 3-21-16 (excluding suicide)

	2015	
Killed	13,293	
Wounded	26,826	
	2016	
Killed	2,764	
Wounded	5,556	

Source: <http://www.gunviolencearchive.org>

Building New 'Nonviolent Cities'

by Rev. John Dear

Last year, I was invited to give a talk on peace in Carbondale, Illinois. I was surprised to discover that in recent years, activists from across Carbondale had come together with a broad vision of what their community could one day become—a nonviolent city. They wanted a new holistic approach to their work, with a positive vision for the future, so that over time, their community would be transformed into a culture of nonviolence.

They created a coalition, a movement and a city-wide week of action and called it, "Nonviolent Carbondale." They set up a new website, established a steering committee, set up monthly meetings, and launched "Nonviolent Carbondale" as a positive way to promote peace and justice locally. In doing so, they gave everyone in Carbondale a new vision, a new idea, of what their community could become.

I think "Nonviolent Carbondale" offers a positive example of a new way forward for every community and city in the nation. Every city should become a nonviolent city. That should be the goal and vision of every local community, as Gandhi and Dr. King taught long ago. Activists and people from across the spectrum should come together locally to envision their community as a place of nonviolence and start organizing to make that goal come true. With all the violence, hatred, and war-making these days, we need to help one another imagine what our local communities would look like if they were nonviolent, and systematically plan a long-term course of action to make that vision come true.

From the start, the Carbondale activists held their local organizing meetings occasionally before city council meetings, which they then attended together as a group. At city council meetings, they started suggesting and lobbying ways their city could become more nonviolent. Their movement eventually became based out of the main Carbondale Library. Over the years, they have done positive work with their police department, local schools and school system, religious communities, the library system, and local non-profits. As grassroots activists, they have lifted up a positive vision of their community and brought it into the mainstream.

Over the years, they put their energies

into their "11 Days" program--11 days in March filled with scores of actions and events for all

ages across the city. Twice their 11 days focused on peace; twice on compassion; and last year on food. One of the outcomes from last year's 11 Days, for example, was a new organic food market started in the poorest neighborhood in town.

"Nonviolent Carbondale" offers a model for activists, movements and cities across the country. With their example in mind, the group I work with, Campaign Nonviolence, is launching the "Nonviolent Cities" project using "Nonviolent Carbondale" as an organizing model for other cities.

Taking the lead from friends and activists in Carbondale, Campaign Nonviolence invites activists across the U.S. to organize similar grassroots movements in their cities; to put the word "nonviolent" in front of their cities; and to help others envision, organize and work for a new, more disarmed local community, town, or city. As far as we can tell, this organizing tool has never been formally tried anywhere in the U.S. except Carbondale. This movement is a new next step in the visionary, organizing nonviolence of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Perhaps the key aspect of "Nonviolent Cities" is that each city will be summoned to address its violence in all its aspects, structures, and systems; to connect the dots between its violence; and to pursue a more holistic, creative, city-wide nonviolence, where everyone together is trying to practice nonviolence, promote nonviolence, teach nonviolence and even institutionalize nonviolence on the local level, to really build a new nonviolent community for itself and others. We want not just to undermine the local and regional culture of violence, and end all the killings, but to transform it into a culture of nonviolence.

That means that "Nonviolent Cities" organizers would promote the vision, teach nonviolence, and inspire people at



every level in their community to work together for a new nonviolent community and a new nonviolent future. That would include everyone from the mayor and city council members to the police chief and police officers, to all religious and civic leaders, to all educators and healthcare workers, to housing authorities, to news reporters and local media; to youth and grassroots activists, to the poor and marginalized, children and the elderly.

Together, they would address all the issues of violence and pursue all the angles and possibilities of nonviolence for their city's transformation into a more nonviolent community. The first goal would be a rapid reduction in violence in the community and an end to killing.

Nonviolent cities would work to end racism, poverty, homelessness and violence at every level and in every form; dismantle housing segregation and pursue racial, social and economic nonviolent integration; end police violence and institutionalize police nonviolence; organize to end domestic violence and teach nonviolence between spouses, and nonviolence toward all children; work to end gang violence and teach nonviolence to gang members; teach nonviolence in every school; help get rid of guns, gun shows and local weapons manufacturers; pursue more nonviolent immigration programs and policies; get religious leaders and communities to promote nonviolence and the vision of a new nonviolent city; reform local jails and prisons so they are more nonviolent and educate guards and prisoners in nonviolence; move from retributive to restorative justice in the entire criminal justice system; put up signs calling for nonviolence everywhere in the community; address local environmental destruction, climate change, and environmental racism, pursue clean water,

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Sohner Workers Advocate Award for the work she did to assure that the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council passed a law increasing the minimum wage in Lexington to \$10.10 an hour. Marilyn Daniel received the award for a Lifetime of Waging Peace and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth received the Peacemaker of the Year award for its ongoing effort to restore voting rights to non-violent felons who have fulfilled their sentences.

Finally, Bryan Station sophomore Dequorian Coulter was recognized with the Andres Soto, Jr., Youth Peacemaker Award. The award was presented by Aaron Mosley, who serves young people in Lexington with an inner-city ministry. [See biographies of the 2016 CKCPJ award recipients in the March issue of *Peaceways*].

The evening's keynote speaker was George Ella Lyon, poet laureate of Kentucky and a long-time peace and justice advocate. During the networking fair, George Ella invited participants to note their own efforts to promote peace. She compiled these into a poem which she read to the group.

As advice and inspiration to this audience of activists, she quoted poet William Stafford, saying "Your job is to be yourself. Every other job is taken." For herself, she said that her job is to respond to experience, write about it and share that.

She compared the work of CKCPJ members to the students of noted voice teacher Phyllis Jenness, who teaches her students to sing with the voice they have, not the voice they wish they had. "That is what we must do," George Ella said. "Sing on!"

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice

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Karen Conley

CKCPJ's annual networking fair shares information about groups in Lexington that advance social justice.

If you shop at Kroger, you can support CKCPJ

In a recent letter from Kroger, CKCPJ was assured that the company, including the Community Rewards Program, is committed to its policy of never sharing a customer's personal information. Such privacy is key to its ability to support such local organizations as CKCPJ.

The letter also informed us that four households are directing contributions from the Kroger purchases to CKCPJ. To these folks, we say THANK YOU! If you are a Kroger shopper and would like to participate, please grab your Kroger Plus Card and sign in to krogercommunityrewards.com. You will be prompted to link your card to a non-profit in the region, and if you would like to support CKCPJ please use the 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. We received \$63.43 in the last quarter of 2015 from just four households. The more households that participate, the more CKCPJ will receive.

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



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Calendar for Peace & Justice

The council seeks to promote dialogue as a path to peace and justice. Consequently, we announce events that we do not necessarily endorse.

Sun., Apr. 3

Candidate Forum, Sixth Congressional District, Central Branch, Lexington Public Library, 140 East Main Street, Lexington. 2 p.m.

Mon., Apr. 4

Newman Foundation, Athletic Association Auditorium, William T. Young Library, Lexington, 7 p.m. Dr. Gary Agee will share the life of Kentuckian Daniel A. Rudd (1854-1933), a black, Catholic journalist and activist who looked to the Catholic Church as his inspiration for what he termed the "New Civilization." Rudd believed that the Catholic Church would lead the way in creating a community of equality where African Americans would enjoy the same rights and opportunities as whites. His insight might yet be of service to a church struggling to welcome diverse peoples from all walks of life. More information available at www.newmanfnd.org

Wed., Apr. 6

A MOSAIC Afternoon, in conjunction with Berea College's Dialogue on Race and Education. The luncheon will feature Peggy McIntosh, author of *White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack*. To register, see the Eventbrite link on the Berea College Carter G. Woodson website, www.berea.edu/cgwc. Online registration is open through Thurs., Apr. 7.

Thurs., Apr. 7

BCTC Speaker Series *Tax Justice and Tuition* 6:30-8:00 p.m., Oswald Auditorium, 470 Cooper Drive, Lexington. A college education should be affordable, but there are significant barriers and they are growing. Kentucky ranks 11th worse among states in per-student investments in higher education. Come learn the connections to tuition and our state budget. This presentation will help you learn more about our tax justice campaign and will fill your toolbox with means of actions.

Mon., Apr. 11

BCTC Speaker Series *People, Production and Paradox: Post-soviet Kazakhstan* 5-6:15 p.m., Oswald Auditorium, 470 Cooper Drive, Lexington. Olga Dyussengaliyeva-Reinholdt and Bryan Reinholdt will share memories of the creation of the Commonwealth of Independent States and expat experiences.

Tues., Apr. 12

PFLAG, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. ABCs from Gender Expansive to Sexual Fluidity. Students from UK Spectrums will broaden our understanding of diversity in sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. Get up-to-date thinking as these issues continue to evolve. More information at www.pflagcentralky.org or call (859) 338-4393.

Tues., Apr. 12

BUILD, Nehemiah Action, Heritage Hall, 7 p.m., 430 Vine Street, Lexington. The goal of the Nehemiah Action is to gather 2,000 people through Lexington to ask people to ask Lexington city leaders to take specific actions to resolve issues of concern in Lexington. If you are interested in attending, leave a message at (859) 608-2946.

Wed., Apr. 13

CKCJP Peace Action Committee, 7 p.m., Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Discussion topics will include health care reform, housing justice and climate change.

Fri., Apr. 15

What Must Be Remembered, African Americans, Archives and the Era of Reconstruction. Pellom McDaniel III, Ph.D, the curator of African American Collections in the Stuart A. Rose Library at Emory University. 2 p.m., Great Hall, Margaret I. King Library, University of Kentucky. Public lecture and exhibition.

Your Event Here

Send information about your event to peacewayseditor@gmail.com. Send notification about May events by April 10.

Mon., Apr. 18

CKCJP steering committee meeting, 7 p.m. Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Discussion will include planning for upcoming committee meetings.

Tues., Apr. 19

BCTC Speaker Series *Understanding Guatemala today through Miguel Angel Asturias* 5-6:15 p.m., Oswald Auditorium, 470 Cooper Drive, Lexington. Guatemalan Nobel Prize winner Asturias was both a writer and a champion of the persecuted. He fought for the rights of the Maya, freedom from dictatorships and from devastating U.S. intervention.

Tues., Apr. 19

Lexington Working Families Campaign. 7 p.m., Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. The meeting will focus on the ongoing discussion of the minimum wage in Lexington.

Sat., Apr. 23

Be SMART, hosted by Moms Demand Action, Village Branch Library, Large Meeting Room, 2185 Versailles Rd., Lexington, 2 p.m. The Be SMART campaign promotes responsible gun storage and asks all adults to take simple steps to reduce the harm that can occur when unsupervised children get hold of an unsecured firearm. SMART adults follow these five easy steps to keep kids safe:

- Secure guns in homes and vehicles.
- Model responsible behavior around guns.
- Ask about unsecured guns in other homes.
- Recognize the risks of teen suicide.
- Tell your peers to be SMART.

Sat., Apr. 23

Christian Muslim Dialogue, Masjid (Mosque) Bilal, 1545 Russell Cave Road, Lexington, 10 a.m.-noon. "Middle Eastern Conflicts." Speaker will be Dr. Richard Cahill, Director of International Education, Berea College.

McDaniels to return to Lexington

by Billie Mallory

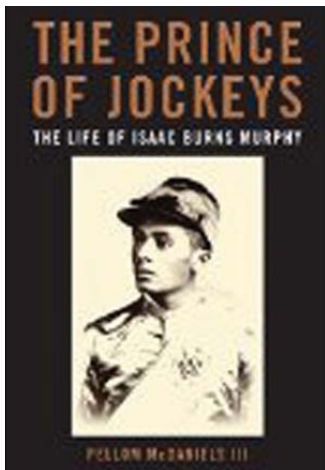
Pellom McDaniels, professor, author, and playwright from Emory University; will return to Lexington on April 14-15. Pellom has researched the early history of the horse racing industry and the role that black jockeys and horsemen played in the Kentucky Association Race Track, forerunner of Keeneland. Much of the history is profiled in the biography, *Prince of Jockeys: The Life of Isaac Burns Murphy*.

Pellom did most of this research at UK and the Keeneland Library several years ago, and has established a great working relationship with UK, Keeneland, the Kentucky Horse Park and the East End community, where the Kentucky Association Race Track once stood. The site is now the location of William Wells Brown School and Community Center.

Pellom will forge a deeper relationship with UK as an adjunct/visiting professor as he shares his research with staff and students and addresses the history of black Americans in the early sports development in Kentucky and our nation. He is also collaborating with the Kentucky Horse Park on the "Black Turf" project that will be a permanent exhibit at the park. The exhibit will honor the lives and contributions of people of color to the early horse industry.

A committee that has worked with Pellom on his prior visits to Lexington is also interested in integrating local black history into the Fayette County school curriculum, utilizing the curriculum developed for William Wells Brown Elementary as a pilot project.

In addition, Pellom has written a screenplay about the life of Isaac Murphy which is in production. Watch *Peaceways* for more developments.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

CKCPJ Steering Committee Meetings, third Monday, 7 p.m. More info: (859) 488-1448 or peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace, every Thursday, 5:30-6 p.m. at Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main Street) in downtown Lexington. Contact Richard Mitchell, (859) 327-6277.

Migrant Network Coalition, first Monday, noon-1:15 p.m., GLOBAL LEX, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact Lindsay Mattingly, lmatingly@lexpublib.org, (859) 231-5514.

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

Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky, second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Lexington Public Central Library, 140 E. Main St., Lexington. Contact Craig Cammack, chair, (859) 951-8565 or info@lexfair.org.

Wednesday Night GLSO "Heart to Heart" discussion group, 7 p.m. 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 www.glso.org.

Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky, first Thursday, 7 p.m., 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, third Thursday, 7 p.m., 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 p.m. Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington. Call (859) 272-7891 or visit www.namilex.org.

Christian-Muslim Dialogue Program, fourth Saturday, 10 a.m. - 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, the program promotes personal and collective responsibility to build a more just and peaceful world.

Dance Jam, every Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., 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, (859) 351-3142.

Movies with Spirit, second Friday of every month. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clay's Mill Road, Lexington. Potluck at 6 p.m., film at 7.

National Action Network, third Thursday each month, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Central Library, Lexington.

To include a regular meeting of your organization in this space, contact Margaret Gabriel, peacewayseditor@gmail.com.

Nonnie Talks about Race

An Interactive Book for Children and Adults

Suggested for children in grades 4-6 and their trusted adults

by Dr. Mary Jo Podgurski

with Tanya M. Bass, MS, CHES and Mariotta Gary-Smith, MPH

reviewed by Betsy Neale

Nonnie Talks about Race is designed to be read by adults and children together and aims to assist young people, their parents, and their community to have honest conversations about race, social justice, and creating change. The book begins with some guidance for adults using the book. It can be worked through in parts. The authors suggest reading at a pace suited to the learning of the child.

The book includes interactive activities: pages to color, places to write in ideas and questions, a glossary defining words in the story that may be new, and encouragement for the readers to discuss with each other what they think about things they are learning.

The story follows two children, Alex and Tamika, who are best friends. Alex is white and Tamika is African American. The book shows the ways that each of the children's families are different, not just in terms of race, but occupations, ethnic heritage, family configuration, etc.

Alex and Tamika have a conversation with Alex's grandmother, Nonnie, and two of Nonnie's friends who are African Americans. They explain important concepts about race and racism, including white privilege, being an ally, fairness and discrimination, the difference between equality and equity, oppression and civil rights.

The book is written for late elementary to early middle school ages and deals frankly with issues of race, white privilege, and discrimination in a way that can empower children to

understand these concepts and learn to treat people fairly and with respect.

Mary Jo Podgurski is white, and Tanya Bass and Mariotta Gary Smith are African American. They are all health educators who are dedicated to the well being of young people.

Betsy Neale is a member of the Peaceways committee.



From an article in *The Nation*, Jan. 25/Feb. 1, 2016, "Cops and Robbers" by Liza Featherstone, p. 5

In the article a woman is writing for advice on talking to her 10-year-old niece about a police shooting of a young, black man.

Featherstone writes:

"The most important thing an adult can do when a child raises a tough issue is to respond in a way that makes the child feel comfortable so she will keep asking questions.

"Ask the child some questions too, e.g.: Have you ever heard about racism? What do you think the police could have done instead? By focusing more on her ideas than on yours, you'll find out what she already knows and what she's ready to discuss.

"Your niece is old enough for a more direct conversation about race. Not only was a young man shot 15 times, but this is something that happens often in the United States, especially to young black men. According to Howard Stevenson, a clinical psychologist and professor of urban education and Africana studies at the University of Pennsylvania, 'a 10-year-old can definitely handle that.'"

In a 2013 essay, Stevenson asked provocatively whether George Zimmerman's parents could have done more to ease his irrational fears of black and brown youth. Perhaps if they had, Trayvon Martin would be alive today. Adults should always keep children safe, but we should not deceive them that the world is a safe place, nor that their feelings of safety are all that matter.

Sign petition to save Kynect

CKCPJ invites readers of *Peaceways* to sign a petition to the Kentucky State House and the Kentucky State Senate which reads:

"Governor Matt Bevin has said that he wants to dismantle Kentucky's healthcare exchange, known as Kynect, by the end of 2016. The consequences of repealing the Medicaid expansion would be enormous. More than 400,000 people would lose the coverage they have just gained. Kentucky would join the remaining 19 states with a gap, where some people are too poor to receive help on the exchange or too well-off to qualify for the old Medicaid program."

To add your name, go to petitions.moveon.org/sign/stop-gov-elect-matt-bevin

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solar and wind power, and a 100 percent green community; and in general, do everything possible to help their local community become more disarmed, more reconciled, more just, more welcoming, more inclusive, and more nonviolent.

If Carbondale, Illinois, can seek to

Community Building

by Billie Mallory, MSW

The East End Community Development Corp (EECDC) formed in 2015 upon the recommendation of the East End Small Area Plan “to ensure the revitalization of the East End neighborhood,” focused solely on its economic and social development by “providing programs, offering services and engaging in other activities that promote and support this community.”

The mission statement of the EECDC is to “act as a conduit and advocate for the East End, to give the neighborhood a voice through community organizing by providing support to increase home ownership, small business development and employment opportunities, while providing a range of affordable home ownership and net affordable rental housing options.”

The physical boundaries of the East End are E. Third Street to E. Sixth Street; the Midland intersection to Elm Tree Lane and includes the Lexington Housing Authority development, Equestrian View and the historic East End. The Midland corridor and Third Street boundary with streets running parallel and intersecting will be included in the project.

Through the generous offering of prime office and meeting space from Community Ventures and the commitment of four individuals who have served as a steering committee, EECDC has recruited potential board members to advance to the next level of functioning. CKCPJ is considering serving as fiscal agent and will offer consultation, advisement and partnership in promoting and advocating for affordable housing for East End residents.

Recent recruits to the board are interested in further economic development of small, locally-owned businesses, providing education and job training to assure full-time permanent employment for EE residents.

For more information or to participate in the work of EECDC, contact Billie Mallory, 285-5211 or mallory.billie@gmail.com.

become a nonviolent city, any city can seek to become a nonviolent city. This is an idea whose time has come. This is an organizing strategy that should be tried around the nation and the world. The only way it can happen is through bottom-up grassroots organizing that reaches out to include everyone in the community, and eventually becomes widely accepted, even by the government, media and police.

Two international groups pursue a similar vision — International Cities for Peace and Mayors for Peace, which has 6,965 cities committed in 161 countries — but, as far as I can tell, no U.S. group has ever attempted to invite local communities to pursue a vision of holistic city-wide nonviolence or organize a grassroots movements of nonviolent cities.

The website of Campaign Nonviolence has posted “Ten Steps Toward a Nonviolent City,” a basic initial list of organizing tasks for local activists which includes: creating a local steering committee; finding a mainstream institution that can serve as a base;

organizing a series of public meetings and forums; studying violence in the community; meeting with the mayor and the city council; and organizing a city-wide launch.

Gandhi once said that we are constantly being astonished by the advances in violence, but if we try, if we organize, if we can commit ourselves, he declared, we can make even more astonishing new discoveries and advances in nonviolence. With the example of “Nonviolent Carbondale” before us, we have a way to organize every local community and city in the nation, a way to envision how we can all one day live together in peace with justice, and the possibility of new hope. If we follow the example of Nonviolent Carbondale, we can help transform our culture of violence into something completely new — a culture of nonviolence. That should always be our goal.

Nobel Peace Prize nominee Rev. John Dear is on the staff of Campaign Nonviolence.org.



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www.peaceandjusticeky.org

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.

We accept articles of varying lengths. 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. Also include information about your relationship to any organization or issue mentioned in the article for inclusion in a biographical reference at the end of the story. Submissions should be made in Word format via email. Book reviews are usually solicited by the editor but we welcome inquiries from potential reviewers.

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*“Peace is not only better than war,
but infinitely more arduous.”
George Bernard Shaw*

Social Justice committee and housing justice

The CKCPJ Social Justice committee met on March 9 to address the issue of spinning off the committee’s work into a coalition group to address housing issues in Lexington. In the past year a similar move was made when Lexington Working

Families’ Coalition spun off from the committee. That coalition was active in Lexington’s efforts to increase the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10.

Kenny Stancil reported that the Lexington Tenant Organizing Project of the Kentucky Worker League is attempting to visit households in the North Limestone neighborhood to gather information about tenant’s relationships to landlords. They are inviting tenants to a meeting that could result in action to improve their housing situations. Members of the CKCPJ Social Justice committee have committed to lend assistance through legal and political action and advocacy on behalf of housing for the working poor and low-income renters.

Additional issues that will be explored by the committee in upcoming meetings will include affordable rents, rent control, the actions of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and standardizing renters’ rights.

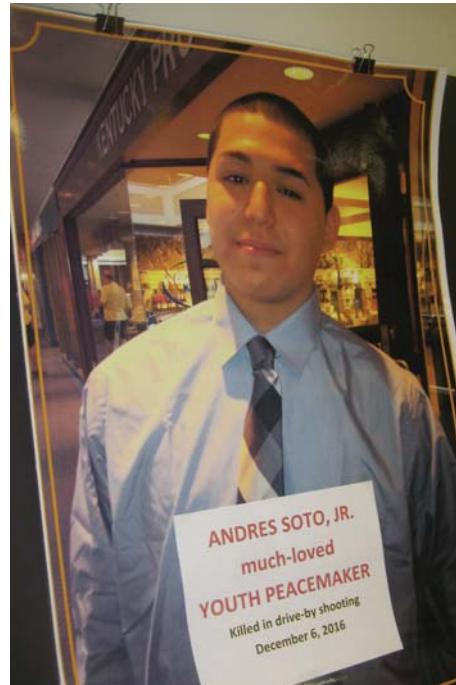
Although the committee decided not to create a Housing Justice committee, CKCPJ plans to pitch a story to the *Herald-Leader* about code enforcement, explore legislative options and hold informational meetings to share information.



Outgoing CKCPJ co-chair Janet Tucker talks with representatives from the Kentucky Chapter of National Organization for Women at the 2016 Networking Fair.



Above left, Dequorian Coulter, who was recognized as the Youth Peacemaker of the Year. The award has been re-named the Andres Soto, Jr., Award in memory of a Lexington youth peacemaker who was killed in December in a drive-by shooting. Members of both Dequorian’s and Andres’ families attended the annual dinner and award recognition.



Right, Marilyn Daniel who was recognized for a Lifetime of Peacemaking. Marilyn’s professional life has been dedicated to education and the practice of law, including many hours of pro bono work.

