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Waging Peace Through Art

Children's Art Contest Winner Will Grace Our 2010 Holiday Card

We are very pleased to announce an art competition on the subject of peace. The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice has historically produced a holiday card to convey our wishes to members and allies for a truly peace-filled world. For the past two years, original art produced by local children has graced these cards. In asking children to produce art that engages the question of peace, we have discovered anew the importance of encouraging and fostering a vision of active, creative peace in the youngest among us. This year, we are pleased to announce an invitation open to all interested school age children who live in Central Kentucky, from kindergarten through 12th grade, to submit art for our card.

Lexington author, songwriter, and activist George Ella Lyon has generously allowed us to use the words to her song "Peace is the Way," reprinted at right. These words speak to a timeless desire and deep wisdom concerning the futility of violence. Artists submitting art for consideration are invited to use these words as inspiration.

Details of the contest:

- Finished art should consist of high contrast, black and white images.
- Please submit entries on white, standard sized paper (8.5 inches by 11 inches). This size will be easier for the artist to mail, and easier for us to handle, than oversized pieces.
- Submissions should be accompanied by a sheet of paper containing contact information: the artist's name, age, address, telephone number, and e-mail address if available. Don't forget the title of your finished art.
- The winner of this holiday art competition will receive a check for \$50.
- Mail your entry or drop it off at our office: 112 North Upper Street, Lexington KY, 40507.

- Entries must be received in our office by Friday, December 3.
- All entries will become the property of the Council and will not be returned. Our plans include using the art for possible future displays, including at our annual dinner, a future Gallery Hop, and at our office. The art will not be sold for the financial gain of the Council.

Questions? Contact the editor, Gail Koehler, at 859.338.2418 or peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com.

Peace Is the Way

by George Ella Lyon

There is no road to hope.
Hope is the road.
There is no key to faith.
Faith is the key.
There is no door to love.
Love is the door.
There is no road to hope.
Hope is the road.

There is no way to peace.
Peace is the way.
No way to win this war.
War always wins.
There is no foe to kill.
Killing is the foe.
There is no way to peace.
Peace is the way.

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Report: Open House at Masjid Bilal Nov. 7

On Sun. Nov. 7, the Masjid Bilal mosque held an open house event titled "Get to Know Your Neighbors: Islam 101." Approximately 200 participants gathered to hear a full, informative program including:

- welcome and intro by Mambuna Bojang, President of Masjid Bilal;
- remarks by mayor Jim Newberry;
- a demonstration of difference and identity by Mabruk Quabili and Fatimah Shalash (pictured at right);
- remarks by Pastor Mark Johnson, President of The Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass;
- "Islam 101" presentation by Jenny Amr;
- remarks by Cassidy Herrington, journalism student at the University of Kentucky whose experience of and reflections on wearing the hijab for one month was published by the student newspaper The Kernel ("Undercover In Hijab: Unveiling One Month Later": <http://bit.ly/co2lPP>).
- Hajj event invitation by Heba Suleiman, President of the University of Kentucky Muslim Student Association
- Qur'an recitation by Amin Gharad;
- a Q & A session and time to visit information booths, and the mosque.



The entire event demonstrated warm welcome, as organizers invited guests to learn more about a faith that might seem at first very different, to counter misinformation, and to cultivate bonds of understanding and community. See page 7 for a meeting announcement of the next Christian-Muslim dialogue meeting Nov. 20, a Thanksgiving potluck.

Members of the mosque welcome opportunities to speak to interested community, civic, and religious groups to answer questions about Islam. Contact the mosque at 859.233.4827 to make arrangements.

Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) Statement on the Iraq War Logs: A Call for Accountability

from the IVAW website (www.ivaaw.org):

"The latest release by Wikileaks of the Iraq War Logs is the largest leak in U.S. history and reveals in extensive detail what Iraq Veterans Against the War has been saying since our founding in 2004. The U.S. has presided over a bloody occupation for seven years where war crimes are a common offense, civilian casualties have been grossly under-reported, and corporate contractors run amok.

"...As veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, we are outraged that the U.S. government sought to hide this information from the U.S. public, instead presenting a sanitized and deceptive version of war, and we think it is vital for this and further information to get out. ...We are asking the U.S. public to join us in calling on our government to end the occupations and bring our brothers and sisters home.

"IVAW has been speaking out about these atrocities and abuses since our inception. Our organization is comprised of over 2,000 veterans and active duty troops who have served since Sept. 11, 2001."

Note: CKCPJ is pleased to welcome to Lexington Bryan Reinholdt, an IVAW member who is interested in establishing a chapter in the city. Interested Iraq veterans can contact him via e-mail at bryan.reinholdt@gmail.com.

Sarah Baker, “Don’t Fear Oil Change: 20 Facts/20 Acts” Walker

by Sarah Baker

Note: Sarah is walking from her home in Central Ohio to the Louisiana wetlands to raise awareness about oil consumption, peak oil and oil conservation. This text is excerpted from a speech reproduced on her Facebook page—“Don’t Fear Oil Changes: 20 Facts/20 Acts” that she gave at Transylvania University and Bluegrass Community and Technical College while she was in Lexington. As she walks, she seeks out schools where she can explain her project.

“Sometimes all you can do is put your body in front of a problem and stand there as a witness to it.”

—Granny D

“After seeing so much footage of the oil spill it became important to me that I actually go and see the spill with my own eyes, not through the filter of the television screen. And it became even more important that I get there without using oil. You’d be surprised at the amount of grown adults that can’t even tell me what oil is. ... how could I be mad at or disappointed with people if they don’t even have a basic understanding of our current fossil fuel situation? It would be like getting mad at a baby for not walking yet.

“So that is what inspired me to make a leaflet listing 20 Facts Every American Should Probably



Know About Oil. I made sure not to involve politics, only facts. I don’t even mention global warming or climate change. This is just about the most basic of education. And then on the reverse side of the leaflet I have 20 Acts Every American Can Do to Use Less Oil. Most of these acts are small, simple things that people can do everyday. And I truly believe if enough people did them we could save a million barrels of oil a day.

“If you would like to contact me on my walk please do. My phone number is 614.746.2248 and my email is hammerpantz@yahoo.com. Or you can follow me on Facebook at “Don’t Fear Oil Change: 20 Facts/20 Acts.”

Sarah ends her speech with the following quotation from Harold Zinn:

To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we remember those times and places—and there are so many—where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction. And if we do act, in however small a way, we don’t have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory.

—Howard Zinn

NEWS AND NOTES

— **Terre Madre 2010 Report**—Saturday, Nov. 20 at 2 to 4 pm at Good Foods Market & Cafe, 455 Southland Dr., Lexington: Jim Embry, Director of Sustainable Communities Network and Good Foods Co-op board member, served as a delegate to the international Slow Food gathering, Terra Madre, held in Torino, Italy. Jim and other invited delegates will show video and photos, talk about their experience and how this global movement connects with efforts in Kentucky to develop a sustainable and local food system.

— **Jan. 13 to 16, 2011—National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty 2011 Annual Conference** takes place in Chicago, Illinois. This year’s theme, “Building Momentum for Repeal,” reflects a growing sense, says Diann Rust-Tierney, Executive Director of the NCADP, that “It is no longer a question of whether or not we will end the death penalty, but when. In every policy arena that carefully studies the matter, momentum is decidedly in the direction of repeal.” For more information about the conference, “early bird rates” available through Dec. 1, and to register online until Jan. 13, 2011, go to the NCADP website: www.ncadp.org.

—**Obiora Embry**, author of several Peaceways articles this year, has posted a new article on his website. He says he “believes...that we have to make changes that have a positive impact on each other and the environment.” In 2011, Obiora's locally owned and operated business will continue to educate, provide goods and services, and take action. To see his new article and for more information, visit EConsulting™ at <http://www.econsultingllc.org>.

...bending towards justice

News and Notes from VOICES 2010

Third Annual Homeless Connection Resource Fair—On Oct. 21, at Central Christian Church in Lexington, more than 30 service providers served over 200 individuals, either homelessness or in need of community resources, including medical and mental health, housing, and Veteran's and Disability benefits. Many attenders also received personal hygiene kits, backpacks, t-shirts, coats, haircuts, bus passes, and sack lunch—free of charge. This generosity was made possible by grants from the Kentucky Dept. of Veteran's Affairs and American Red Cross, with hospitality provided by CKCPJ and volunteer support of the Housing and Homeless Coalition of Kentucky's Americorps members. Much appreciation to all of the partnering agencies that made this event so successful.

Report by Billie Mallory, CKCPJ Board Member.



photos by Peaceways staff

South African anti-apartheid and human rights activist Eddie Daniels signed his autobiography *There and Back* on Nov. 6, at Lucia's World Friendly Boutique in Lexington. Eddie was born in District Six in 1928. Because of his opposition to apartheid as a member of the Liberal Party of South Africa and the African Resistance Movement, he was banned, detained, imprisoned and banned again. He served his sentence of fifteen years on Robben Island in "B section" in the company of Nelson Mandela, Sisulu, Kathrada and other leaders.

Eddie's visit to Lexington was part of "Kentucky & South Africa," a year-long exploration of the culture and history of South Africa sponsored by the University of Kentucky's College of Arts and Sciences, designed to engage the community in crucial global conversations, spark an ongoing exchange of ideas, and promote awareness of race, human rights and political change, the program www.as.uky.edu/southafrica.

UPCOMING: On Fri., Jan. 28, A one-day symposium on public health in Appalachia and South Africa, open to the public. Anchoring the symposium is Peter Barron, prominent South African public health expert who is currently a consultant in the South African Ministry of Health, devising a Primary Health Care Strategy for that region that incorporates community involvement.



Michael Graham, left, and activist Eddie Daniels at Lucia's



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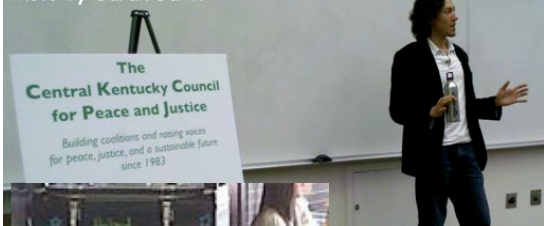
Nov. 20: Fundraiser for God's Closet at Lucia's, 523 E. High St., Lexington, 10am—6pm: 15% of Lucia's sales will be donated directly to God's Closet. This collaboration between Lexington's business and non-profit sector touches our local community as well as our global community. God's Closet provides women with career assistance and professional clothing to gain adequate employment and achieve self-sufficiency. The organization serves women of all ages and backgrounds; all clients are low-income, referred from social service agencies. God's Closet is run by volunteers. In these difficult economic times and lack of employment opportunities, these women have been unable to locate employment. The Purple Lunchbox program was created as a way to provide opportunities for women. More info: <http://godsclinet.org>.

News and Notes from VOICES 2010 *cont'd*

From Oct. 25-31, CKCPJ was pleased to host Paul K. Chappell's visit to Central Kentucky. During that time, he made over 25 speaking engagements, presenting his vision of a world made peaceful and truly secure without the scourge of war. We estimate over 1,000 people heard him—an unprecedented opportunity for the Council.

In an e-mail communication, professor Peter Fosl of Transylvania University noted that his students who attended Paul's presentation engaged in the material at a critical level. Some had criticisms of fact, which we have communicated to Paul in feedback, and which he welcomes. Peter Fosl concluded his note summarizing Paul's effectiveness with the students with these comments: "I think they especially appreciated his argument that war may not be natural and even contrary to human nature and that societies have to work at making war happen. Most also had never heard of the idea of 'waging peace,' and if nothing else, I think that was a terribly important concept to bring to their young minds—that is, the idea that peaceableness isn't just NOT being violent but is also actually DOING things to make peace happen."

Photo by Sarah Baker



Coffee from Third Street Stuff kept participants sustained!



Photos of Peace Leadership Training by Arne Bathke: see more on our Facebook page: Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice

On Sat. Oct. 31, Paul conducted a one-day Peace Leadership Training session in Lexington attended by almost 60 people. In evaluations completed immediately after the session, 88% of participants who responded indicated they judged the training to "Highly" or primarily effective, and 82% said they were "Extremely" or highly likely to attend a future CKCPJ event. Our next steps to use this momentum include follow up with those participants to continue ongoing and further peace leadership training and support. If you were not able to come to this initial training with Paul but would like to go through the material and workbook he left with us, please call 849.338.2418, contact us by e-mail at peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com, or fill out and mail in the form, below. We also have a limited number of signed copies of Paul's second book *The End of War: How Waging Peace Can Save Humanity, Our Planet, and Our Future* for sale. Let us know if you'd like to purchase one. ■

A Note of Thanks

We could not have accomplished our work to this point or continue its development without the essential and substantive support of our many members and contributing partners. To those of you who have responded so generously to our recent appeals and the Fall VOICES phonathon, we offer our most sincere appreciation.

If you have not had the opportunity to contribute financially to the work of the Council, we encourage you to consider supporting our efforts to train peace leaders to wage peace throughout Central Kentucky. Send your contribution to our office at:

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Peace Training Working Group

Are you willing to spend an afternoon one weekend to go through the workshop and handbook we experienced under Paul Chappell's excellent guidance? If yes, please indicate below:

Yes, let me do this important work! These days are best for me:

Here is my name, affiliation, and my best contact info:

Copy or clip this form and return to: CKCPJ,
112 North Upper Street, Lexington, KY 40507

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Nov. 20: Humanist Forum of Central KY—Al Smith at UUCL: On Sat. Nov. 20 at 7-8:30 pm, The Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky presents Al Smith, longtime host/producer of KET's "Comment on Kentucky" at the Unitarian Universalist Church (3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington). Mr. Smith will share his memories of sixty-five (+) years in journalism. All activities sponsored by the Humanist Forum are open to people of all faiths and those of none. More information: Dick Renfro at 859.255.7029 or e-mail frickdan@windstream.net.

Nov. 20: at UK's Memorial Hall, Artists For a Sustainable Future:

This event brings together a group of performers who withdrew from the Alliance Coal sponsored stage at the World Equestrian Games, choosing not to participate at the WEG Kentucky Experience Pavilion beneath a banner promoting "clean coal." Joining them is special guest Wendell Berry. As Karen Jones, the fiddler of Reel World states, "This act of protest is just one event in a long journey shared by hundreds of Kentucky artists and activists who are at the forefront of a movement to fight mountaintop removal coal mining." More info: Ron Pen, Director, UK Niles Center for American Music 859.257.8183, ron.pen@uky.edu or Karen and Bev, Reel World String Band 859.576.6178, reelworldstrings@aol.com. Tickets: from UK 859.257.8427: adults \$ 12; students \$5; under 18 free.



Tickets: UK Student Box Office (859 257-8427)

Sponsored by UK Niles Center for American Music, Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, and Sierra Club-Bluegrass Group

Crane and Teges Creek Petition

Two coal companies have applied for permits to surface mine nearly 400 acres on Crane and Teges Creeks in northern Clay County. If these permits are approved, a few land-owners will be paid for leasing their coal, a few temporary jobs will be created, and some severance tax money will come to the county. Area residents, property owners and others who have studied the proposals for this mine have concluded that, in this case, the disadvantages of mining outweigh the advantages, and have asked the state of Kentucky to declare the Crane and Teges Creek watershed unsuitable for mining for many reasons, including: the mine will NOT benefit the community; it is not economically feasible; the area does not lend itself to mining; the mine will pollute the waters of Crane Creek, Upper Teges Creek, Lower Teges Creek, Saddle Branch, the South Fork (currently the cleanest of the three forks of the Kentucky), and the Kentucky River, the source of drinking water for much of the state; it will put the area's residents and resources in the hands of companies inexperienced in surface mining and reclamation.

I support the petition to have the watersheds of Crane and Teges Creeks declared Unsuitable for Mining.

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Print Address _____

Phone Number _____

e-mail _____

Please sign this petition and return to Marti Allen, 49 Benny Matt Baker Rd., Oneida KY 40972, or Anne Shelby, 15705 North Highway II, Oneida KY 40972.

Events at a Glance

Events listed here and on our our Justicelist listserve (see www.peaceandjusticeky.org) reflect a broad spectrum of views, all intended to advance justice, peace, and a sustainable environment. The Council does not necessarily endorse the views of the originators of any event.

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Event Description</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Sat. Nov. 20 10 am-12:30 pm	Christian-Muslim Dialogue Group Meeting: Early Thanksgiving meal at Hunter Presbyterian Church 109 Rosemont Garden, Lexington. The meeting will start at 10 am, the dinner at noon. Turkey and stuffing will be furnished. All the trimmings will be potluck.	For more information: Carolyn Holmes, cc.holmes@uky.edu
Mon. Nov. 29 6:30—7:45 pm BCTC's Cooper Campus, 470 Cooper Dr., Lexington	Dr. Nadia Rasheed speaks on "The Reality in Iraq, and Reflections on the Hajj" as part of Bluegrass Community and Technical College's Students for Peace and Earth Justice Speakers Series. Event takes place in the Oswald Building Auditorium.	For more information: rebecca.glasscock @kctcs.edu
Sat. Dec. 4 7:30 pm Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington, 40503	Alien Blue in Concert at Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington. Alien Blue is a blues-based acoustic duo featuring David "Skinny Devil" McLean and vocalist Blue. You will have a great opportunity to enjoy the music of Alien Blue in a family-friendly atmosphere. This is a "secular" concert, and not a church event. Everyone is invited! Free parking; building is wheelchair accessible. Tickets:\$15 in advance. Details at right.	You may order by mailing a check to the church, (address at far left) or order online at: www.uucl.org/AlienBlue Concert.htm more info: 859.223.1448.
1 st Wednesday 7:00 pm	CKCPJ Board Meeting , in our offices at 112 N. Upper St. All are welcome.	Arne Bathke, co-chair 859.257.3610 or arne@uky.edu.
Every Thursday 5:30—6:00 pm	Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace , Triangle Park in downtown Lexington. Since the first week of November 2001 a small group of central Kentuckians has maintained a weekly prayer vigil in downtown Lexington. You are welcomed to join at any time.	Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277
2 nd Tuesday 7:30 pm	Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky , Lexington Public Library downtown branch info@lexfair.org	Craig Cammack, Chair 859.951.8565
1 st Wednesday 4:00—6:30	Franciscan Peace Center , 3389 Squire Oak. FranciscanVision.org	Pat Griffin 859.230.1986
2 nd Wednesday of each month 7:00—8:30 pm	Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA) , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd. See page 6 for special event Nov. 20. Dec. 8: Solstice potluck.	Dick Renfro 859.255.7029
3 rd Thursday at 7:00 pm **Nov. 18 mtg to focus on jobs and economic justice	Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) , Episcopal Diocese Mission House, 4th St. and Martin Luther King. Those with an interest in or personal stories about jobs and economic justice are encouraged to come to this month's meeting.	Ondine Quinn 859.276.0563
Every Sunday 2:30-4:00pm	NAMI Lexington Support Groups—Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington KY 40504.	call 859.272.7891 or go to www.namilex.org



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**Democracy is a great conversation,
a community defined by the scope
and substance of its discourse.**

—James David Barber (1930-2004) author of "The Book of
Democracy" and past chairman of Amnesty International USA

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Bits and Peaces

Thursday November 18 at 7:00 pm

THE STREET VOICE PLAYERS

in the Lexington tour of their original production
present a performance of

**Please Don't Call Me Homeless:
I Don't Call You Homed**

at the Lyric Theatre, 300 E. 3rd St, Lexington

In celebration of 10 years of service, The Catholic Action
Center cordially invites you to a unique experience that
will open your eyes, touch your heart and reveal
part of our community that is often invisible.

The play is based on experiences of the actors, most of
whom have been or are without homes. Written by Jeff
Gross, doctoral candidate, based on interviews with more
than two dozen Lexingtonians who have been homeless.

This will be the final Lexington performance
of their Lexington Fall 2010 tour
co-sponsored by the Central Kentucky Council
for Peace and Justice

Gallery Hop

Friday November 19 5-8 pm

**Bluegrass Literacy's Peace Puppets
at Central Kentucky for Peace and Justice offices
112 North Upper Street, Lexington**

Bluegrass Literacy's Puppets for Peace project brings
together immigrant and high-risk youth who create puppets
and scripts on the themes of diversity and problem-solving.
Come see the physical results at this special Gallery Hop
exhibition of some of their creations! Representatives from
the project will be on hand to answer questions.

Bluegrass Literacy (www.bluegrassliteracy.org) is a non profit
Adult Literacy Provider in Central Kentucky.
for info on Bluegrass Literacy contact Norma Spencer at:
859 299 5982 or spencer@qx.net

Reception hosted by: The Central Kentucky Council for
Peace and Justice
for info on the reception: Gail Koehler 859.338.2418
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