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Peace Through Permaculture at Bluegrass Bioneers?

By Ben Evans

Permaculture - the word itself is a portmanteau of “permanent” and “culture” (or “permanent” and “agriculture” - depending on how one looks at it). Similarly Bioneers is, itself, a portmanteau of “biology” and “pioneers.” On a national level, Bioneers is an inspired and inspiring annual 3-day conference in Northern California of more than 3,000 social, scientific, and environmental innovators working to create a more just and sustainable world for humanity - a group seeking to solve human environmental and social problems by learning from and working with natural ecosystems. Bluegrass Bioneers (a 501(c)(3) non-profit - www.bluegrassbioneers.org) is the regional partner of the national Bioneers organization (www.bioneers.org) whose tagline is “Revolution from the Heart of Nature.”

And so it is that this year in Louisville, one portmanteau will be celebrating another as Bluegrass Bioneers digs into the “revolutionary” transformational potential of permaculture. For anyone interested, this year’s Bluegrass Bioneers Conference (the fifth annual) will be held on October 25, 26, and 27 at the Jefferson Community and Technical College. Our conference here in Louisville will feature an incredible array of televised national presentations from world-renowned sustainability icons including Danny Glover and Janine Benyus, as well as live featured presenters, workshops, demonstrations, eco-tainment, slow/local food, and more. We are incredibly excited that



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this year’s featured live presentations include keynotes by Peter Bane, The Permaculture Handbook (published in 2012) and the editor of The Permaculture Activist; Rhonda and Maya Baird - a mother daughter team that will speak on People Care for Permanent Cultures, a very important aspect of Permaculture; and Ethan Howard, a 7th grade farmer and entrepreneur of integrated pasture-based farming. In addition, the conference will also include the always-popular Seed Exchange, Information Sharing and Reskilling Sessions, the Urban Homesteading Bicycle Tour, and new this year – the Idea Incubator.

So what does “peace through permaculture” mean? Well, the origin of the word itself - “permanent culture” - implies persistent peace. The very principles of permaculture are built around making peace with the natural world - and by extension, the rest of our human family. The three core tenets of permaculture (as enumerated by permaculture co-founder, Bill Mollison, and described in Wikipedia) are:

1. Care of the earth: Provision for all life systems to continue and multiply. This is the first principle, because without a healthy earth, humans cannot flourish.

2. Care of the people: Provision for people to access those resources necessary for their existence.

3. Return of Surplus: Reinvesting surpluses back into the system to provide for the first two ethics. This includes returning waste back into the system to recycle into usefulness.

The 12 principles of permaculture design which follow from these tenets offer us even more of a clue. They are (as enumerated by David Holmgren - permaculture’s other co-founder - and described in Wikipedia):

1. Observe and interact: By taking time to engage with nature we can design solutions that suit our particular situation.

2. Catch and store energy: By developing systems that collect resources at peak abundance, we can use them in times of need.

3. Obtain a yield: Ensure that you are getting truly useful rewards as part of the work that you are doing.

4. Apply self-regulation and accept feedback: We need to discourage inappropriate activity to ensure that systems can continue to function well.

5. Use and value renewable resources and services: Make the best use of nature’s abundance to reduce our consumptive behavior and dependence on non-renewable resources.

6. Produce no waste: By valuing and making use of all the resources that are available to us, nothing goes to waste.

7. Design from patterns to details: By stepping back, we can observe patterns in nature and society. These can form the backbone of our designs, with the details filled in as we go.

8. Integrate rather than segregate: By putting the right things in the right place, relationships develop between those things and they work together to support each other.

9. Use small and slow solutions: Small and slow systems are easier to maintain than big ones, making better use of local resources and producing more sustainable outcomes.

10. Use and value diversity: Diversity reduces vulnerability to a variety of threats and takes advantage of the unique nature of the environment in which it resides.

11. Use edges and value the marginal: The interface between things is where the most interesting events take place. These are often the most valuable, diverse and productive elements in the system.

12. Creatively use and respond to change: We can have a positive impact on inevitable change by carefully observing, and then intervening at the right time.

As one digs into that list of core tenets and design principles, it becomes clear that a civilization based on the principles of permaculture would indeed be a much more harmonious one on every level. Our

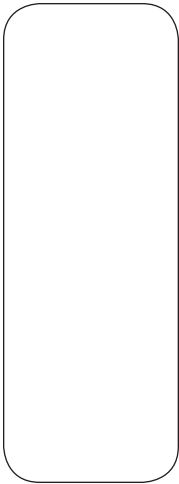
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A Too-Short Life, Very Well Lived

By Isaac Marion Thacker IV
(Ike Thacker)

Dr. Peggy Ann Kidwell’s body died in the wee, early-morning hours of Monday, July 22, 2013. But, perhaps more than any other living being I have ever known, after such an event (except perhaps [the fictional] Tom Joad), she is still very much alive.

She is still very much alive through her beloved husband Joe and godson R.J.



Peggy Kidwell

Czajka who, along with the movement for peace and social justice, and the socialism (she called it communism) that will make them possible, were her life.

She is still very much alive through that movement, to which as a gadfly, devotee, and especially a catalyst she often gladly devoted both 18-hour days and literally the last of her money and gasoline. This movement, anchored in the final analysis

by socialism, will eventually win, for the simple reason that there are so many more of us than of them.

She is still very much alive through the deep, delving research she did getting multiple Master’s degrees, with at least some of the work being done at the University of Chicago, and a Ph.D in psychology from the University of Toronto.

She is still very much alive through the hundreds of lives she transformed as a prison counselor and as a social worker. In these positions she won a staggering majority of her cases by sheer physical and mental brilliance, and hard work. She was employed full-time in Chicago, often putting in many more than 40 hours a week at these jobs, and still carried full academic loads.

And, although she wouldn’t like to admit it, Peggy is still very much alive as a catalyst for real, meaningful, beneficial and fundamental social change because of her sentimental side. She never missed her friends’ and family’s birthdays, often in the case of her friends not only sending a card but also buying a cake and the usual trimmings for birthday parties financed with some of her last dollars. She loved to take pictures of herself and especially others at these parties and at movement events. For these kinds of things (she to a large extent lived for movement meetings) meant literally the world to her—and she emphatically and proudly considered herself only a world citizen.

But Dr. Kidwell was also a top-notch organizer and Director. She traveled to both coasts in recent years to national meetings from her reluctantly-chosen Kentucky base (e.g. New York and California), along with much of the space in between (e.g. Chicago and Atlanta). Even a partial list of just the

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500 for the climate – that’s the goal for a Power Shift

By Cara Cooper

What can five hundred empowered and inspired young Kentuckians do? The answer is anything they put their minds to. That is why the Kentucky Student Environmental Coalition is working so hard to send five hundred folks from Kentucky to the largest Youth Climate conference in our nation’s history, Power Shift 2013, which is happen-



Cara Cooper

ing October 18-21st in Pittsburgh, PA. This year Power Shift will bring 10,000+ young people from all across the country together to learn from each other and come up with a plan to stop climate change in it’s tracks, but most of all it will inspire and invigorate the Millennial Generation to keep up it’s activist work and to hold our government and corporate polluters accountable for the state of the planet that we are inheriting.

Power Shift is a national conference that happens every two years and is put on by the Energy Action Coalition. EAC is a coalition of over 30 youth climate and social justice organizations committed to stopping climate change and ending the injustices faced by frontline communities in the war against our land, air, and water. The first Power Shift happened in 2007 and

brought over 6,000 young people out to attend trainings, hear from panels of experts, and take action together. Power Shift 2009 brought out over 12,000 folks to learn and lobby for green jobs creation. In 2011 we had over 10,000 show up and we peacefully stormed the nation’s capital to host the largest environmental organizing training of all time. This year’s Power Shift is going to be the biggest and best one yet and it’s up to us to make sure that Kentucky youth make the trip to be a part of the national youth climate movement’s efforts.

It is going to take a lot of work and about \$60,000 to make our goals a reality, but we have a solid plan for how we are going to make it happen and are rising to the occasion. Our first step was to have five recruitment leads from across the state build teams of recruiters from every campus and community that we could reach. With nine of these teams now off the ground and more being formed every week, we are well on our way to success. The second step was executed the last weekend of August when we had almost two dozen folks converge in Frankfort for our KY Pre-Power Shift Convergence. At the convergence we talked about the Kentucky we want to work for when we get back from Power Shift, learned new grassroots organizing skills from each other and developed our action plan for hitting our goal numbers. Now these teams are back home, recruiting their friends and peers and fundraising using every means possible. From requesting funds from Student Government and campus offices of sustainability, to reaching out to family and community members, to planning restaurant rebate nights and benefit concerts and garage sales and more. Nothing is off the table.

When we get back from Power Shift we will immediately start to use our new skills and excitement to make real changes here in Kentucky. On our campuses we will demand commitments to renewable energy and divestment from the fossil fuel industry. We will protect our communities by help-



Join the Power Shift today!

ing the current efforts to stop the attack from natural gas liquids (NGL) pipelines, end mountaintop removal coal mining and make the corporations who have poisoned our air and water pay to clean it up. We will also be working to show elected representatives and candidates that if they want our important youth votes they need to be committed to making a transition to a just, green economy possible for our state, and support clean energy and the good jobs that it will create. On the national level, we will continue to fight tar sands production and the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, support the Environmental Protection Agency’s ability to regulate greenhouse gases as air

pollution, and demand that the President’s Climate Action Plan take out natural gas as a “clean” alternative fuel source.

So much is at stake right now, when we look at the world around us and the degradation and devastation that has already occurred due to pollution and a destabilizing climate and we (the youth) are the ones who have the most to lose. That also means that we have the most to gain and should have the loudest voices when it comes to advocating for what we know needs to happen to stop climate change and environmental injustice. That is why all across the country we are organizing ourselves to get to this conference and making it a top-priority to come back home and launch campaigns to make a difference in our communities and our nation. We cannot sit by and watch our futures destroyed and we won’t. Shift the Power. Power Shift.

Ready to register for Power Shift? Register before October 5th! www.wearepowershift.org/register

To find out more or make a donation visit our website: www.kystudentenvironmental-coalition.org

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Looking for a left-leaning nation? You live in one

By Alex Bradshaw

Many polls conducted leave one to conclude that the American public is far to the left of their so-called “representatives” in Washington.

America is the home of deep-rooted social and political mythology. One popular myth in the US is that working-class people vote against their interest. Status quo liberals, bewildered that working-class people wouldn’t support the Democratic Party, commonly state this. They never reach the conclusion that what Noam Chomsky calls the “two factions of the business party” – that is, the Democrats and Republicans – have left us disenfranchised.

A popular myth touted by conservatives is that the U.S. is a “center-right” country. Right-wing radio hosts like Hugh Hewett frequently mention the center-right myth; and John McCain said it several times while running against Obama during the 2008 campaign.

This is an effective propaganda tool: if we’re told consistently that we’re a nation of centrist conservatives, then we better not voice our opinions that we’d like to end suffering through social justice measures – a popular idea since the beginning of this nation’s history.

One early example is Shay’s Rebellion, a struggle that began in August of 1786. As the late, great Leftist historian Howard Zinn said of Shay’s Rebellion, it was “a rebellion of small, poor farmers against the rich of Boston who were over-taxing and taking over their land,” and it debunked the notion that America “had such a pure and good and democratic beginning.” Shay’s Rebellion set the tone for many similar future American insurrections and protests led by ordinary folks, which followed the trend of demanding social justice.

Have Americans forgotten what Zinn stated: that our nation’s founding was less-than-benevolent; or that when it comes to democracy, as scholar and activist David Graeber states, the Founders were “uniformly opposed to it?” The Founders spearheaded a tradition among U.S. elites: a disdain for the masses, and their ability to make decisions collectively for themselves (i.e., democracy).

Some telling signs indicate the public doesn’t seem to be duped, though. All the

talk of people “voting against their interest” doesn’t take into account what polls have shown: 40 percent of us don’t bother to vote. And who could blame us?

Lawmakers consistently subsidize financial capitalism while leaving a precarious workforce to “pull themselves up by the bootstraps.” And we’re catching on: a 2011 ABC/Washington Post poll showed that 70 percent of Americans hold unfavorable views of Wall Street. It also shouldn’t be shocking that we’ve connected the dots, as any twelve-year-old could: 68 percent of Americans hold unsavory views of Washington – Wall Street’s cozy ally.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) published findings that support what most Americans already suspect: Washington works for the super-rich. IMF economists concluded that the amount American taxpayer subsidies Wall Street received (roughly \$83 billion) was the rough equivalent of the amount of the outrageous, and completely unnecessary “sequester.”

Sequestration slashed social programs across the country in the name of “tightening the belt.” Programs that benefitted LGBTQ youth, young children, disabled people, and the elderly, were all impacted, while speculators and bankers received nanny state-like treatment in the name of their institutions being “Too Big to Fail.” Those requiring vital social services must be “Too Insignificant to Succeed.”

Bailing out capitalism on the back of working people is nothing new. Scholar David Harvey, in his book “A Brief History of Neoliberalism,” points out some historically recent – although seemingly forgotten – examples:

“State power has often been used to bail out companies or avert financial failures, such as the US savings and loan crisis [in the 1980s] which cost U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$150 billion, or the collapse of the hedge fund Long Term Capital Management [in the 1990s], which cost \$3.5 billion.”

The so-called crisis of the defense budget cuts is the media’s focus. The media’s shrewdness is grossly cynical: defense cuts seem to be the only realm of sequestration that has popular support. For example, the Washington newspaper The Hill published a poll that showed 49 percent of respondents support defense spending cuts. A February



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25 article by Laura Seligman headlined “The Hill Poll: Voters: Pentagon should bear the brunt of deficit cuts” also showed that an overwhelming majority of the same respondents polled (69 percent) opposed cutting social programs; and “just 23 percent said they would support slashing Social Security and Medicare.”

In his piece published February 28 on Washington’s Blog headlined “This Year’s Subsidy to Wall Street = the Amount of This Year’s Sequester Cuts,” Eric Zuesse pointed to a Bloomberg editorial’s summary regarding the IMF study: nearly \$64 billion taxpayer dollars went to the nation’s top 5 banks. The \$64 billion number should be appalling to the American working-class, who actually work for their money: the same Bloomberg editorial mentions that \$64 billion happens to be roughly the same amount of profit earned by the top 5 banks (in other words, the biggest banks in America didn’t really profit!).

So it’s not surprising that “Occupy Wall Street” (OWS) a candidly radical social movement, had high levels of support among New Yorkers seeing first-hand what it was all about: 68 percent of NYC voters agreed with the views of the protesters, according to a 2011 Quinnipiac University survey. A national poll found that 43 percent of Americans agreed with the aims of OWS. The media repeatedly tarnished, slandered, and repressed this movement into hibernation, misleading the public that the OWS encampments were

full of violent, unsanitary, and unemployed trust-fund babies. In spite of the slander, the fact that 43 percent of Americans agreed with this movement’s aims speaks to the inherent appeal of OWS’s principles.

Speaking of a population to the left of its policy makers, a December 7-11 2011 Pew poll concluded that 49 percent of young people (aged 18-29) have a positive view of socialism; the same poll showed African Americans favored socialism by 55 percent. Alexander Eichler summarized the results in a December 29, 2011 Huffington Post piece headlined “Young People More Likely to Favor Socialism than Capitalism: Pew.”

Perhaps the answer to our problems is call for radical, grassroots democracy. Democracy shouldn’t simply be equated with ballot boxes or electoral politics: our government and laws have arguably been a deterrent for democracy since the Founders. Democracy means self-managing our own affairs and making decisions collectively.

Are we a nation of latent Leftists, yearning for a socialist economy, and true democracy? This Leftist is stubbornly optimistic that we’re moving in that direction. The history shows that we’re troublemakers with a keen disdain for elites, and elitism. American dissidents have already pushed back at power immensely: the Feminist movement; the LGBTQ liberation movement; the disability rights movement; the Civil Rights movement; and, most recently, the movement calling for a debt jubilee (i.e., “Strike Debt”) affiliated with Occupy, have all given rise to cultural and systematic change.

A savvy social historian would put her money on this rambunctious tradition being here to stay. If we keep it up we just might be able to dump Wall Street and Washington, opening up space for the creation of social and economic alternatives to the damning status quo.

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Race and class in labor – part 2

By Ira Grupper

Dear Readers: This is Part 2 of a paper I wrote for delivery at a conference in Havana, Cuba in June 2013 (Part 1 appeared in the June/July issue of FORsooth. For those who missed the first part, and would like a copy—please email me). Please note: I was not able to attend the conference in person, due to a medical emergency...I have received a good number of responses to Part One of this speech. Space limitations allow for only one of these responses to be printed, at the end of this column.

Mr. [A. Philip] Randolph went beyond just his membership, threatening a massive March on Washington in 1941 if U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt would not permit integration of the defense industry that was preparing for possible U.S. entry into World War II. The president assured Mr. Randolph his demand would be met, and issued Executive Order 8803—abolishing discrimination in all war-production industries. Randolph called off the march.

A few years after World War II, the “witch-hunts” of the McCarthy period began (Joseph McCarthy was a U.S. Senator who accused many unionists and government workers of being communists). The most militant, class conscious and anti-racist union leaders were expelled from the CIO for being “communist.”

These included Ferdinand Smith, from Jamaica (International Maritime Union), Asbury Howard (Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers). The United Auto Workers local

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600 in Dearborn, Michigan, with 60,000 members, had a black president.

Notes historian and leader of the Civil Rights Movement, Jack Odell: “The new militant union movement had organized five million workers in various blue-collar industries.” The extreme right-wing of the ruling class needed to put an end to this. McCarthyism became their weapon of choice.

Odell continues: “All but one of the militant and radical unions were expelled from the C.I.O. The one exception was the NMU (National Maritime Union). Its leader, Joseph Curran, had his own internal McCarthyite program.

“Unions with a total membership of a million workers were expelled—one fifth of the total membership. By 1949, of the five million workers who had been organized—one million (one fifth) were purged.”

This McCarthyism was coupled with the Cold War, the U.S. international response to socialism in the Soviet Union. Racism was the weapon of choice domestically. Odell: “Since 1896, racial discrimination in much of organized labor was a spreading disease. It was a source of robbery of Black workers. They became the last hired and the first fired. African American workers never got more than 70 percent of the wages of white workers.”

It is this writer’s opinion that the strength of the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-1950s and onward was the main vehicle that

broke the back of McCarthyism and began to forge interracial alliances, as well as strong labor support, in many quarters, for an end to racial segregation (Jim Crow).

This lesson of labor solidarity and racial equality can be traced back to the Wobblies (Industrial Workers of the World) of the early 1900s: “an injury to one is an injury to all,” to the work in the 1930s of the Communist Party USA, and other socialist formations.

A number of unions played a role in supporting the Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott in 1955 (Blacks had to ride in the back of city buses). Yet and still, for example, some of the railroad brotherhoods (unions) continued to have white-only clauses in their constitutions.

In 1963 there was a national March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. It was supported by many unions. Sadly, George Meany, the leader of the AFL, opposed the march and made sure he was far away from Washington D.C., where this demonstration of 250,000 people occurred. The AFL-CIO was divided in its support of this march for justice.

The United Auto Workers, the Teamsters and many other unions strongly backed the Civil Rights Movement. Viola Liuzzo, the wife of a Teamsters Union official, was murdered by racists in Alabama in 1965.

Yet and still, some unions fought to keep out minorities.... Ironically, the most prominent civil rights leader, Rev. Martin Luther King, was assassinated while helping striking union garbage workers in Memphis, Tenn. in 1968.

By the 1960s blacks and other

minorities accounted for 25 percent of union membership, but the AFL-CIO was still ambivalent about race. Discrimination was officially forbidden, and labor officially supported civil rights. But many unions continued to keep blacks out. Trade unions, particularly in the construction industry, simply didn’t allow African-Americans to become apprentices. Even the International Ladies Garment Workers Union opposed federal job training programs for blacks, fearing job competition.

The relationship between the U.S. Labor Movement and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement can be shown in one interesting example. In the late 1960s, in the town of Laurel, Miss., there was a large lumber factory, owned by the Masonite Company. White workers, a number of them members of the racist Ku Klux Klan, went out on strike, in a fight for decent conditions and wages. Blacks crossed the picket line and went to work.

The African American workers had been totally ignored by the white union for many years. So, although the white workers’ demands would benefit all the workers, their racism got in the way of labor solidarity.

Several Civil Rights Movement veterans went to Laurel and held many meetings—focusing on the past racism of these white workers. Although the strike was lost, a basis for future work was established.

Today, in 2013, it is no secret that the U.S. labor movement is in crisis. It is hemorrhaging union members, and the rough economy has meant tough times

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At the 50-year mark of 1963 March on Washington, community education and an anniversary trip



50th Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington”

Photo credit: Eddie Davis

The KY Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression spearheaded the formation of the KY Mobilization. The purpose of the KY Mobilization was to honor the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington by doing community education about the original March on Washington

and organizing a bus trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the anniversary march on Saturday August 24, 2013 sponsored by the National Action Network and other groups. The KY Mobilization was endorsed by Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Jefferson County Teachers Association,

Louisville Standing up For Racial Justice and Women In Transition.

The community education comprised two Teach-Ins featuring Dr. Ricky Jones - Chair of Pan African Studies at the University of Louisville and Professor Ira Grupper of Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY. The well attended Teach-Ins were held at the Carl Braden Memorial Center at 3208 West Broadway on August 8th and 15th. The two professors talked about the fifty years of organizing that led up to the 1963 March on Washington.

The KY Mobilization was able to fill two busloads for the trip to Washington.

The bus caravan left Louisville on Friday August 23, 2013 at 7pm from Lyles Mall at 26th and Broadway. Arrived in Washington Saturday morning August 24, left Washington Saturday evening 7pm and returned to Louisville Sunday afternoon August 25, 2013.

The KY Mobilization then held a Talking Back / Action Forward meeting of Mobilization participants and others to discuss next steps on Wednesday September 4, 2013.

Among the KY Mobilization volunteers who worked to create and structure the activities were KY Alliance board members - Barbara Boyd, Tia Edison, Tom Moffett, David Lott, K.A. Owens, Community volunteers - Becki Winchel, Marianna

Ashey, Dana Seay, Sonya Watson, Chanelle Helm, Gracie Lewis and Mattie Jones.

Said K.A. Owens, “Most impressive was the diversity of the two busloads by race, age and economic class. We had families with two and three generations on the bus. We had a veteran of the first march in 1963 on the bus. We had senior citizens and young veterans of Occupy Louisville on the bus. We also had people on the bus who had never been involved in activism before.”

According to Tom Moffett, “ It is particularly noteworthy the amount of donations that came in that enabled people who were not able to afford a ticket to get on the bus and attend the anniversary march.”

Remarked K.A. Owens, “The diverse individuals on the bus and the organizing team were well aware of the fact that we as a nation are slipping back in some respects in regards to civil rights and economic opportunity. The people on the bus and the organizing team are committed to reversing the backslide and moving the country forward. That’s why we organized the trip to Washington. We didn’t do it just to recognize the history, we did it to build the future.”

Contact the KY Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression at kyall@insightbb.com or (502) 778-8130.

Strengthening the dream for the US and the Congo

By Lwamwe Muzima

I am proud for having made it to the 50th Anniversary March on Washington. I was impressed by the large crowd (the biggest I have seen so far in this country) and the racial diversity of the people who attended



Lwamwe Muzima

the event. In fact, Americans of all walks of lives, young and old, gathered not only to commemorate this historical event but also to revive their common struggle—the struggle for social justice and equality for all.

I listened to speeches delivered by some of the most prominent African American leaders, including Attorney General Eric Holder, Martin Luther King III, and Reverend Al Sharpton. While praising the gallant Americans of the civil rights movement era for their courageous fight for social justice, the speakers reminded us that the struggle is far from over. Indeed, this was evident from the messages people carried on their posters. Messages such as “Equal Pay for Equal Work,” “Close Prisons Not Schools,” “Living Wage Not Minimum Wage,” and “Justice for Trayvon Martin,” to name just a few, reminded everyone of the necessity to continue the fight against structural injustice in America.

Recognizing the remarkable successes that have been achieved since the 1960’s, an emotional Reverend Al Sharpton reminded young Americans from minority groups, especially those who often claim that “the civil rights movement did not write their resumes,” that “the civil rights movement did, at least, make someone read their resumes.”

Perhaps the most important message I retained from this event is the idea that the struggle for equality in this country —be it equality before the law or in terms of opportunities, must continue. Today’s generation must continue the legacy of the 250,000



50th anniversary march on Washington

Photo credit: Lwamwe Muzima

people who marched on Washington, DC on that fateful day in 1963, to advance the cause of socioeconomic justice.

I was inspired by the various messages I heard and the significance of this historical event. I could not help but reflect on the social injustices that continue to cripple my native Democratic Republic of Congo. As an aspiring

social justice practitioner, this experience has strengthened my dream of contributing toward social justice in my country.

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Don’t ‘turn Martin’s dream into a nightmare’

By Gracie Lewis

Last Friday morning, I boarded a plane for Washington, D.C. to commemorate the 1963 March on Washington on Saturday and to hear from speakers and labor and civil rights organizations about what we should do to “continue the dream.” At the Renaissance Hotel, there was a huge poster of the march on the wall, as well as black and white photos of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., A. Philip Randolph, Bayard Rustin and others. There also was a photo of the Lincoln Memorial and the more than 200,000 people who converged on Washington 50 years ago today, who came by bus, train, automobile and plane. They shared a joyous day of speeches, songs and prayers led by a celebrated array of clergymen, civil rights leaders, politicians and entertainers. I felt blessed to have landed this room.



Trayvon Martin cause lives on beyond the courts

Photo credit: Eddie Davis

That night, I made my way to meet with the A. Philip Randolph Institute, which was holding its 44th national education conference. The day before, the opening plenary, whose theme was “Why Are We Here?” featured civil rights leaders including Myrlie Evers-Williams, the widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, Julian Bond, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery, and the Rev. C.T. Vivian.

At this rally to prepare for the 50th anniversary, one of the speakers was the Rev. Dr. William Barber, president of the North Carolina NAACP. He reminded us of our great mission to “let justice roll down like waters.” God is concerned about those who are poor and in the greatest need, and the church is called to reflect that concern in

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Israel plans to destroy 25 Palestinian villages

By Russ Greenleaf

Israel has announced plans to evict 40,000 Palestinians from their homes, destroy their villages, and confiscate their land. Israel will build military bases and Jewish settlements on some of the land and will plant forests on the rest. The plan to



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destroy 25 Palestinian Bedouin villages in the Negev Desert in southern Israel is called the Praver Plan. It is currently making its way through the Knesset.

Several Jewish human rights groups, including Rabbis for Human Rights and Jewish Voice for Peace, are protesting this latest example of ethnic cleansing by the state of Israel.

Sydney Levy, of Jewish Voice for Peace, said, “This is a massive violation of human rights. From the years I lived in Israel, I remember visiting Bedouin villages in the Negev that had been destroyed multiple times by Israel. I remember children and grandmothers sitting near the rubble of their homes. The Praver Plan threatens that level of destruction on an unprecedented scale. It is appalling that this plan, based on nothing more than ethnic identity, is even under consideration.”

Levy urges people to contact their elected officials and ask the US to stop military aid to Israel until Israel agrees to halt the Praver Plan and stop destroying Palestinian villages.

Rabbis for Human Rights issued a statement saying the Palestinians have been living on that land for many centuries and were legally recognized as the owners during the Ottoman period, long before creation of the state of Israel. The rabbis found official Zionist documents from 1920 acknowledging Bedouin ownership of the land.

The Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC), the largest coalition in Palestinian civil society, said, “The Praver Plan is a new chapter of the ongoing Nakba (catastrophe) against the indigenous Palestinian people, which started in 1948 when Zionist militias, and later the newly established State of Israel, uprooted and dispossessed a majority of Palestinians from their ancestral land. The Praver Plan violates universal principles of human rights, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which prevents forcible removal of indigenous peoples from their lands.”



Israeli soldiers detain a Palestinian woman after destroying her home

Israel plans to uproot the Bedouins from their agricultural and herding way of life and transfer them to segregated townships similar to those in apartheid South Africa. Israel has already created seven of these Arab-only townships, and they are islands of unemployment, poverty, and despair.

The Bedouins being evicted are citizens of Israel. Israel claims to be a democracy that grants equal rights to its non-Jewish citizens, which are about 20% of its population. The Praver Plan demonstrates that Israel’s treatment of its minority citizens is strikingly similar to that of apartheid South Africa and the Jim Crow South in the United States.

The Palestinian BNC “calls upon all

people of conscience around the world to support Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) campaigns against the state of Israel and its institutions which are responsible for this latest chapter of ethnic cleansing against our people.”

Russ Greenleaf is a Jewish peace activist, writer, and organizer. He does volunteer work for Students for Justice in Palestine, for the Louisville Committee for Peace in the Middle East, for the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and for Louisville Jewish Voice for Peace. Contact him at russgreenleaf@yahoo.com.

Blood thirsty and oil hungry – the intervention in Egypt continues

By Thomas Pearce

Mubarak is gone and yet the military in Egypt have regained full control of that nation. Why? Is it any wonder? Mubarak was a figurehead for a military that has had weapons and covert steroids pumped into it for decades upon decades. Is anyone surprised that the military has ended up on top? The Arab Spring has turned into a killing field for the Americans, the European Union, and last but not least Israel. It is almost as if they planned it this way.

Behind Israel, from 1981-2002 Egypt has been the second largest recipient of US military aid. From 2002 to present Egypt was in the top four recipients of US military aid. So are we surprised the Egyptian military forcibly removed the Muslim Brotherhood from power? Did we really believe Israel would allow a friend to the Palestinian cause to control Egypt?

The fact is that the Mossad, their buddies in the CIA, Turkish Intelligence, have had a busy couple of years instigating excuses to topple governments. In Libya, Egypt, and Syria the powers that be have been lining the pockets of blood thirsty mercenaries. In fact many of the mercenaries fighting on the ground that are calling themselves the “Free Syrian Army” are Libyan thugs without jobs after toppling that government.

It is quite amazing that the US gets to step back and now condemn the Egyptian military for shooting civilians with weapons given to them by the USA? Our United States tax dollars are hard at work making sure US geopolitical interests are always on top. I predict a quick slap on the wrist for the Egyptian military and then a shifting of the pipeline of imperialist support to Egypt’s pro-US and pro-Israeli friends the Saudis and other oil rich dictatorships.

It is obvious that the United States and Israel have decided to make everyone who disagrees with them in the Middle East into a diabolical criminal as a pretext to intervene militarily. Once they have intervened they will act quickly to see that someone who protects their interests will be in charge. The saddest thing about all of this is that because Obama is in charge it has the stamp of approval from many liberals.



Thomas Pearce

What is next for the region?

Egypt will either settle into military rule once again or descend into civil war until someone comes out on top the CIA and the Israelis can control. Anyone who does not think that the United States engineered this entire situation should take the time to follow the money that paid for the guns the Egyptian military is using to murder their citizens.

Now the Syrians have used chemical weapons and that is an atrocious turn of events. I ask one question, who took a peaceful protest and armed it in the face of 55% approval rating for the Syrian government? The CIA did. I am not in support of using chemical weapons but I am also not in support of US intervention in Syria. I am not in support of the covert actions by our government in the last year that destabilized Syria and I never will be. The blame for chemical weapons being used in Syria is squarely in the lap of the people who paid mercenaries to flood the country and commit unspeakable acts for the last year that have barely been reported about in the media.

At the end of the day, those of us who live in the Imperialist state of America need to organize night and day to demand that our government cease their policy of toppling governments. We need to demand the dismantling of the National Security Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency that have for 66 years committed murder, carried out terrorist attacks, destabilized governments, destroyed economies, and instigated civil wars.

The people of the Middle East deserve

to live lives of peace and equality. This will never happen as long as Americans are willing to watch the entire planet suffer so we can enjoy cheap oil, labor, and resources. The people of the Middle East have not enjoyed self-determination for many years. It is important to remember that Egypt has been under European control since 1798. Most of the boundaries of the nations of the Middle East were drawn by oil hungry Europeans. The region will probably remain in turmoil until the people

of the Middle East are no longer considered to be expendable in the quest for resources and gain control of their lands.

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its missions. So every Monday Rev. Barber holds a “Moral Monday” rally in front of the state legislature. More than 1,000 people have gone to jail in North Carolina, most of them white. Rev. Barber said we have “got to take back our country from a tea party-backed Congress; they are turning Martin Luther King’s dream into a nightmare.”

Too many people are unemployed, Rev. Barber said, there is income disparity. Too many of our elected officials don’t want health care for all. There are those who love the nightmare, who live off their hatred. Rev. Barber said we must stand up and say we won’t let you turn Martin’s dream into a nightmare. We cannot let our dream for jobs, justice and freedom be hijacked by this Congress. This dream, now 50 years later, is still about hope. We can’t let our ancestors down. This is why we are marching, 50 years later.

On the day of the march, by divine providence, I met a woman who, when I told her I was from Louisville, informed me she attended Kentucky State University with the great Rev. Louis Coleman.

I listened intently to the great speakers on this sunny day, and it became clear to me that the call has been issued. We must go back to every state and hamlet and organize for passage of the American jobs bill introduced in October 2011, but which

died in the Senate. And labor and the civil rights movement have to come together with business to create jobs.

Attorney General Eric Holder said there is pending legislation to end racial profiling. We need this legislation to restore confidence in the community of color. Call your congressmen and senators.

At the march, U.S. Rep. John Lewis said, “I gave a little blood on that bridge in Selma, Alabama,” referring to the brutal beating by police in gas masks on Bloody Sunday in March 1965. The Rev. Al Sharpton reminded us that our vote was soaked in the blood of martyrs “and you cannot take it from us now.” So it is now up to Congress and President Barack Obama to pass a new law to determine which jurisdictions need to be “precleared” before making changes in their voting laws. There were all kinds of posters stating “Protect Voting Rights.”

The speakers issued a challenge to all of us to continue the fight. Seize the moment. I am deeply grateful for everyone who helped me to attend this historic event.

Gracie Lewis is a longtime activist for social and racial justice. She works with the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. www.louisvillepeace.org/kyalliance.html.

A birthday wish to the sweater-clad man for justice

Hello Mr. Moffett:

On today, Sunday August 4, 2013, you are to be honored. Unfortunately, I am out of town at my family reunion and unable to attend. However, I did not want this day to go by without me honoring you for all the things you do.

Some of you know him as “The Man in The Red Sweater” but I know him as one of the kindest, most generous, compassionate, committed persons I know.

I met Mr. Moffett in 1974 when I went to work at Park DuValle Community Health Center. We worked in the accounting department. I was a Junior Accountant and he was the Comptroller. Tom and I along with the rest of the finance staff became friends and as time went by, we became family. I told his daughter Anne, that I was his daughter too. He was always there for me as well as my family.

Tom was very involved in the civil rights movement and so was I. I think that is the reason I was so fascinated with him. I went on a number of marches with him and the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression. We would travel all night to Washington DC, get off the bus and march, then get back on the bus, and return to Louisville.

At Park DuValle Health Center, we would have some great Christmas parties in our office. All of the staff would decide what we wanted for lunch and who was going to prepare various dishes. We would always buy the meat for our Christmas lunch. We exchanged Christmas presents, but Tom was always more generous with his gifts. He gave individual gifts to the entire staff. The staff would collectively buy him a gift that usually was red because he was a die-hard Louisville Cardinal fan. In my 20 years of working with him, we brought him a number of red sweaters.

“The Man In The Red Sweater” namely Thomas F. Moffett is someone that I admire and will always love and cherish. Tom is a person who would give you the shirt off his back. He is very encouraging, always sees the glass not half empty but half full. He believes we can all do a little bit more to make the world a better place.

I would like for Tom, his family and everyone that is hearing this letter being read, to know that I am eternally grateful for all of his encouragement, his support, love and most of all his friendship.

Sincerely,

Councilwoman Mary C. Woolridge
Metro Council District 3

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October 17 Water With Blessings – Bringing Clean Water to God’s Thirsty Children
Sr. Lorraine Lauter and Rev. Jim Flynn

Louisville-based Water With Blessings has brought water purification systems to communities in 14 developing countries, yielding overnight improvements in community health. Executive Director Lorraine Lauter, OSU, and Rev. Jim Flynn will discuss WWB’s work and the vital role played by “Water Women” in the development and ongoing success of the organization. Lorraine will talk about her experiences in Honduras, where it all started, and Jim will share his recent efforts to deliver water filters to Nicaragua. (An opportunity to purchase a water filter for a community will be offered.)

November 20 Lessons from Mali and Beyond – Good and Bad Development
Chris Harmer, Recent Peace Corps Volunteer

Chris Harmer is a retired engineer, a Quaker, an FOR Steering Committee member and a “twice returned” Peace Corps volunteer. He will talk about his recent experiences in Mali and will share current research and his personal assessment of different aid/development approaches. Some change lives for the better, while others can entrench poverty, injustice and violence. Focusing on our roles as planners, do-ers and donors, how can we improve the outcomes of projects we choose to support – at home and abroad?

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interfaithpaths@gmail.com by Tuesday before the lunch*

More diplomatic options needed in Syria, IFOR chief says

Francesco Candelari, International Coordinator (chief executive officer) of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, visited Louisville’s chapter of FOR at its August steering committee meeting. Francesco hails from Italy and currently lives in London, but has spent time in the United States, Africa, the Middle East, and India as a journalist and peace maker. His visit was part of a tour of FOR in the United States. He was interviewed about his background, his tour of the United States, and his reaction to the crisis in Syria. The interview was recorded by Mia Frederick of WFOR, Forward Radio (www.wforradio.org), and the recording will be available on the WFOR website. The interview was conducted by Mark Meade of FOR’s steering committee. Here are excerpts from the first half of the conversation:

MARK: The former director of FOR-USA described you as being “born into the movement.” Please tell us about this?

I think the former director of FOR [Mark Johnson] was a little bit right in saying I was born into the work. My father started to be interested in the Fellowship of Reconciliation at the beginning of the 80’s, I was born in 1981, so while my school friends were playing with soldiers in elementary school, I was considering Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. my heroes, which was unusual for the cultural background I [had] around me. Then, my studies brought me to international relations



Francesco Candelari

Photo courtesy of IFOR

in college [and for] my master’s degree. I started to work and travel around the world when I was 19, and now I’m 32 and I don’t think I stopped. In fact, the International Fellowship of Reconciliation with its 72 branches in 42 countries around the world gives me the opportunity to do it even more.

Did you reject the peace work at some point growing up because your father was involved in FOR?

I thought it more rebellious to think one could be non-violent and to think that change could come through non-violent revolution rather than in violent ways... I always thought this was way more rebellious than being violent even during my teenage [years] when whatever my father was saying, I was thinking the opposite. In this [regarding non-violence] I was relatively close to him.

Many say that given evidence that chemical weapons have been used by the government of Syria that the United States has an obligation to intervene. How do you think someone from the Fellowship of Reconciliation should respond to this argument for violent intervention?

I am close to the situation for a few reasons. I am also a journalist by background. In 2011, I consciously decided to leave my job as a United Nations officer to report on the countries of the Arab spring, and one of them was Syria. As International Coordinator of IFOR, I was on a delegation to Syria led by Nobel Prize laureate Mairead Corrigan Maguire at the beginning of May this year. The third thing I want to mention is that the FOR, especially in Belgium, is supporting a group of Syrian refugees and youth to build the future because, at some point, the war is going to end. [They are] rebuilding the relationships for the next generation.

To respond to your question, violence, in 99.9% of cases, leads to more violence rather than limiting [it]. Although it is most likely that the Assad government used chemical weapons, the diplomatic options on the table were not explored enough or, in many cases, were not explored at all. The countries that are behind both the government and the rebels could do much more to push their counterparts to bring them to the table. They did some negotiations last June and last year, but it seems the interest of these countries to fuel the war is much higher than to solve the conflict. So how is the U.S. military going

to intervene? [They have stated] with missiles, they will hit military facilities, but as always they will also hit civilians. This will weaken the [Syrian] government a little bit, but it is going to fuel the war and certainly it will not close it down. Moreover, if the U.S. intervenes, we cannot expect that Iran and Russia will be just spectators.

Chris Harmer, a member of Louisville FOR’s steering committee asked Francesco a follow-up question about other steps that could be taken to avoid a big misstep in invading Syria. Would mobilization of street protests be effective?

Diplomatic action has been explored very little by the main actors in the Syrian game. In particular the US and Russia would have certainly the power to push both the Free Syrian Army and Assad to sit at the table and discuss a way out. But they both prefer to support their counterpart and hope that it will win the whole game.

I do not believe street action could do anything in this case, but I do believe that bringing the concerns of the Syrian community outside Syria to the decision-makers in Washington, at the UN, to the NATO in Brussels would certainly play a role.

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ability to cultivate from Mother Earth all our needs in a localized, regenerative, generous way would surely eliminate the root of most human conflict.

And so, we invite all organizations and individuals involved in working toward a more resilient and abundant Louisville, not to mention a more peaceful and just world, to join us at this year’s conference. Still FREE and open to ALL, Bluegrass Bioneers is completely community powered. Donations of time, money, talent/skill and resources are always welcome. For more information about the conference or to make a reservation, please visit: www.bluegrassbioneers.org.

Ben Evans is the co-founder and director of the award-winning documentary “YERT: Your Environmental Road Trip” (YERT.com), the co-founder/co-producer of the annual Bluegrass Bioneers Conference, the co-founding director of The Green Institute, and the newly-minted owner/publisher of GreenList Louisville. Prior to moving to Louisville, Ben spent more than a decade as a professional actor/singer in LA, NYC, and around the US and Europe. He now spends most of his time generating green media, content, and ideas for businesses and organizations locally and nationally as BEcreative (BenEvansCreative.com) - you can reach him at ben@yert.com.

Peggy Kidwell *(continued from page 1)*

organizations with which she was involved here in Louisville is daunting: the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Louisville Peace Action Community, Kentuckians for Single Payer Health Care, the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, The Newby Network, Aim Higher, Solutions to Violence, and the CPUSA. And in California, where she lived with Joe in and around L.A. for more than a dozen years before returning to her native Kentucky—and ultimately Louisville—she played many prominent, leadership roles, even editing a newsletter at one point in addition to her positions on many Boards of Directors, often as Chair, in a seemingly endless array of “communistic” (read “beneficial to the vast majority instead of a tiny minority”) enterprises.

Peggy, a proud member of Mensa, believed that the pursuit of knowledge and beneficence was the ultimate aim of human life, and if that be so she gained a perhaps-unparalleled store of it through her work not only in academia but in providing geodesic-dome homes for the homeless, fighting furiously for single-payer health care and against the death penalty, lambasting racism as unutterably wretched (a sign in the only real office she had while I knew her said simply, “There Is Only One Race: The Human Race”), and many, many other causes.

In short, it is profoundly emblematic of Dr. Peggy Kidwell that she always left her doors unlocked, even in “bad neighborhoods,” saying that locked doors were a capitalistic perversion. She actively lived the precept that we are ALL equally human and thus deserving of at least the very-broadly-defined basics of life--good and plenty food, a decent and safe home, serviceable clothes, free quality health care, a free college education, freedom from fear, and more--more fully than any other person I have ever known.

She was absolutely uncompromising,

and uncompromisingly honest, in only the very best sense of those words, saying for example that people should simply refuse to serve in the military because killing is vile and wrong (she is right, of course)—and writing (not in these words, for she is far too articulate) the taunting phrase “capitalism sucks” all over leading-question surveys supplied at financial advisers’ “free” dinners for potential investors. And yet she would never say anything ultimately bad about anyone, at least not anything false, properly blaming the capitalist system rather than individuals. About the latter she simply stated facts rather than engaging in vituperation.

On top of all this, I am one of many who still benefit from accurate little things that Dr. Peggy Ann Kidwell’s very thorough and deep psychological knowledge, perceptions, and vital intelligence allowed her to point out to me, about myself.

The last thing Peggy ever said to me--and my indistinctly-hearing ears forced her to say it three times--was a sincere, “Thanks for calling.” The next time I called she couldn’t even physically make it to the phone. Well, the world owes Dr. Peggy Kidwell “thanks for calling” at least equal to the megatonnage of the very crazy-biggest of the nuclear weapons she fought so hard against, for her all-too-short life that was very well-lived. Thanks for calling, Dr. Peggy Ann Kidwell—thanks for calling on us, Peggy, even though in many ways we were unworthy of you.

May you live forever, my friend, in the even-better form you so desire and deserve! Isaac Marion Thacker IV (Ike Thacker) is an advocate for political, social, and especially economic democracy (socialism) who focuses on housing issues and has been writing about them for more than twenty years. He believes simply that we are all absolutely equally human, regardless of absolutely everything, and that everyone deserves a place to call home. He may be contacted at ike.thacker@gmail.com.

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during various contract negotiations. There are important attempts by the AFL-CIO to meet this downward slide.

In conclusion: The U.S. Labor Movement, as an institution within a system where contention between capital and labor has existed throughout history, has had many heroic moments and many shameful episodes. There has been class solidarity, but also class collaboration.

Currently before the U.S. Supreme Court is a case brought by racists seeking to overturn protection of the right to vote won by the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s.

We must understand these dynamics, these dialectics, these divisions--in order to build a cohesive, unified response to the whiplash of capital accumulation. In the words of the great U.S. labor martyr of the early part of the last century, Joe Hill: “Don’t mourn for me. Organize!” Or,

as you, mis hermanos y hermanas en Cuba, would put it: Patria o muerte. Venceremos.

Now for one of the responses to my speech. It is from Bill Londrigan, president of the Kentucky State AFL-CIO: “Ira: Nice historical piece... let me point out that United Mine Workers was an “AFL” union that did not practice race discrimination and Jim Crow style separate locals. I believe that non-discrimination was included in their original constitution. Lumping all “AFL” unions together might also lead us to conclude that all “CIO” were non-discriminatory and non-Jim Crow when surely gradations of this practice were evident among “CIO” unions. Just a thought to consider. Bill.”

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Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

- ADDICTION RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF KENTUCKIANA – (485-1248)
- AIDS INTERFAITH MINISTRIES (AIM) OF KENTUCKIANA, INC. – (635-4510)
- AMERICA 2000 DEMOCRATIC CLUB –4th Tuesday. Contact Enid Redman at 459-0616 or John Mine at pappajohn15@gmail.com. Also see www.America2000plus.net.
- AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE – Every month at noon (contact Paul Simmons: 608-7517)
- AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (Sharon: 637-8951) at Heine Bros. on Douglass Loop
- APPAPF [American Palestine Public Affairs Forum] – 2nd Thursday (773-1836)
- BREAD FOR THE WORLD – Last Monday every other month (239-4317 for details)
- CAPA [Citizens Against Police Abuse] –2nd Thursday (778-8130) Meet at Braden Center, 3208 W. Broadway
- CART [Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation] – 3rd Wednesday, Union Station, TARC Board Room
- CLOUT [CITIZENS OF LOUISVILLE ORGANIZED AND WORKING TOGETHER] – (583-1267)
- COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST – 2nd Monday (456-6586)
- COMMON CAUSE – Ad hoc discussions. Continuous engagement. www.commoncause.org/ky
- COMMUNITY FARM ALLIANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY – 2nd Tuesday (223-3655)
- COUNTER RECRUITMENT, “Aim Higher” – Second Sunday (893-2334)
- EARTH SAVE LOUISVILLE – 2nd Saturday (299-9520) www.LouisvilleEarthSave.org
- FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN – Quarterly community dialogues and volunteer opportunities (893-0788)
- FDR/LINCOLN LEGACY CLUB – 1st Thursday, papajohn15@bellsouth.net
- FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION – 4th Monday (609-7985 or 291-2506)
- FRIENDS FOR HOPE (Support Group for Adult Cancer Survivors) – 4th Wednesday at 6:30 PM (451-9600).
- FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF LOUISVILLE – 2nd Tuesday (893-8436)
- GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB – 3rd Tuesday, 7pm. (502-644-0659)
- HUMANISTS OF METRO LOUISVILLE – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm (896-4853)
- INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE – 3rd Wednesday, every other month. (214-7322)
- IRFI [ISLAMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.] – Sundays at 6:00 PM (502-423-1988)
- JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE (jvp.org) – 1st Friday and 4th Thursday. Contact 256-525-5290 or sonrevolution@aol.com
- JOBS WITH JUSTICE KENTUCKY (582-5454)
- JURISDICTIONARY CLUB OF LOUISVILLE – Know the law and how to use it (500-8161)
- JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER – (345-5386)
- KFTC [KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH] – 2nd Monday (589-3188)
- KITOD [KENTUCKIANA INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON DARFUR] – (553-6172)
- KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION – 3rd Monday (778-8130)
- KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY – (541-9998)
- KITLAC [KY INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN] – 2nd Wednesday (479-9262)
- LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (502-895-5218), www.louisville-orglwv
- LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES – 3rd Sunday (451-5658)
- LOUISVILLE PEAK OIL GROUP – 2nd Saturday (425-6645)
- LPAC [LOUISVILLE PEACE ACTION COMMUNITY] – (456-6914)
- LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH – Meditation every Sunday (473-8435)
- LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP – Friday nights (893-0788), www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org
- LOUISVILLIANS IN FAVOR OF EQUALITY (LIFE) – 4th Sunday (384-3875)
- METRO SWEEP FOR ACCESS – 3rd Tuesday (895-0866 or 899-9261)
- METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION – 4th Wednesday (584-6858)
- MIGHTY KINDNESS – mightykindness@gmail.com (235-0711)
- MUHAMMAD ALI INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, at UL (852-6372)
- NAACP [NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE] – 3rd Monday (776-7608)
- NAMI [NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL] – 2nd Monday (245-5287)
- OCCUPY LOUISVILLE – every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Braden Center (384-3875)
- PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG) – 3rd Sunday (329-0229)
- PEACE & COMPASSION BUDDHA CIRCLE/CML – (451-2193, brozier@bellsouth.net)
- RCRC [RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE] – (866-606-0988)
- RESULTS (a hunger lobby) – 2nd Saturday (451-4907)
- SIERRA CLUB INNER CITY OUTINGS – 2nd Thursday, 7:30 PM (558-0073)
- WOMEN IN TRANSITION (WIT) – every Wednesday, 6-8 PM (636-0160)

Note: If your group would like to be added to this list or if information needs to be updated, please let us know by calling 458-8056.

Calendar for peacemakers

Oct 1 to Nov 1 **STRUGGLE AND TRIUMPH ART EXHIBIT**. Metro Hall Rotunda, weekdays through Nov 1st. Paintings chronicle struggle and triumph from the Underground Railroad to contemporary events. www.louisvilleky.gov/mayor

Oct 1 to Nov 30 **MOTOWN IN BLACK AND WHITE**. The Muhammad Ali Center, daily until Nov 30th. Photo exhibit chronicles the exciting music that brought down racial barriers. Visit <http://alicenter.org>

Oct 1 to May 9 **TELLING THE STORY OF ASIA THROUGH HATS**. The Crane House. An exhibit of hats from China, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Central Asia, Japan, Korea and others. Explore Asian cultures and traditions. Visit www.cranehouse.org

Oct 1 (Tues) **SISTERS WHO CARE SUPPORT GROUP**. Northwest Neighborhood Place, 6PM to 8PM. Every Tuesday until Nov 5th. Enhancement, communication training, and family management in a supportive female environment. Call 583-6820 for more information.

Oct 1 (Tues) **THE HANDS-UP BENEFIT**, The Community Services Project, Inc., 5:30PM. Dinner and auction. CSP finds fulfilling job opportunities for persons with disabilities. For more information, call 368.4886.

Oct 1 (Tues) **BLUES TO BLUEGRASS**. Main Public Library, 5:30PM. Six week series on American music led by a UofL Music History professor. Blues, jazz, bluegrass, country, rock, mambo, hip hop, and gospel. Visit www.lfpl.org

Oct 2 (Wed) **DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF FORsooth**. Contact John Hartmann, editor, at 296-1793 or johart.john@gmail.com. *Please email new or updated calendar listings to calendar.peace@gmail.com.*

Oct 2 (Wed) **NATIONAL PEACEMAKERS DAY**. Interfaith Paths to Peace, 6:30PM to 8PM. Presentation of the National Peacemaker of the Year Award. Visit <http://paths2peace.org>

Oct 2 (Wed) **NOONTIME INTERFAITH MEDITATIONS**. Every Wednesday from 12:10 to 12:30 at Christ Church Cathedral, Downtown. Weekly rotation includes Zen Buddhist silence, Lecto Divina, Vipassana Buddhist practices, and Creative Visualization. Visit <http://paths2peace.org>

Oct 2 (Wed) **NATURE PRESERVE VOLUNTEERS**. Blackacre State Nature Preserve and Historic Homestead. Every Wednesday, 9AM to Noon. Help care for gardens, trails, and farmland. Visit www.blackacreconservancy.org

Oct 2 (Wed) **CITIZENSHIP TUTOR**s. Kentucky Refugee Ministries, 6:30 to 8:30PM. Every Wednesday. Also every Thursday, 11AM to 1PM. Help students study for the citizenship exam. Ask about our other volunteer opportunities. Call 479-9180 Ext 57 for more information.

Oct 2 (Wed) **THE LOUISVILLE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM**. Every first Wednesday. Sustainability and relationships that create a community for change. Bring your lunch. Noon to 1:45 PM, Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, the Barn at 1924 Newburg Road.

Oct 2 (Wed) **MEETING OF THE MINDS**. Crescent Hill Public Library, 6PM. Participate in discussions of current issues with your neighbors. Visit www.lfpl.org

Oct 4 (Fri) **THE MORE BEAUTIFUL WORLD OUR HEARTS KNOW IS POSSIBLE**, First Unitarian Church, 7PM. Author Charles Eisenstein discusses political, technological and social change in an age of transition. Visit <https://cultivationingconnections.org>

Oct 4 to 6 **MEDITATION RETREAT BASED ON BUDDHIST TEACHINGS**. Center for Interfaith Relations. Engage in timeless Buddhist teachings. Learn to practice open questioning. Take a fresh look at spirituality. Visit www.dharmata.org

Oct 5 (Sat) **MUSLIM JOURNEYS**. Bon Air Public Library, Saturdays at 1PM and Wednesdays at 6PM. A series of lectures, films, and discussions on Islamic Teachings and Muslim culture. Visit www.lfpl.org

Oct 5 (Sat) **SPEAKING SPANISH**, Iroquois Public Library. Every Saturday, 3PM. An introduction to the language. Meet your neighbors who originated in Spanish speaking countries. Visit www.lfpl.org

Oct 5 (Sat) **LOUISVILLE SOLAR TOUR**. UofL, Noon To 4PM. Tour solar-powered homes and see the future of renewable energy. Visit <http://louisville.edu/sustainability>

Oct 5 (Sat) **LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE**. Every Saturday morning. Also, other days and times. 26 farmers’ markets from California neighborhood to Norton Commons. Visit www.louisvilleky.gov/HealthyHometown

Oct 5 (Sat) **HOME REPAIR VOLUNTEERS**. Fuller Center for Housing of Louisville. Every Saturday. All skill levels. Ask about our other volunteer opportunities. For more information, call 272-1377.

Oct 5 (Sat) **ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB**. Every Saturday at the Iroquois & Newburg Public Library Branches, 3PM. Also Main Library on Thursdays at 7PM. Practice conversational English with neighbors and friends from many parts of the world. Visit www.lfpl.org

Oct 5 (Sat) **SACK LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS**. Every Saturday, 12pm to 2PM, Bates Community Development Corporation, 1228 S. Jackson Street. Call 636-0573 for more information.

Oct 5 (Sat) **CANVASS NEIGHBORHOODS FOR FRESH FOOD**. Saturdays and Sundays. Come join us anytime. Fresh Stop Project volunteers take orders door to door for locally grown fruits and vegetables. Visit <http://newrootsproduce.org>

Oct 5 (Sat) **JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOREST**. Land Stewart Project. Every first Saturday, 9AM to Noon. Also, Wednesdays. Help improve landscape and protect native flora. Gloves, tools, water and on-the-job training provided. Visit www.louisvilleky.gov/metroparks/jeffersonmemorialforest/

Oct 5 (Sat) **JAM FOR WATER STEP**. Benefit performances of Local bands at Captains Quarters on River Road for Water Step, a Louisville-based organization that works for clean water around the world. Visit www.waterstep.org

Oct 6 (Sun) **“AIM HIGHER”** focusing on military counter-recruitment. Every first Sunday at 7 PM, 2236 Kaelin Avenue

at the FOR office. Discuss conscientious objection, military recruitment, and the possibility for high school students to “opt out” of having their names given to recruiters. Call Jim Johnson, 262-0148.

Oct 6 to 27 **THE MOUNTAINTOP**. Actors Theatre of Louisville. An exhausted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., returns from a prophetic speech during the sanitation workers’ strike and is visited by a mysterious maid with a much greater mission than delivering his coffee. Visit www.actorstheatre.org

Oct 7 (Mon) **BICYCLES FOR HEALTH AND CLEANER AIR**. Louisville Bicycle Club, Every Monday, weather permitting. Fat Forty at 8:45AM. Recovery Ride at 6:45PM. Visit www.louisvilleky.gov/bikelouisville.

Oct 7 (Mon) **MALE MENTORING**, Byck Elementary School, 9AM. Other times available. Volunteer once a week to mentor a young male student. For more information, call 485.8862.

Oct 8 (Tues) **FREE HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY SEMINAR**. Energy Pros Sustainable Home Education Group, 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Learn the basics. Visit www.theenergypros.net

Oct 8 (Tues) **GREEN CONVENE**. Every second Tuesday at The Highland Green Building, 6:30PM. Join residents and policy-makers in examining ways to connect the health of our community with our environment. Visit www.greenconvene.org

Oct 8 (Tues) **AMERICANA COMMUNITY CENTER**. Orientation at 7pm every second Tuesday. Learn how you can help immigrant families learn practical skills, join social networks, and improve language skills. Call 366-7813 to RSVP.

Oct 8 (Tues) **MOVIMENIENTO DE MUJERES LATINA -- LATINA WOMEN'S MOVEMENT**, La Casita Center, Every second Tuesday, 5:30PM. Network, mentor, find friends and share. Call 322-4036 for more information.

October 8 to 29 **THOMAS MERTON: THE ECHO OF SILENCE AND PEACE**. Bellarmine University, Sundays, 6PM to 7:30PM. Study Merton’s insights on writing about the echoes of silence you hear. For more information, call 272-8166.

Oct 9 (Wed) **KENTUCKY INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (KITLAC)**. Every second Wednesday at the 1741 Building on Frankfort Avenue. 7:30 PM. For more information, call David Horvath at 479-9262 or Pat Geier at 456-6586.

Oct 9 (Wed) **LOUISVILLE FORUM**. Every 2nd Wednesday, Noon at Vincenzo’s Downtown. Speakers on current public issues. nonpartisan discussion. For details, call 329-0111.

Oct 9 to 13 **PRAYERS IN THE DARK**, Harrods Creek Farm in Oldham County. A retreat for learning ways to deepen your soul-encounter practices and connecting to others. Visit <https://cultivatingconnections.org>

Oct 10 (Thurs) **EMPTY BOWLS**. Bellarmine University, 5:30PM. Soup supper and action for Highland Community Ministries. For more information, call 451-3695.

Oct 10 (Thurs) **REAL PEOPLE, REAL CHALLENGES, REAL SOLUTIONS**. Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter, 4PM. One hour interactive tour of VOA’s work and programs for self-determination. For more information, call 636-4660

Oct 10 (Thurs) **AMERICAN PALESTINE PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM (APPAPF)**. Every second Thursday. A documentary film exploring the situation in Middle East will be presented. 7 PM, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Nelson Hall, Room 119. For more information, call Bashar Masri, 773-1836.

Oct 11 (Fri) **AFRICAN AMERICAN ARCHIVES TOUR**. Western Public Library, 10:30AM. Peruse the African American book collection. Short documentary. Light refreshments. Visit www.lfpl.org

Oct 11 (Fri) **A GLIMPSE OF ETERNITY**. The Louisville Astronomical Society at dusk in Tom Sawyer Park. Every 2nd Friday. Look through telescopes at planets, our moon, stars, double stars, the Orion nebula and other wonders. Visit www.louisville-astro.org

Oct 11 (Fri) **APPALATIN FUSION**, The New Vintage on Preston Street. Hear the Appalachian and Latin fusion of performers hailing from Hazard, Richmond, & Louisville plus Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Guatemala. Visit www.appalatin.com

Oct 11 & 12 **GARVIN GATE BLUES FESTIVAL**. Garvin Place in Old Louisville. 6:30PM to 11PM. Mix into a diverse audience about one mile south of downtown. Feel the Blues together. Visit www.garvingatebluefestival.com

Oct 12 (Sat) **OLMSTEAD PARK VOLUNTEERS**. Iroquois Park, 9AM to Noon. Shawnee Park, Oct 26th. Help maintain and restore our urban forests. Visit www.olmsteadparks.org

Oct 12 (Sat) **EARTHSAVE POTLUCK**. Crescent Hill Ministries, 6PM to 8PM. Every 2nd Saturday. Bring a plant-based dish and share your recipe. Discuss healthy food and behavior change. Mix, mingle, music. For more information call 299-9520.

Oct 12 (Sat) **PEAK OIL**. Every 2nd Saturday, St. Matthews Public Library, 10 AM to Noon. Call George Perkins, 425-6645.

Oct 12 (Sat) **BIRDS, ECOLOGY AND RELATIONSHIPS**. Beckham Bird Club at the Clifton Center, 7PM. Every 2nd Saturday. Deepen your personal relationship with nature by observing and studying local birds. Visit www.beckhambirdclub.org

Oct 12 (Sat) **HEALTHY FOODS, LOCAL FARMS CONFERENCE**. Kentucky Country Day School, All Day. Renown speakers on sustainable methods of food production. Many practical ideas. Visit <http://louisville.edu/sustainability>

Oct 13 (Sun) **VETERANS FOR PEACE**. Every second Sunday, 3PM to 4PM. Heine Bros. Coffee at the Douglas Loop, Call 632-2177 for more information.

Oct 13 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE**. Every second Sunday. A remembrance of all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a sign. 5PM to 6 PM, Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. Sponsored by LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community). For more information, call Harold Trainer at 387-9490.

Oct 14 (Mon) **URBAN LEAGUE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**. Louisville Urban League, Every 2nd Monday, 6PM. Networking opportunities for emerging leaders of all minority backgrounds. Call the Urban League office for more info: 561-6830.

Oct 14 (Mon) **JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM ASSEMBLIES, CLOUT** (Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together) at 7PM. Nineteen diverse congregations assemble to identify for critical community problems for group advocacy this coming year. Visit www.cloutky.org

Oct 14 (Mon) **AUTHOR JAMES MCBRIDE**. Main Public Library, 7PM. The author discusses The Good Lord Bird: A Novel -- the story of a young boy born a slave who joins John Brown’s antislavery crusade. Visit www.lfpl.org

Oct 15 **GROWING FOOD AND COMMUNITY**. 15 Thousand Farmers, at Dismas St. Ann’s on Algonquin Pkwy, the 15th day each month. Share ideas and experiences about growing your own food. Taste samples. Visit www.15thousandfarmers.com

Oct 15 (Tues) **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WORKSHOP**. Every third Tuesday, 11AM to 1PM. Expressions Café at The Council on Developmental Disabilities. Learn how an Individualized Education Program (IEP) is prepared for a child with a disability. Address barriers to inclusion. Call 584-1239

Oct 15 (Tues) **HAND IN HAND MINISTRIES**. Orientation, 7PM. Learn about our immersion trips to Appalachia and the Caribbean and other volunteer opportunities. Visit <http://myhandinhand.org>

Oct 16 (Wed) **INTERNATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION**. Main Public Library, Noon. Read and discuss books from around the world. Visit www.lfpl.org

Oct 16 (Wed) **KENTUCKY POET LAUREATE FRANK X. WALKER**. Main Public Library, 7PM. The author discusses Turn Me Loose: The Unghosting of Medgar Evers – a new book that explores the void left by the horrific slaying of the civil rights activist. Visit www.lfpl.org

Oct 17 (Thurs) **KENTUCKY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE**. Every third Thursday, 5:30PM at First Unitarian Church. Call Kay Tillow 636-1551.

Oct 17 (Thurs) **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN (CASA)**. Orientation. Noon to 1PM. Learn how you can help defend the rights of abused and neglected children in our community. Call 595-4911 to RSVP

Oct 17 (Thurs) **MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT & ADVOCACY**. NAMI Louisville every third Thursday at 3PM. Also Saturdays and Sundays. Support group for families. Draw on years of experience. Visit www.namilouisville.org.

Oct 17 (Thurs) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH**. Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 11:30AM. Recognized speakers on compelling social, political and spiritual subjects. For more information, contact Cathy Ford, 458-1223, fordhoff@bellsouth.net or Polk Culpepper, 948-2077, cathyculpepper@insightbb.com

Oct 17 (Thurs) **FORsooth LABELING**. Presbyterian Seminary, Nelson Hall, Room 10. 6:30 PM. Every 3rd Thursday. We need volunteers! Many hands make light work, and the opposite is also true! So please join us if you can. Call 451-5658 for more information.

Oct 19 (Sat) **KY STATE TREE CLIMBING FESTIVAL**. Olmstead Parks Conservancy at Central Park, 11AM to 5PM. Tree climbing competition, recreational climbing, tree walks, games, food and art. Visit www.olmsteadparks.org

Oct 19 (Sat) **NON-GMO DAY**. Rainbow Blossom stores, 12PM to 4PM. Choose foods that do not contain genetically modified organisms from 1,400 retailers. Visit www.rainbowblossom.com

Oct 21 (Mon) **SOCIAL CHANGE BOOK CLUB**. Every third Monday, Heine Bros., 119 Chenoweth, 6PM. For book list, Visit www.greenlistlouisville.com

Oct 21 to 29 **SUSTAINABILITY WEEK**. UofL, Every day. Activities to raise awareness of sustainability methods. Includes Bluegrass Bioneers Conference, Farm-to-Table Dinner, Gray Street Farmers Market and Arbor Day observance. Visit <http://louisville.edu/sustainability>

Oct 22 (Tues) **FREE NON-PROFIT START UP CLINIC** Center for Nonprofit Excellence, 3:30PM. Learn the fundamentals. Pitfalls to avoid. Visit www.cnpe.org

Oct 22 (Tues) **GREEN NETWORKING**. Louisville Green Drinks, 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Every 4th Tuesday. Meet ecology-minded business people. Exchange ideas. Visit www.greendrinks.org

Oct 23 (Wed) **COMPASSIONATE LOUISVILLE**. Noon, meeting locations rotate. Help monitor the progress of Metro Louisville’s ten-year campaign for compassion. <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/compassionatecity>

Oct 25 to 27 **BLUEGRASS BIONEERS** at Jefferson Community & Technical College. Examine innovative solutions for a sustainable community. Affiliated with the Bioneers Network. Visit <http://bluegrassbioneers.org>

Oct 26 (Sat) **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**. Join thousands of local volunteers working for dozens of service agencies. Coordinated by Metro UnitedWay. Visit www.meteorunitedway.org

OUT OF TOWN

Oct 6 to 9 **ASSOCIATION OF THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION**. Annual Conference at the Nashville Convention Center. UofL participates with many other universities in projects that teach sustainability. Visit <http://louisville.edu/sustainability>

Oct 10 (Thurs) **ADVANCING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN LEXINGTON**. Watershed Watch Program, KY Division of Water. Conference on sources of pollution, storm water runoff, water treatment, natural resources and citizen involvement. Visit <http://kwalliance.org>

Oct 13 (Sun) **THE PRISON, JAIL & REENTRY MINISTRY FALL GATHERING**, Catholic Charities at St. James Catholic Church in E-town, 2PM to 5PM. Learn more about this vital ministry. Speakers and box supper. Call 637-9786 for more information.

Oct 15 to 17 **INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER FOR LIFE**. St. Meinrad Retreat Center. Learn how prayer blends into the substance of life; how it becomes the essence of strength and joy. Visit www.saintmeinrad.org