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The Coffee Party – progressive, civil, coming to town

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

The extremism and incivility of the Tea Party movement won’t be the last word in the 2010 election season, if a group meeting in Louisville for its first convention has any say.

Meet the Coffee Party, a progressive movement, but one which doesn’t call itself the liberal answer to the Tea Party; it stresses openness to dialogue with conservatives. The Coffee Party was founded informally early this year by a casual comment on a video which was shown on You Tube – garnering hundreds of thousands of hits. The party then rapidly grew to have chapters in 49 states.

The Coffee Party will gather Friday, Sept. 24 through Sunday, Sept. 26 at the Galt House hotel, 140 N. 4th St. in downtown Louisville. The organization’s interim chairperson, Sabina Virgo of Los Angeles, said registration is available on site. Costs vary – go to coffeeparty.eventbrite.com for a rundown of prices.

Reservations can also be made by calling (502) 589-5200.

The website describes the Coffee Party’s purpose by saying: “Let’s meet in Louisville for the Great American Con-

versation. Let’s meet to Restore American Democracy. Let’s see where there is common ground across the political divide.”

Toward that end, one program will feature a “Transpartisan Dialogue” with Tea Party activist Amy Kremer, Coffee Party founder Annabel Park and Republican and Democratic party strategists.

Virgo said the founding of the Coffee Party can be traced to an impromptu interview with Park, a Washington, D.C.-based activist and documentary filmmaker. Park was being recorded by another videographer when she expressed frustration over the mean-spirited direction the Tea Party movement was taking the nation.

“She was so concerned about the messages that were ugly messages of the Tea Party... the gridlock and toxicity and the hatred,” Virgo said. “She said ‘Why don’t we start a Coffee Party?’”

The video went out on You Tube and today Coffee Party chapters exist in every state except South Dakota, Virgo added.

Rapid growth has meant some functions have had to be improvised, she said.

“It’s sort of like an organization that was born at age 35. Now it’s sort of backing up to learn how to walk.”

Louisville convention chairperson



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Brian Endicott, a graphic designer from Richmond, Ky., said Louisville landed the gathering after he and others submitted a proposal the Coffee Party accepted after initially leaning toward Chicago as a site.

Endicott, noting the Transpartisan session, stressed that the Coffee Party is not a counter movement to the Tea party, but one which hopes to “change the divisiveness” by creating dialogue between the sides.

“We are as inclusive for Republicans, conservatives and Tea Partiers as we are for Democrats, liberals and Coffee Partiers.”

Like many members, Endicott joined and rose rapidly after initially hearing about the Coffee Party while watching CNN at his home.

“I immediately went to my computer to find out more,” he said.

Aside from the Transpartisan Dialogue, the convention also is to include:

- “Mock Constitutional Convention” – Chaired by Lawrence Lessig of Fix Congress First and Mark McKinnon, communication strategist for McCain 2008.
- ”Federal Budget/Deficit: Three Ways of Looking at the Elephant in the Room” – Presented by Demos, Carolyn Lukensmeyer of AmericaSpeaks & the Concord Coalition
- ”Coffee Vote” – training sessions for “Coffee Vote” our nationally-coordinated program to inform voters and boost voter turn-out in November
- ”Coffee Party Music Jam” – featuring the music of Jonny 5 of Flobots, The Dalliance and many other musicians who wrote songs inspired by the Coffee Party movement.

For more on the Coffee Party movement, go to www.coffeepartyusa.com.

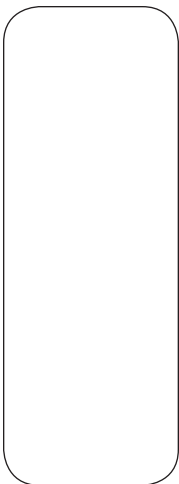


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Eritrea benefit on Oct. 23

by Kip Mackey

Eritrea, a newly independent country in the Horn of Africa, has never been a news maker.

In fact, most people in this region still do not know where the Horn is located.

As with many countries in Africa, the world economic crisis created tremendous hardships for Eritrea’s people. Rising prices for food and fuel, coupled with a lack of good rains, have put many people in dire straits beyond our modern imagination.

Sanctions on Eritrea were installed by the United Nations in January because the U.N. Security Council members said Eritrea has given money and weapons to Islamist insurgents in nearby Somalia.

A resolution supported by 13 of the 15 council members imposed an arms embargo, asset freezes and travel bans on Eritrea and members of the country’s leadership.

Most of the U.N.’s reasons were unsubstantiated and unfair. The Horn is a fragile domain and isolation for a country like Eritrea

does not equate to a measure of engagement that will ensure peace in the region.

On Oct. 23, the non-profit Eritrean Development Foundation will be host to a dinner and give a lifetime achievement award to Dr. Jan Carew. The event will be at the Hotel Louisville at 2nd St. and Broadway at 6 p.m. The tax deductible suggested donation is \$25.

The proceeds will help secure solar units for Eritrean village homes without electricity and needed medical supplies for hospitals.

Dr. Carew has spent his life authoring and championing the struggles of the people of Africa, Asia and Latin America. He has written for Race and Class from England with writers such as Basil Davidson.

The dinner/dance will feature Eritrean and North African food. There will be Jazz and Eritrean music to dance to.

The writer, of Louisville, is a national board member of the Eritrean Development Foundation.

Move north documented

**The Warmth of Other Suns:
The Epic Story of America’s
Great Migration**

by Isabel Wilkerson

reviewed by S.R. Spanyer

Wilkerson recounts the underreported exodus of Afro-Americans from the South during the Jim Crow years, a period ranging from Georgia’s enactment in 1881 of laws forbidding blacks to share street car seating with whites to the L. B. J. years and the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. While memories were yet fresh and the participants still alive, Wilkerson, a former Pulitzer prize-winning writer for The New

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York Times and director of the narrative non-fiction program at Boston University, spent ten years doing research and hundreds of hours conducting interviews.

The result is three factual, novella-like narratives of the lives of individuals whose life stories are stand-ins for the hundreds of people Wilkerson spoke to out of some six million people who left the Cotton Belt for good to settle up the East Coast, in the Midwest, and out West - escapees from Jim Crow to lives of freedom and hope.

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Student asserts Israel’s practices are ethnic cleansing

by Ike Thacker

Israel is an “apartheid state” that brutally practices “ethnic cleansing” of Palestinians, a University of Louisville senior who recently traveled to the Mideast told the Louisville FOR’s Third Thursday Lunch Sept. 16.

U of L anthropology and Spanish major Brett McGrath’s trip was subsidized by the FOR, Jewish Voice for Peace, the Committee for Peace in the Middle East, and other groups.

McGrath has previous international experience, particularly in Guatemala.

In his report on this part of the Mideast, McGrath argued mostly from examples gleaned during his trip but also with appropriate statistics that Israel is an apartheid state practicing “ethnic cleansing” of Palestinians, most importantly in Palestine itself, where the population had been overwhelmingly Palestinian/Arab since Ottoman times. In developing this argument, made through an effectively-shown video presentation supplemented by extensive verbal commentary from



photo courtesy Russ Greenleaf
Brett McGrath

McGrath, the U of L student quoted the United Nations’ definitions of “apartheid” and “ethnic cleansing;” showed many slides

of exploited and brutalized Palestinians; cited several telling statistics; and closed with dramatic movie-style video of Israeli bulldozers actually destroying Palestinian tents and homes.

McGrath called one train linking Israel proper with the illegal settlements “the apartheid train;” compared Israel’s laws regarding Palestinians to Jim Crow laws in the U.S. South; and cited an Israeli professor’s comparison of Israel to Nazi Germany, going on to talk of how “regular people” did horrific things in both societies. During the question-and-answer session that followed McGrath’s talk, one audience member who has been to the Middle East more than once himself, Ira Grupper, gently called the U of L student to task on this point, noting that we have to convince the American people as a whole, many of whom would be repulsed by such language.

Some of the most important statistics cited by McGrath, which were the strength of his talk even though they constituted relatively little of it, were that 42 percent of the West Bank is populated with illegal Israeli settlements; that 11.9 percent of that

West Bank was effectively annexed by the building of The Wall; that nearly six times as many Palestinians as Israelis have been killed in the struggle between these two groups in the past 10 years (6,348 versus 1,072); that the population of Palestinians in Israel is growing three times as fast as that of Israel as a whole (4.5 percent versus 1.5 percent); and that nearly 25,000 Palestinian homes have been destroyed by Israel since 1967.

McGrath also showed the familiar map of the dramatic loss of land by Palestinians from 1946 to 2009.

Most of McGrath’s presentation, though, was taken up with showing pictures of things he had actually seen during his trip, notably of a section of East Jerusalem called Sheikh Jarrah, which is occupied territory under international law, but from which many Palestinians who had been living there since 1956 have simply been forcibly evicted; and of course of the city of Hebron, where the brutal “apartheid” nature of Israel’s occupation is especially evident and poignant.

McGrath said that what we as ordinary citizens can do to effect change in Palestine is similar to what most of the rest of the world did to bring apartheid in South Africa to its knees in the early 1990s: Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions, or “BDS.”

McGrath mentioned Nature Valley, Nature Valley’s parent company General Mills, Pillsbury, and Motorola (the last of which provides communication services to the Israeli military) as companies whose products should be avoided. Only thus, perhaps, can we avoid the frequent repetition of the plight of one Palestinian town which has been destroyed by Israel and bravely rebuilt itself *four times*, only to very recently be demolished a fifth time by Israeli bulldozers and tanks. *Shalom*, indeed!

The writer, of Louisville, is an advocate for political, social and economic justice, focusing especially on housing issues.



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Wilkerson, Jill Lepore wrote in The New Yorker (9/6/2010), found precedents in writers for the Works Progress Administration Federal Writers' Project of the 1930s - writers including Saul Bellow, Zora Neale Hurston, John Cheever, Ralph Ellison and Richard Wright - before Congress shuttered the project in the conviction that it was a Communist front.

These writers interviewed ordinary people and documented first-hand accounts of slavery, again while former slaves were yet alive, and produced "some eight hundred books, including A Treasury of American Folklore and ... These Are Our Lives ... not counting the novels, though, which is where a lot of those interviews wound up."

Lepore mentions novels like Invisible Man (1952) by Ellison and Black Boy: A

Record of Childhood and Youth (1945) by Wright. It is Wright's autobiographical prose fiction which gave Wilkerson her title: "I was taking a part of the South to transplant in alien soil, to see if it could grow differently, if it could drink of new and cool rains, bend in strange winds, respond to the warmth of other suns, and, perhaps, to bloom." Lepore sums up the work: "[Wilkerson's] deeply affecting, finely crafted and heroic book can be read as an elegant homage to Wright's 12 Million Black Voices: A Folk History of the Negro in the United States." The book is, writes Lepore, "the story of ... three lives, told, really, as an act of love."

The Warmth of Other Suns might be just the book for our own readers' autumn reading. Here are other voices on the book.



The National Examiner calls The Warmth of Other Suns "a stunning history of literary quality."

"History is rarely distilled so finely," writes Entertainment Weekly of Wilkerson's book, "[it is] an indelible and compulsively readable portrait of race, class, and politics in 20th-century America."

The avant garde Politics & Prose Bookstore & Coffeehouse of Washington D. C. praises Wilkerson's work as "an indelible and compulsively readable portrait of race, class, and politics in 20th-century America."

Publisher's Weekly says, "The drama, poignancy, and romance of a classic immigrant saga pervade this book, hold the reader in its grasp, and resonate long after the reading is done."

O Magazine praises the book: "Each narrative becomes a rich novella thanks to Wilkerson's instinct for pacing and for her subjects' idiosyncrasies. Scholarly but very

readable, this book, for all its rigor, is so absorbing, it should come with a caveat: Pick it up only when you can lose yourself entirely."

Progressive Berkley-based radio station KPFA 94.1 says: "It will stand as a classic of narrative journalism and of modern American history."

Toni Morrison calls the work "profound, necessary and an absolutely compelling read."

Cornel West says, "Isabel Wilkerson's book is a masterful narrative of the rich wisdom and deep courage of a great people. Don't miss it."

David Oshinsky, writing in the New York Times Sunday Book Review, calls The Warmth of Other Suns "a massive and masterly account of the Great Migration."

The reviewer is an FOR member living in Louisville.



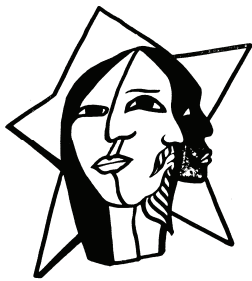
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You can see a video of Daira here: <http://witnessforpeace.org/daira>

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Downtown Diner, 1989

Mike from Odessa
Fills my drinking glass
As dutifully as he served
The state as a manager
Of a winery in the Baltics
Where passive-aggressive
Workers simply wouldn't
Obey the orders of this
Occupying Russian.

Today, as Mike clears
Plates off a nearby table
In what is strictly
His own enterprise,
Karl Marx and Adam Smith
Are back in the kitchen
Fiercely debating what
This scene means.

At my table, the
Greatest debate is over
Whether to have the
Egg salad or the BLT.
I ask Mike about
Gorbachev's changes.
"Nothing will change.
Same people will
Run Soviet Union."

Two years later, he
Only slightly amended
That to: "Same people
Will run Russia."
He then cuts the media
Prattle down to size,
Telling me that friends
200 miles from Moscow
Didn't even know
The coup or its heralded
Collapse even happened.
I choose the egg salad.

— George Morrison

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September 16	Brett McGrath This is the fifth anniversary of the call by Palestinian civil society for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it complies with international law and Palestinian rights. UofL Student Brett McGrath recently traveled to Palestine with Students for Justice in Palestine and will report on the establishment and growth of BDS, a global movement for accountability and the upholding of international law.
October 21	Donald Vish Donald Vish, Director of Outreach, Education and Advocacy with the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, will address "The Death Penalty in Kentucky: Its Past and Future". Since 1956, Kentucky has executed four people, two of whom dropped their appeals and asked to be executed. Now, the governor has three death warrants on his desk waiting for action. What is next for capital punishment in Kentucky? And what can you do?
November 18	Sandra Crismon and Joan Frisz Joan Frisz, Executive Director of Just Creations, and Sandra Crismon, Education Coordinator, will talk about artisan cooperatives in Peru with which the store has had relationships for many years. Joan will report on her August 2010 trip to Peru with Partners for Just Trade and share slides from the trip. Art from the cooperatives will be available for sale. "Now that I'm in a Fair Trade group, every aspect of my life has changed: economically, how I live, work, feel...everything." B. Flores, Peru.
January 20	Christopher 2X Community peacemaker and youth advocate Christopher 2X will speak on "The Idea of Reconciliation". He will discuss his efforts to bring together for face-to-face meetings the perpetrators of violence in our community and the victims of that violence (along with the loved ones of those victims) in an effort to seek reconciliation.

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Twin horrors: US unemployment, Mideast occupation

We focus in this column on the struggle to combat growing unemployment in the United States, and on the horror that is the occupation by Israel of Palestinian land in the Middle East.

Of every 100 people in the U.S., a little over 14 are living in poverty. For workers aged 18-24 it is the highest rate of impoverishment since 1965, and overall it is the highest official rate since 1994.

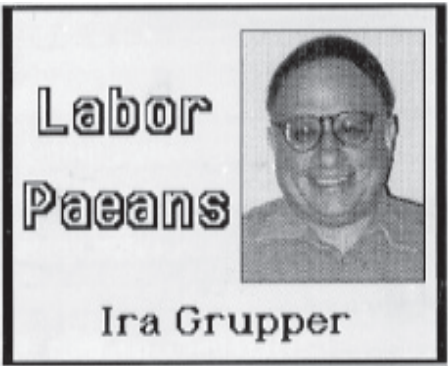
In this, the richest nation on earth, 48 of every 100 African-American teenagers are unemployed. Banks and other mortgage providers have recently foreclosed on 95,364 units, the highest number since the beginning of the housing crisis.

President Obama had maddeningly wasted a year or so trying to suck up to the stonewalling phalanx of Republican Party yahoos. Finally, in disgust, and seeing misinformed white workers blaming him and “big government,” and embracing Tea Party neo-fascists, he suggested programs to deal with this.

Meanwhile, the working class was left to figure things out for itself. Organized labor was not organizing on a large scale, the Employee Free Choice Act became an apparition, elections for union representation dropped by 60 percent, and there were large losses in private sector union membership. Organized labor and progressive groups, until recently, and with some notable exceptions, were seemingly catatonic.

One positive note centers around Congressman John Conyers, and his “21st Century Full Employment and Training Act.” This act is patterned after pioneering legislation pushed by organized labor and civil rights groups in 1978, and signed into law by then-president Jimmy Carter: The Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act (also called The Humphrey-Hawkins Act).

If the private sector was unable to create a full-employment society through gradual economic growth after ten years, the act would obligate the government to step in and create “last resort jobs” to fill the employment gap. Unfortunately, and not surprisingly, a coalition of Republicans and pro-business Democrats was able to



successfully weaken the bill.

Forward to the present. Representative Conyers has introduced legislation tailored to fit our current economic realities, while also embodying the spirit of the original Humphrey-Hawkins legislation: the “21st

Representative Conyers has introduced legislation tailored to fit our current economic realities, while also embodying the spirit of the original Humphrey-Hawkins legislation: the “21st Century Full Employment and Training Act.”

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The act aims to create a full employment society over the next decade: 9 percent unemployment after 6 months; 8 percent unemployment after 2 years; 6 percent unemployment after 5 years; 5 percent unemployment after 8 years; and 4 percent unemployment (full employment) after 10 years (is 4 percent full employment?).

The act establishes a “Full Employment and Training Trust Fund” with two separate accounts. These two accounts will direct funding to job creation and training programs.

Meanwhile, there is hunger. And while our domestic policies stagnate, so too do our international relations. The Israeli-Palestinian crisis is a case in point.

Your columnist comes from parents born into Orthodox Judaism, never having any knowledge of the Palestinian people,

let alone their just struggle for a homeland, until I was fully grown.

The 1960s civil rights group SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee), on whose staff I proudly served, began to take stands on international issues. I, embarrassed at my lack of knowledge of the struggles of Palestinians and Jews in the Middle East, began to read. I support justice for the Jewish people. I learned, to my horror, about Torquemada and the Spanish Inquisition of the 15th century, about the Alhambra Decree, which expelled the Jews from Spain in 1492.

But Palestinian Arabs did not cause this, and Palestinians in the last century did not cause the Holocaust. The government of Israel has, in effect, extracted reparations from the Palestinians instead of the Nazis and Fascists in Europe, much like the U.S.

dumping endless bombs on the people of Iraq, even when no weapons of mass destruction or Al Qaeda armies could be found in Iraq.

I was in Cairo, Egypt, last December, part of 1,400 internationals from 43 countries trying to enter the Gaza Strip in solidarity with the Palestinians walled-in by the Israeli government, slowly starving.

It was there I met Mick Napier, leader of the Scottish Palestinian Solidarity Campaign. Mick and four compatriots had interrupted an August 2008 Edinburgh Festival concert by the Jerusalem Quartet. Tours by the classical musicians are regularly sponsored by the Israeli government, which the campaign group claims makes them a legitimate target for protest.

The campaigners had been charged with making “racially aggravated conduct,”

and “comments about Jews, Israelis, and the State of Israel,” but during a three-day legal debate at Edinburgh Sheriff Court, a BBC audio recording of the event revealed that there had been no reference made to “Jews.” Comments included “They are Israeli Army musicians,” “End the Siege of Gaza” and more.

Sheriff James Scott ruled that “the comments were clearly directed at the State of Israel, the Israeli Army, and Israeli Army musicians,” and not targeted at “citizens of Israel” per se. Although upbeat, Napier expressed concern over prosecutions still taking place elsewhere in the UK. Space does not permit more information about the work of the Scottish Palestinian Solidarity Campaign. We in the United States have a lot to learn about successful struggle from our sisters and brothers across the pond.

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, has just ended: “...there shall be a sabbath for you, a remembrance with shofar (ram’s horn) blasts, a holy convocation”: Leviticus 16:24. Listen, equally, to my beloved friends in Rabbis for Human Rights, in Israel: “This evening a group of concerned and troubled Israeli (Jews) went to recite slihot (penitential) prayers and then stand silently in front of the Palestinian homes in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarakh that have been taken over by Israeli (Jews), and the additional homes now in the midst of court proceedings which could lead to more expulsions (of Palestinians).

“(T)here is evidence the courts did not review when expelling the families, and that the Israeli legal system has sanctioned the expulsion based on suspect pre-1948 Jewish claims, while denying the expelled Palestinian families an equal opportunity to reclaim their pre-1948 homes. The Jewish tradition calls that eifah v’eifah, a double standard.”

I take my stand with these courageous rabbis, who see both Palestinians and Jews as human beings. They know that either we will live together, or we will die together. And let the congregation say “amen.”

Contact Ira Grupper at Irag@iglou.com.

Louisville FOR struggled with racial equality in 1940s

Following are excerpts from an essay written in the Journal of Southern History in May by historian Rhonda Lee about the Louisville FOR chapter that existed in the 1940s.

Lee has researched faith-based peace and justice movements.

In January 1942, Constance Rumbough, southern secretary for the national Fellowship of Reconciliation, visited the Louisville branch of the nation’s oldest, largest pacifist organization. Since its founding the year before, the Louisville Fellowship of Reconciliation (LFOR), located in a city only thirty-five miles from the U.S. Army base at Fort Knox, had struggled to express effectively its opposition to World War II.

At a meeting on January 13, 1942, a few weeks after the United States had entered the war, Rumbough challenged the LFOR to move beyond providing famine relief for war-torn Europe and supporting conscientious objectors; she urged the members to make pacifism “a way of life, taking in the whole of life.”

She recommended several relatively straightforward steps: acquiring first aid training; carrying out work projects; working in cooperatives; and building “inner strength, thru meditation and fellowship.” Rumbough also exhorted members to transform their religious beliefs into actions that would promote domestic justice and peace. Specifically, she urged that “individually and voluntarily we lower our standard of living” so that “we may become identified with the dispossessed” and, crucially, that the all-white organization “give attention to inter-racial problems, and make an effort to get more negro members for our group.”

The minutes of that meeting do not detail the participants’ questions, but it is recorded that Rumbough’s presentation

sparked a discussion that lasted until 10:45 P.M., long after the group’s usual adjournment time. The LFOR had invited Rumbough, who worked out of the FOR’s Nashville office, to advise them about their position as a political minority opposed to a popular war.

Rather than providing the Louisville group with guidelines that would reduce the tensions they experienced in a segregated city with strong military ties, Rumbough informed them that, to live up to their pacifist calling, they must take greater personal and political risks. As a white woman who had worked for the passage of a federal anti-lynching law, had lived on an interracial cooperative farm that provided refuge for members of the Southern Tenant Farmers’ Union, and later, in 1944, would direct the Tennessee campaign of Norman Thomas, presidential candidate of the Socialist Party, Rumbough spoke with the authority of one who had faced daunting challenges.

Her charge to the Louisville FOR members was clear: in order to live out the beliefs that had drawn them to the national Fellowship of Reconciliation, they would need to forge relationships across racial and economic divides, confronting not only the war, in which they refused to engage, but also segregation, within which they moved, breathed, and lived every day.

Ultimately, the Louisville Fellowship of Reconciliation did not rise to that challenge. During its short life, between 1941 and 1945, the group attempted only halfheartedly to implement the national FOR’s fledgling program of nonviolent direct action against racial segregation.

This account of the LFOR shows the powerful role of local context and culture in inhibiting the domestic mission of the country’s largest, oldest pacifist association.

Part of the history of what Jacquelyn Dowd Hall has termed “the long civil rights movement,” the story is not an uplifting tale. Rather, it contributes to Hall’s project of making “civil rights harder. Harder to celebrate as a natural progression of American values. Harder to cast as a satisfying morality tale. Most of all, harder to simplify, appropriate, and contain.”

The brief history of the World War II-era Louisville Fellowship of Reconciliation sheds light on why the FOR as a whole occupies a marginal place in the historiography of the civil rights movement, despite the commitment to racial justice of many of its high-profile members.

In his germinal 1984 study, The Origins of the Civil Rights Movement, Aldon D. Morris sounds the keynotes of the historiography on the FOR. Including the Fellowship of Reconciliation in the category of “movement halfway houses,” Morris recognizes the FOR as the parent group of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and credits it with providing paid staff’, nonviolence training, and intelligence-gathering services to the movement as it gathered strength in the 1950s.

The local case studies that extend Morris’s project by focusing on the history of grassroots organizing for civil rights—among them Clayborne Carson’s In Struggle, David L. Chappell’s Inside Agitators, John Dittmer’s Local People, and John Egerton’s Speak Now Against the Day—refer only briefly to the FOR and focus instead on CORE.

Charles M. Payne’s I’ve Got the Light of Freedom, which recognizes CORE as part of the “left wing” of the movement in Mississippi, does not mention the FOR. The study that gives the most attention to the FOR, Wesley C. Hogan’s Many Minds, One

Heart: SNCC’s Dream for a New America, discusses the organization as a pioneer of the sit-in tactic in the 1940s and as a “channel for transmission of Gandhian practices to [the] United States” but also focuses primarily on CORE as the progenitor of nonviolence in the civil rights movement....

Constance Rumbough’s prodding of the Louisville Fellowship of Reconciliation was part of a concerted effort by the national FOR during World War II to expand the organization’s focus to include domestic as well as international affairs and to broaden the definition of the Fellowship’s core values.

For the Christians and few Jews who constituted the FOR’s membership, reconciliation meant living out the commandment to love God, and one’s neighbor as oneself, primarily by refusing to sanction or engage in war. As difficult as that commitment had always been, the national FOR asked something more of its local chapters in the 1940s--something that was infinitely more complicated and risky, a nonviolent assault on racial segregation.

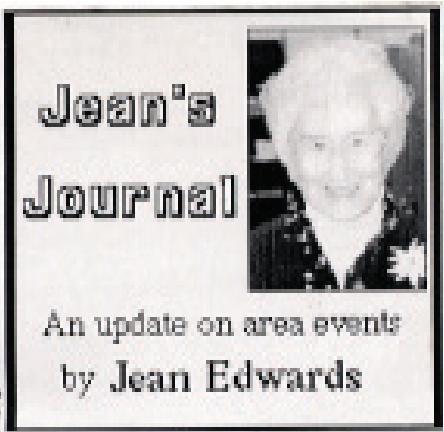
Inspired by Gandhi’s movement for Indian independence, A. J. Muste, the FOR national secretary, and Bayard Rustin and James Farmer, FOR field organizers, were developing a theory and practice of nonviolent direct action to use against the racial segregation that was the foundation of southern society and that permeated the entire country.

Despite their failure to address racial oppression in Gandhian terms, LFOR members rose to the challenges of supporting conscientious objectors and providing famine relief to Nazi-occupied Europe, and beginning in 1942 they also sought to answer the national FOR’s call to engage with issues of peace and justice at the local

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FOCUS ON COLOMBIA

As I was in the process of deciding how to approach this topic, remembering the contacts we had with Colombia when the leader of the pacifist Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado came to speak in Louisville, and remembering when our cochair Erik Vidal in 2004 traveled to visit this community, making the last part of the journey on horseback, and remembering how sad we were when eight members of the peace community were murdered by Colombian soldiers, and remembering Erik’s work in helping to find an American to “accompany” the small community, --- at this point in my deliberation our mail carrier arrived bringing me a copy of Fellowship magazine published by the national FOR.



For the rest of the day I was in a trance. This issue of Fellowship has many fine articles including just what I needed, a major report by John Lindsay-Poland entitled “U.S. Assistance to the Colombian Army and Extrajudicial Killings.” (John is director for research and analysis at the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Nyack, NY with two decades of experience in FOR work in Latin America).

In his carefully documented article, John cites data on extrajudicial killings compiled by the Human Rights Observatory of the Coordinacion Colombia-Europa-Estados Unidos (CCEEU) as he seeks to understand how it is that “US Military Security Assistance,” totaling billions of dollars, continues to flow to units with histories of abuse in Colombia.

The Leahy Law, enacted in 1997, prohibits assistance to any foreign security force unit if the State Department has credible evidence that the unit has committed gross human rights violations. If there is credible evidence that a security force unit proposed for or receiving US assistance has engaged in gross violations of human rights, the US government must bring the case to the attention of the Colombian government and make a decision to provide, continue, or discontinue assistance based on the Colombian government’s efforts to bring those responsible to justice. In the case of training provided by the US Department of Defense, the State Department must bring the case to DOD’s attention, which makes a determination on how to proceed based on nearly the same criteria.

However, John found that US officials neglected their duties under the Leahy Law, and that many Colombian military units committed even more extrajudicial killings during and after the highest levels of US assistance to those units. In spite of the large number of such killings, many units continued to receive assistance.

Human rights investigations are largely the responsibility of US embassy staff, but how can they determine whether units should receive assistance where there are high numbers of reported violations for which the responsible unit has not been identified?

“The Leahy Law is a very important mechanism to ensure that US military aid does not end up in the hands of security force units credibly reported to have committed gross violations of human rights.” We must write our representatives and point out that, unless more rigorous investigation is undertaken, thousands of civilians will continue to lose their lives in Colombia.

Calendar (continued from back page) OUT OF TOWN

- Oct 26-27 (Tues-Wed) **WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION TO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAICS.** Led by Chris LaForge. Sponsored by Appalachia - Science in the Public Interest, \$225. No prerequisite required. In Frankfort at the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Office. For more information, visit www.kysolar.org, or call 502-227-4562.
- Nov 18-21 (Thurs-Sun) **20TH ANNIVERSARY VIGIL TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS.** Thousands will gather at the gates of Fort Benning to call for shutting down the School of the Americas and ending the oppressive U.S. foreign policy that the school represents. Join us this November as we remember, in solemnity, the victims, and as we grow stronger than ever before in our resistance. For more information, visit: www.soaw.org.
- Nov 10-19. **EXPERIENCE EL SALVADOR: LOUISVILLE-BASED DELEGATION.** A delegation/pilgrimage is currently in the planning stage for these tentative dates. Cost will approximately be \$1700, including airfare. The itinerary will include places made holy by the sacrifice of the martyrs: Oscar Romero, four women religious, and Rutilio Grande. Plans are being made to meet with those who knew and worked with Romero, and the delegation will also participate in events commemorating the assassination of the six Jesuits. For more information, contact Father Jim Flynn jflynn502@aol.com.

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level. Like most branches of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Louisville chapter did not engage in nonviolent direct action. In 1945, however, the group metamorphosed into an interracial project called the “Fellowship Hour,” which lasted for decades. The Fellowship Hour convened religious gatherings that pushed beyond the boundaries of what most southern Christians were willing to attempt but fell short of the vision of the beloved community that motivated their more radical colleagues. The two dozen activists who founded the Louisville chapter of FOR in January 1941 were reaching out, from their base in a city with a heritage of racial tension, to establish common ground with an international network of pacifists that had been active since 1914. The FOR had been founded that year by British and German Protestants who had been attending an international conference of Christians seeking to prevent the outbreak of war that ended with the news that the war had started. Reaffirming their commitment to theological values that transcended the politics of the moment, two of the participants

shook hands as they were leaving, vowing never “to sanction war or violence” and affirming “that they were ‘one in Christ and can never be at war.’” The Fellowship of Reconciliation was formally named later that year in Cambridge, England; the American branch, headquartered in New York City, followed in 1915. By 1937, there were about sixty local fellowships across the country, and four years later, as calls for the United States to enter World War II grew louder, the national FOR’s membership and economic resources multiplied. Its budget increased by an average of 30 percent a year between 1941 and 1943, and by the end of 1943 its total membership was 14,000 persons, many of whom met regularly in one of 450 local chapters across the country. Most of those members were Christians, some were Jewish, and others were unaffiliated with any faith. By 1944, the dues of local chapters supported a national FOR staff of twenty people.

PRESBYTERIAN PEACE FELLOWSHIP ADOPTS NEW COLOMBIA ADVOCACY NETWORK

For several years, the Colombia Accompaniment Program for Peace has been a major accomplishment of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (PPF), cosponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA) World Mission, and by the Presbyterian Church of Colombia. Serving as an Accompanier in Colombia is a life-changing experience. The new director is Linda Eastwood, 216-502-5434 or colombia@presbypeacefellowship.org The next Accompaniment Training will be at the Stony Point Conference Center, October 7-11, 2010. Disheartening news: The Obama administration has leased seven military bases in Colombia. Letters to our representatives should urge the US government to suspend the use of these bases because they will increase violence within Colombia, be perceived as a violation of Colombian sovereignty, and sow distrust throughout the region. The free trade agreement between Colombia and the US continues to be a threat, Passage of such an agreement in its current form will increase the number of displaced people by forcing small scale farmers and their families off their land to add to the four million displaced people. Plan Colombia financing, which has now reached over \$7 billion, has failed to eradicate coca, or decrease the flow of cocaine. It has forced millions of people from their homes. These funds could be more effectively used to support development efforts rather than military ones.

FACTORY HOG FARM OPPOSED

During the week of September 14, 2010, the Rochester, Illinois, Buckhart Action Group (RBAGroup), a coalition of citizens from Sangamon County, won a major legal victory against an industrial hog factory producer for corporate giant, Cargill. Judge Leslie J. Graves of the Seventh Judicial Circuit agreed with the RBAGroup in that there was no basis for the factory farmer’s claims that he was entitled to alleged damages amounting to nearly \$300,000.00 as a result of a preliminary injunction obtained by the group to stop construction of the facility. Instead, the Court awarded the Defendant \$500.00 in damages. Several years ago Rochester area citizens became concerned for their health, quality of life, and property values due to a proposed hog CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) to be constructed near their homes. For years the RBAGroup diligently utilized their personal time and resources to oppose Robert Young’s use of a legal loophole to build a hog factory in their neighborhood without adequate oversight. The group challenged the Illinois Department of Agriculture’s failure to require adequate setbacks from residences and environmental safeguards.

Danielle Diamond, Attorney, Illinois Citizens for Clean Air & Water, 181 Illinois Street, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. Tel: 815/403-0278. ddiamond@iccaw.org Visit www.iccaw.org Many thanks to the Rev. Greg Moore for sending us this press release.



FINANCIAL REPORT	
August 2010	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$14,418.23
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The Louisville FOR was part of that growth. “Notes from the Field” in the March 1941 issue of Fellowship, the magazine of the FOR, marked the chapter’s founding and declared, “This group ... promises to become one of our most alert branches.” The only surviving LFOR membership list, from 1942, shows that the group had more sympathizers than declared members: 30 members, compared with 43 “friends.” From this list one can infer that in Louisville most people involved with the LFOR were not prepared to go on record as pacifists, which limited the group’s membership and the scope of the projects it could undertake. As many as 200 people attended a speech entitled “Personal Religion and World Problems” given by Kirby Page, a national FOR activist, at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in March 1941, but after the United States entered the war such large gatherings were only a memory.... When the activists who formed the Louisville Fellowship of Reconciliation first

met in January 1941, their minds were set on the war raging in Europe, not on battles that Americans would soon fight over civil rights at home. They came together after Muriel Lester, an English pacifist referred to as the “ambassador-at-large” for the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, spoke at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary during “National Christian Mission” week. Encouraged by the turnout for Lester’s talk, Dean Elwood L. Haines of Louisville’s Christ Church Cathedral called a meeting to organize a Louisville chapter. A few evenings later, twenty-two residents of Louisville and of New Albany across the Ohio River in Indiana gathered at the Episcopal cathedral in downtown Louisville. Dean Haines presided over that first meeting. A veteran of World War I, he was on record as a pacifist and a member of FOR. He would be the only Louisvillian among the 1,900 Christian clergymen to sign a “Ministers’ Covenant” declaring war and Christianity “irreconcilable,” published in Fellowship in the summer of 1941.

Calendar for peacemakers

Oct 3 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE.** Every first Sunday. The vigil is in remembrance of all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a candle. 5-6 PM, Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. Sponsored by LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community). For more information, call Harold Trainer at 387-9490.

Oct 6 (Wed) **THE LOUISVILLE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM.** Meets the first Wednesday of each month. The forum’s purpose is to hold and promote the intention of sustainability for Louisville; establish and nourish relationships that strengthen community and create change; and create a space for discussion that inspires, motivates and deepens our ability to catalyze social change. Bring your lunch and enjoy the company of like-minded community members. Noon to 1:45 PM, Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, The Barn at 1924 Newburg Road.

Oct 7 (Thurs) **BENEFIT CONCERT FEATURING DAVID ROVICS.** Proceeds to benefit musician Anne Feeney and also the Gaza Freedom Flotilla. 7-9 PM, Rudyard Kipling, 422 West Oak. Sliding scale, \$5-\$25. For more information, call Nancy at 939-3698 or Sonja at 558-5568.

Oct 8 (Fri) **BLUES & BBQ: A FUNDRAISER FOR FAIRNESS.** Featuring Lamont Gillispie & 100 Proof Blues Band. \$15 admission. 7 PM- 11 PM, American Legion, Highland Post, 2919 Bardstown Road. Tickets available in advance by calling 893-0788, or at the door. Sponsored by the Fairness Campaign.

Oct 8-10 (Fri-Sun) **KFTC ANNUAL MEETING:** “Our Stories: The Building Blocks of New Power.” Learn about how to use storytelling for social change! Faubush, Kentucky. For more information or to register, visit: www.kftc.org or call 606-878-2161.

Oct 9 (Sat) **PEAK OIL.** Every 2nd Saturday, Main Library, 4th & York, Mezzanine, Boardroom. 9 AM. Call George Perkins, 425-6645.

Oct 10 (Sun) **INTRODUCTION TO THE QUAKERS.** During Unity of Louisville’s regular 9 AM and 11 AM services, a special program will be presented as a part of the on-going “Introduction to World Religions” program. Sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace, Unity of Louisville, and the Rainbow Spiritual Education Center. The public is also invited to join in an in-depth, 90-minute discussion of the religion at the Rainbow Center on the following Tuesday evening at 7 PM. Unity is located at 757 South Brook; the Rainbow Center is located at 2701 Lindsay Avenue (Clifton Heights). For more information, please visit www.paths2peace.org or call 214-7322.

Oct 10 (Sun) **“AIM HIGHER”** focusing on military counter-recruitment. Every 2nd Sunday at 7 PM, 2236 Kaelin Avenue at the FOR office. This group welcomes invitations to speak about 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 11 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF FORsooth.** Contact George Morrison, editor, at 454-2752, or klm86@att.net.

Note: Please email new or updated calendar listings to calendar.peace@gmail.com, or call Nikki at 742-5879.

Oct 13-15 (Wed-Fri) **KY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE.** Kentucky International Convention Center, 221 South Fourth Street. For more information, visit www.kchr.ky.gov.

Oct 13 (Wed) **THOMAS MERTON AND DOROTHY DAY: A SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP.** A lecture by James Forest, friend of Dorothy Day, former General Secretary of the International FOR, and currently secretary of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship. 7 PM, Frazier Hall, Bellarmine University. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Merton Center at 452-8187.

Oct 14 (Thurs) **POTLUCK AND CONVERSATION WITH JAMES FOREST.** Join us for an informal gathering with James Forest, friend of Dorothy Day, former General Secretary of the International FOR, and currently secretary of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship. 6:30 PM, Central Presbyterian Church basement, 318 West Kentucky. For more information, contact the Merton Center at 452-8187.

Oct 14 (Thurs) **APPAF** (American Palestine Public Affairs Forum). Every second Thursday. A documentary film exploring the situation in Middle East will be presented. 6:30 PM, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, Room 119. For more information, call Bashar Masri, 773-1836.

Oct 14 (Thurs) **THE FDR/LINCOLN LEGACY CLUB.** Meets the second Thursday of the month, for those interested in learning about fair trade and the American system of economics of Hamilton and Clay. 6:30 PM, 1838 Frankfort Ave. For more information, contact John Miller at papajohn15@bellsouth.net.

Oct 15 (Fri) **ST. JOHN CENTER 14TH ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF SCRAMBLE.** Features a silent auction and prizes for all golfers! 11:30 AM, Shelbyville Country Club, 47 Smithfield Road, Shelbyville, Ky. For more information or to register, call Bill Lockard at 491-2807 or Dan Lockard at 212-0602. Registration deadline is October 1st.

Oct 16 (Sat) **“LETTERS TO A GREEN LIBERAL: THOMAS MERTON’S CALL TO ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITY.”** A day conference on Thomas Merton and ecology, including featured speakers: Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Kiener, Dr. Kathleen Deignan, Dennis Patrick O’Hara, and Dr. Monica Weis. 9 AM-5 PM, Bellarmine University. For more information or to register, visit www.merton.org or call 452-8187.

Oct 17 (Sun) **LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES.** Every third Sunday. First Unitarian Church, 4th & York Streets, 3 PM. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Oct 17 (Sun) **FACE THE DISPLACED.** Daira *Quiñones Preciado*, a leader in the Afro Colombian displaced movement, will share her community’s story of displacement due to drug war fueled conflict in Colombia. Daira is a musician, storyteller and community organizer who was forced from her home by gunmen. Learn about Colombia’s internally displaced (the largest in the world) and how their situation is connected to the failed drug war in the U.S. and Latin America. 6:30-8:30 PM, Old Louisville Coffeehouse, Fourth and Hill Streets. Sponsored by KITLAC and Witness for Peace. For more information, call Amy at 424-3444 or Jim at 681-6603.

Oct 18 (Mon) **FACE THE DISPLACED.** Daira *Quiñones Preciado*, a leader in the Afro Colombian displaced movement,

will share her community’s story of displacement due to drug war fueled conflict in Colombia. (See above for more information.) 6-8 PM, University of Louisville Floyd Theatre-Student Activities Center (the building with the clock tower). Parking is available in the UofL garage on Floyd Street. Speaker and discussion followed by a reception. Sponsored by KITLAC and Witness for Peace. For more information, call Amy at 424-3444 or Jim at 681-6603.

Oct 21 (Thurs) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH.** Donald Vish, Director of Outreach, Education and Advocacy with the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, will present, “The Death Penalty in Kentucky: Its Past and Future.” Since 1956, Kentucky has executed four people, two of whom dropped their appeals and asked to be executed. Now, the governor has three death warrants on his desk awaiting action. What is next for capital punishment in Kentucky? And what can you do? Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 West Oak Street. Buffet lunch at 11:30 AM; presentation at noon. \$6. Sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation and Interfaith Paths to Peace. For reservations contact Jean Edwards at 458-8056 or edwardsfor@bellsouth.net or Cathy Ford at 458-1223 or fordhoff@bellsouth.net.

Oct 21 (Thurs) **KENTUCKY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE.** Every third Thursday, 5:30 PM. Main Library, 4th & York Streets, Mezzanine Board Room. Call Kay Tillow, 636-1551.

Oct 21 (Thurs) **INTERFAITH DINNER DIALOGUE.** Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Baha’i. 5:30-8:30 PM, Hindu Temple of Kentucky. For more information or to register, call Highland Community Ministries, 451-3695.

Oct 21 (Thurs) **FORsooth LABELING** at Beverley Marmion’s, 6:30 PM. We need volunteers! Many hands make light work, and the opposite is also true! So please join us if you can. Call 451-5658.

Oct 22-24 (Fri-Sun) **2ND ANNUAL BLUEGRASS BIONEERS CONFERENCE.** The Bioneers Conference is the leading sustainability and social solutions conference in the country. It brings together, in 15 American cities, more than 10,000 social, scientific, and environmental innovators, visionaries, and citizens from all walks of life working to create a more just and sustainable world for humanity. Free and open to the public. UofL, Strickler Hall. For more information, visit www.BluegrassBioneers.org or contact Teddie at 812-361-4594 or t.phillipsonmower@louisville.edu.

Oct 25 (Mon) **FOURTH MONDAY FORUM** sponsored by the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. For details, call Katrina Byrnes at 778-8130 or email kyall@insightbb.com.

Oct 25 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE.** Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Every fourth Monday. Visitors encouraged. For more information, call Pat Geier at 456-6586 or Peter Fosl at 291-2506.

Oct 26-28 (Tues-Thurs) **PEACE EDUCATION COMMUNITY INSTITUTE.** A three-day annual workshop for youth workers, social workers, educators, and others. Provides hands on training in interpersonal conflict resolution, the mediation process and prejudice reduction skills, as well as the opportunity to share triumphs and concerns. 8:30 AM-3 PM, 318 West Kentucky. Fee: \$250 for one person or \$225 each for a team of two or more. Continental breakfast and lunch provided as well as training materials. Pre-registration required. For more information or to register, call 589-6583 or visit www.PeaceEducationProgram.org.

Oct 26 (Tues) **HAMMERS, HARDHATS & HOPE.** Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville celebrates its 25th anniversary with a special event at The Kentucky Center, 501 West Main Street. Festivities will include a reception, live auction, program and dessert. Dress is business casual. 5:30 PM to 9 PM. Tickets \$75. For more information, call 805-1409.

Oct 27 (Wed) **FAMILY SCHOLAR HOUSE ANNUAL LUNCHEON.** Formerly known as Project Women, Family Scholar House’s mission is to end the cycle of poverty by giving single-parent students the support they need to earn a four-year college degree. Join us for this annual fund-raising luncheon and meet our incredible program participants. 11:30 AM- 1 PM, Galt House East, Grand Ballroom. For more information, call 584-8090.

Oct 28 (Thurs) **ACLU BILL OF RIGHTS DINNER.** Featuring Anthony Romero, Executive Director of the National ACLU. 6 PM, Hyatt Regency. For more information, call 581-9746 or email nancy@aclu-ky.org.

Oct 29-31 (Fri-Sun) **JESUS THE MISUNDERSTOOD JEW:** A lecture series with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Dr. Levine, a nationally-known scholar of Jewish-Christian relations, will speak on four topics, including: “Jesus and Judaism: Why the Connection Matters,” “How Jews and Christians Read Scripture Differently,” “Hearing the Parables of Jesus Through Jewish Ears,” and “The Present and Future of Jewish-Christian Relations.” \$25 fee covers all events. Sponsored by the Louisville Interfaith Forum. For details on lecture locations and times, please visit: www.midkentuckypresbytery.org or call 812-948-2077.

Oct 30 (Sat) **NAACP FREEDOM FUND BANQUET.** 6:30 PM, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 830 Phillips Lane. For more information, contact the Louisville Branch NAACP at 776-7608 or visit www.lounaacp.org.

Nov 3-9. **15TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF FAITHS: SACRED SOIL.** Mark your calendar for this year’s festival. Details soon to be posted online at www.festivaloffaiths.org.

Nov 6 (Sat) **WORLD COMMUNITY DAY:** "Building the Beloved Community." Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church, 311 Brown's Lane. Sponsored by Church Women United, bringing together Christians and their Jewish, Muslim and other interfaith sisters and brothers in common worship to affirm CWU's commitment to justice and peace among all peoples. For more information, call Cindy Scheldorf, 239-5931.

Nov 11 (Thurs) **8TH ANNUAL ELIZABETH CADY STANTON LUNCHEON.** Featuring Allison Stein, founder of Younger Women’s Task Force, as keynote speaker. 12 noon, UofL, University Club. Tickets \$25. To reserve a ticket in advance or for more information, call 852-8976.

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Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

911 TRUTH LOUISVILLE (502-609-6020)
ADDICTION RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF KENTUCKIANA – 2nd Thursday (485-1248)
AIDS INTERFAITH MINISTRIES (AIM) OF KENTUCKIANA, INC. – 1st Tuesday (574-6085 or 574-6086)
AMERICA 2000 DEMOCRATIC CLUB – 4th Tuesday (459-0616)
AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE – 3rd Thursday, every other month at noon (608-7517)
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (637-8951)
APPAP [AMERICAN PALESTINE PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM] – 2nd Thursday (895-8155)
BREAD FOR THE WORLD – Last Monday (239-4317)
CAPA [CITIZENS AGAINST POLICE ABUSE] – 2nd Thursday (778-8130)
CART [COALITION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION] – 3rd Wednesday, Union Station, TARC Board Room (893-5172)
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. (454-7797)
COMMUNIST PARTY USA – 1st & 3rd Sundays at 3:30 PM (384-3875)
COMMUNITY FARM ALLIANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY – 2nd Tuesday (775-4041)
CONVERSATION CAFE – Wednesday evenings (560-0085)
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) – 1st Thursday (451-9600)
FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF LOUISVILLE – 2nd Tuesday (893-8436)
GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB – 3rd Tuesday (897-3335)
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays (637-6265)
INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE – 1st Tuesday (214-7322)
IRFI [ISLAMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.] – Sundays at 6:00 PM (502-423-1988)
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 – Last Tuesday (541-9998)
KITLAC [KY INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN] – 2nd Wednesday (479-9262)
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
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)
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.