

Maryknoll sister’s SOA arrest inspiring

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

While the real criminals who have walked onto the School of the Americas go free despite killing and torturing, one nun from Louisville was willing to face imprisonment to act against those crimes.

Sister Lelia “Lil” Mattingly, a Maryknoll nun, finished a six-month sentence at a federal prison in Connecticut Sept. 12 for crossing onto the School of the Americas (SOA), now called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. The U.S. trained hundreds of officers from Latin American and Caribbean nations’ militaries at the school at Ft. Benning, Ga. and has admitted that torture was part of the curriculum. Some SOA graduates have overthrown democracies and carried out massacres, activists seeking the school’s closure have said.

Sister Mattingly, a native of Hawesville, Ky. who grew up in Louisville, said seeing protestors sacrificing careers and reputations by crossing the line in previous years caused her to trespass at the school in 2004.

“I felt so inspired by the other persons who were willing to risk arrest,” Sister Mattingly said while staying with relatives in Louisville. “They came to this awareness by their beautiful selves so I felt it was only right and fitting that I join the group.”

She talked days before heading to Chicago to speak about the 25th anniversary of the murder of the four nuns in 1980 by El Salvador military personnel trained at the SOA.

The atrocity of the nuns’ murder is personal to Sister Mattingly; she knew the four and met many people while serving



— photo courtesy Kita/Maryknoll Sisters

Sister Lil Mattingly holds a child in Bolivia in 1996, one of many encounters while serving in Latin America that inspired her to cross onto the School of the Americas last year to protest violence by its graduates. She finished a six-month prison term Sept. 12.

with the Maryknoll order in Bolivia and Nicaragua who were severely harmed by U.S.-backed wars and debt policies.

“All the countries of Latin America have been suffering from oppression from dictators,” Sister Mattingly said, including, she added, “economic suffering from the debt... that was incurred by the dictators.”

Sister Mattingly said she planted a cross with the names of the four murdered nuns while she was on the Ft. Benning property.

The Maryknoll order said in a news release that Sister Mattingly was among 15 people arrested for crossing onto the base last fall and among 16,000 protestors there, making the protest the largest in the U.S. since the Vietnam War.

Sister Mattingly’s concerns are not limited to this hemisphere; she went to Iraq in 2002 as part of a peace delegation, adding that U.S. motives for the war are:

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Civil rights trail blazer dies in September

by Eustace Durrett and
Ike M. Thacker IV

A true local civil-rights hero has passed on.

Andrew E. Wade IV, the first black man to buy a house in Shively, died Sept. 26. Published reports did not give his age, but said he was in his eighties.

Wade and his wife Charlotte moved into a house on Clyde Drive (then known as Rone Court) two days before the unanimous Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision outlawing school segregation in May 1954.

They were able to buy the home only through the help of Anne and Carl Braden, a white couple who devoted their lives to civil rights. The Bradens bought the house from one of the banks that had refused the Wades’ own application, then transferred the title to the Wades. For the next six weeks the Wades courageously weathered a storm of various projectiles (including buckshot and bullets) being shot toward them and at their home.

Then, just after midnight June 27, a bomb of dynamite exploded beneath the bedroom where the Wades’ two-year-old daughter Rosemary would usually have been sleeping.

Fortunately, Rosemary was not there at the time, and only the house was damaged, becoming uninhabitable. This did, though, cause the Wades to move out of Shively — they lived for many years in a home they bought in 1958 in the Chickasaw Park neighborhood of western Louisville.

Now, however, Clyde Drive is one of the most integrated streets in all of Jefferson County: approximately equal numbers of blacks and whites live there.

On June 24, 2004, Kentucky Historical Highway Marker #2144 was dedicated at the corner of Clyde Drive and Crums Lane, to commemorate the Wades’ achievement and courage. Anne Braden, who still lives in Louisville, said at the dedication that the courage involved was mostly the Wades.’

However, in the trial that followed the bombing, she, her husband Carl, and their supposed Communism were the main fo-

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Many faiths look at religion-politics link

by Eustace Durrett and
Ike M. Thacker IV

The yearly Interfaith Dinner Dialogue sponsored by the Highlands Community Ministries Sept. 29 explored the question, “Should Religion and Politics Impact One Another?”

About 150 people representing Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and Buddhism came to the River Road Islamic Center. All attended shoeless out of respect for Islamic tradition. Organizers slated a 10-minute break to allow time for a traditional Islamic service, in which members of other faiths were invited to participate.

The dinner was vegetarian to avoid any conflict with any dietary restrictions. Each table had one representative from each of the four religious traditions represented, and dialogue among them was encouraged.

The presenters were Sue B. Turner,

community relations coordinator for the SGI Buddhist Center; Rabbi Bradley Tecktiel of Keneseth Israel; Rev. Ron Gaddie, Pastor of Highland United Methodist Church and President of the Kentucky Council of Churches; and Dr. G.A. Shareef, Education Committee Chairperson for the Louisville Islamic Center.

Turner explained that “SGI” was short for Soka Gakkai International, a Buddhist lay organization of some 12 million members in more than 190 countries. She explained that SGI promotes peace and individual happiness through Nichiren Daishonin’s Buddhism. She said that religion and politics necessarily impact one another because both share the same environment and both have the goal of serving the people, rather than the reverse.

Turner elaborated on two Buddhist concepts that are directly related to the relationship between religion and politics.

One is that our lives and our environment are not separate entities but rather that our lives dictate our environment; the other is that all phenomena are interconnected.

Rabbi Tecktiel, representing Judaism, pointed out that his religion is not monolithic politically, but includes people of all political ilks — from the far left to the far right, and all points in between. Thus, he said, he was glad to live in a country whose constitution’s First Amendment guarantees freedom of religion. This is obviously one point of impact between religion and politics.

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Author: Pearl Harbor enticed, A-bombings not needed

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

Arch Taylor’s reaction to the news that the nuclear age had begun with the August 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, was identical to that of the overwhelming majority of war-weary Americans.

“I was a pastor in a country church in Buffalo Valley, Tennessee when the bomb fell and like everybody else in this country I was overjoyed that the war was over and that we didn’t have to invade Japan,” he said.

Over the last 60 years, Taylor, a retired Presbyterian minister and teacher of The Bible, has evolved on the subject of the bombings and the war they ended – to the point where he has written a book questioning national assumptions about war and peace.

Taylor told the FOR’s Third Thursday Lunch Oct. 20 of the research and soul searching that went into *Pearl Harbor, Hiroshima & Beyond, Subversion of Values*, published by Trafford Publishing in Victoria, Canada.

Taylor told the lunch the belief that an innocent U.S. was forced by the Pearl Harbor attack to use the ultimate weapon is part of a false self appraisal by Americans.

“I just see this as forming what I consider to be a false self identity of us American people. We’re the good guys. Other people don’t understand us. They hate us. They envy us. They back us into corners where we

finally have to fight and when we do then we... we accomplish great good.”

In fact, Taylor said, the Japanese empire was on the verge of surrendering before the bombs were dropped. He pointed out a letter written by a Japanese military official saying the atomic bombs gave the empire a face-saving way to surrender instead of doing so because public opinion in Japan was in favor of surrendering.

Taylor said he has read much research about Pearl Harbor, including a book by Robert Stinnett, an Oakland, Calif. journalist who looked at 100,000 documents and concluded that President Franklin Roosevelt enticed the Japanese empire to bomb Pearl Harbor.

“I don’t in any way exonerate the Japanese for this war crime. It was a terrible thing. But we’re not all innocent and the Japanese are not all evil,” he said.

Taylor, who lived in Japan for more than 30 years and taught The Bible at Shikoku Gakuin University in that nation, said the notion of a virtuous American foreign policy did not originate with Pearl Harbor, but dates back to the idealism of the founders of the nation. It also was reflected in the Woodrow Wilson ideal of fighting World War I for democracy, Taylor said.

Since then, Taylor told the lunch, our foreign and military policies have been “leading our nation down the path toward planetary suicide.”

Taylor also rebuked the myth that the U.S., under General Douglas MacArthur’s leadership, strived for a peaceful and democratic Japan.

He said the U.S. used assets the Japanese military had plundered from other Asian nations to finance the rise of the Liberal Democratic Party, which has dominated Japanese politics since the end of the war.

Taylor also said the U.S. censored pictures of atomic bomb victims, withheld information about radiation from even Japanese doctors and blocked journalists from visiting Hiroshima and Nagasaki. One Australian journalist who managed to get a story out about the effects of the bombings was deported from Japan by U.S. occupation forces, Taylor added.

When John Hershey’s book *Hiroshima* came out in the late 1940s documenting the

suffering caused by the bombing, the U.S. started promoting the idea that the bombings saved lives by preventing an invasion of Japan, Taylor added.

This declaring bombings to be good and life saving, was part of a subversion of values, Taylor said, which is the book’s subtitle.

“The words of the prophet Isaiah came immediately to my mind: ‘Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.’ “Taylor said, describing a revelation while he was doing research. “We have just reversed our ideas of right and wrong in many respects.”

Family farm activists Ivor Chodowski and Patricia Bell will talk at the Nov. 17 Third Thursday Lunch about making healthy locally-grown food available in urban areas. The cost is \$6 and reservations are required by Nov. 15. Call Jean Edwards at 458-8056 or Polly Johnson at 473-8435.



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cus in most of the many stories that appeared in the national press (Carl was convicted of sedition and served seven months of a 15-year sentence).

In many ways, these events, in addition to their importance in and of themselves, helped to solidify the progressive movement in Kentucky, as exemplified by the advent of the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression.

Andrew Wade attended Hampton Institute in Virginia, where he became an electrician, a capacity in which he persisted until his retirement.

He was drafted into the Navy (in 1943), serving as a musician; he returned to Louisville two years later to work with his father. Anne Braden said that Wade was active in the civil-rights movement until the 1960s. The courage and tenacity of this man, Andrew E. Wade IV, stands as an example of heroism and bore much fruit. As Anne Braden’s favorite Episcopal hymn puts it: “Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide. In the strife of Truth or Falsehood for the good or evil side.”

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“Oil and power, location — to have a foothold in that area of the world.”

She will work for a few months at the Maryknoll headquarters in New York State, where Maryknoll orders of sisters, brothers, fathers and lay missionaries serve, then look for a ministry in which to serve.

“I don’t know what the future will hold,” she said.

Prison, Sister Mattingly, was made less difficult by a huge influx of mailings expressing support for her.

“Thanks for all the support I got. It was just marvelous. I received — can you believe — 1,100 letters and cards,” she said. That total was reached despite Sister Mattingly telling friends and associates not to write to her so other inmates would not feel so relatively lonely, she added.

“I never expected this kind of interest and attention.”



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Wide angle reveals peace activism being heard in DC

by Sam Avery

Close up, in the crowd, there were signs and banners, drums and chants, shouts and slogans, and thousands and thousands of demonstrators inching through the streets of Washington, D.C. — young and old, men and women, military families, peace groups, labor groups, rights groups, veterans groups — moving slowly through the park and past the White House, together, with a single purpose.

We came from all directions Sept. 24, merged, and moved as one. It was exhilarating to see miles of people, block after block, spilling over curbs and onto sidewalks, pulsing between buildings, showing themselves to the nation and to the world to end the war.

That is what it looked like through the close-up lens on Saturday.

Effective? Who knows? The hurricane took the wind out of our sails, Bush made a point of leaving town, and the war goes on, day after day, death after death. It was just another demonstration, the capitol under siege for a day or two, and then... business as usual. We scared them, I am sure, but the city is safely in their hands again. That's what it looked like Monday morning, through the medium range lens.

But through the wide-angle lens it looks different. Way different. Being an



— photo by Eddie davis

Marchers from Louisville protest the war Sept. 24 in Washington, D.C.

historian, I have a bad habit of looking for the big picture, of seeing past the trees to the forest, and I believe that what we did in Washington was much more than protest a

policy, threaten an administration, or even oppose a particularly stupid war.

We were, and are, an historical process. I have learned that what people took the

trouble to do 30 or 50 or a hundred years ago has nudged the world a little this way or that, and that what we do now will nudge it this way or that for the future.

The current war in Iraq is, I believe, more than just another war — more than just another monument to human idiocy — it is one of the last wars humanity will ever experience.

One way or another, with the weapons we now hold in our hands and with the numbers of nations and other groups gaining control of these weapons, warfare will be no more. There will be people and no war or there will be no people and no war — either way there will be no more war.

The Earth is not large enough to contain us if we use our technology against ourselves. Warfare is no longer compatible with civilization. I believe that the balance could go one way or another, and that the nudge we give it or do not give it will make the difference.

More than 100,000 people — about one in a thousand Americans — took the trouble to nudge history a little bit this past weekend in DC. That's what I'm seeing now through the wide-angle lens.

I'm going again next time.

The writer is a member of the Louisville Peace Action Community.

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Dr. Shareef, who taught Accounting at Bellarmine University in Louisville for 15 years, interpreted the night's topic the most broadly. He said that humanity as a whole, including but not limited to faith organizations, should be striving for peace and justice rather than prejudice and injustice. Since governments should obviously do the same as their main goal, there is a very large area of do-gooding in which religion and politics do and should impact one another.

Finally, Rev. Gaddie of the Highland United Methodist Church and a founding member of Highland Community Ministries, said essentially that Jesus's whole message was that *all* the people, the *whole* community, is important; using Isaiah 61:1-2 and Luke 4:16-21 as his spiritual backup, he argued that Jesus called on his followers to free those who are "beaten down." He also said, according to Gaddie, that the community and all of its people's needs are the most important things; this implies that the church has an obligation to serve the needs of its people. Gaddie also emphasized the roles of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., in political movements.

In summary, the speakers at the late-September night's event said that religion and politics should and do impact one another, and that especially when the influence is religion on politics, the result is usually good. This analysis leaves out such obvious counterarguments as those generated by the religious wars of (especially) the 17th Century, and the decidedly unpalatable effects of the religious right in contemporary American politics, but is perhaps in general terms nonetheless true. In any case, it is interesting and made for a thoughtful night of reflection — which, after all, is the point of a dinner dialogue.

Eustace Durrett is an advocate for economic justice and a longtime supporter of public transportation. Ike M. Thacker IV is an advocate for radical socioeconomic equity, focusing especially on housing issues. Both live in Louisville.

Poets examine peace – five speak about their world

collateral damage

what all of us know,
but dread to speak:
cadaver bags are unisex,
one size fits all faiths,
& since the Marlboro Man
(suffering terrorist fatigue himself)
is a piker when it comes to
filling his quota,

hatred & holy books
jump into the breech,
conjure monsters
with cosmic chips
on their shoulders,

monsters who promptly grind
the rose-colored glasses of
mystics under heel,

monsters who balk
at no amount of bloodshed
to enforce the tyranny
of the supernatural.

& apologists
of every stripe
stand ready to ferry the world
to its grave on their shovels.

—roibeard Ui-neill
Corydon, Ind.

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We Do Fear

We do fear
pain and fire
and fear, itself
birth and death
but mostly life.

—Eustace Durrett
9/04

LOOK OUT

Come to the window, look out, and see
the valley turning green in remembrance
of all springs past and to come, the woods
perfecting with immortal patience,
the leaves that are the work of all of time,
the sycamore whose white limbs shed
the history of a man’s life with their old bark,
the river under the morning’s breath quivering
like the touched skin of a horse, and you will see
also the shadow cast upon it by fire, the war
that lights its way by burning the earth.

Come to your windows, people of the world,
look out at whatever you see wherever you are,
and you will see dancing upon it that shadow.
You will see that your place, wherever it is,
your house, your garden, your shop, your forest, your
farm,
bears the shadow of its destruction by war
which is the economy of greed which is plunder
which is the economy of wrath which is fire.
The Lords of War sell the earth to buy fire,
they sell the water and air of life to buy fire.
They are little men grown great by willingness
to drive whatever exists into its perfect absence.
Their intention to destroy any place is solidly founded
upon their willingness to destroy every place.

Every household of the world is at their mercy,
the households of the farmer and the otter and the owl
are at their mercy. They have no mercy.
Having hate, they can have no mercy.
Their greed is the hatred of mercy.
Their pockets jingle with the small change of the poor.
Their power is their willingness to destroy
everything for knowledge which is money
which is power which is victory
which is ashes sown by the wind.

Leave your windows and go out, people of the world,
go into the streets, go into the fields, go into the woods
and along the streams. Go together, go alone.
Say no to the Lords of War which is Money
which is Fire. Say no by saying yes
to the air, to the earth, to the trees,
yes to the grasses, to the rivers, to the birds
and the animals and every living thing, yes
to the small houses, yes to the children. Yes.

—Wendell Berry

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This is from a collection of his poems titled
Given: Poems published by Shoemaker & Hoard.

Black Water

A hurricane smashed all our cherished lies
About equality, in swirling skies;
Our so-called leaders, callous and inept:
“It worked out well for them...”
– we raged and wept.

And so a nation, once a light of hope,
Forced to confront the mirror, tries to cope,
As on black water, borne by greed, erupts
A crumbling empire, bloated and corrupt.

The world, a mighty river, swallows those
Who seek to rule it, history always shows —
But hope can take root, even as we grieve,
Upon the rich new soil the waters leave.

So turn away from empire – let us sow
A city where our dreams, reborn, can grow.

—Steve Nance

War games

Bright, captivating light of battle
transfixes ten-year-old eyes
in the war room.

This video soldier pushes a button,
destroying bridges and buildings
in safe, sanitized comfort.

A distant, demonized enemy—
transformed into collateral damage.
Here one learns to kill without
messy human contact.

In remote desert
a young soldier pushes a button—
a building filled with life disappears.

In game and life
practiced distance makes it easy.

Human faces need not meet in game or war rooms.

-- Judy Morris, OP

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A troubled economy is a labor woe



The real weapon of mass destruction that is threatening the U.S. is a corrosive hulk called by various names. Unemployment, underemployment, outsourcing, globalization, neo-liberalism and privatization are a few of its aliases. But the name on its birth certificate is “corporate greed.”

Ex-CIA confidante Saddam Hussein didn’t possess weapons of mass destruction. But President Bush could have found them right here, in the USA. See above.

We are losing our basic industry, making us vulnerable to such weapons. When I lived in Mississippi, in the 1960s, I was friends with a small businessman. He had served in World War II, and then settled in Pittsburgh, Pa. He got a job in a steel mill, worked himself to the bone, and saved up a little nest egg.

Returning to his Mississippi hometown, he opened a small business. He and his wife raised their family, and, while far from wealthy, lived almost comfortably, married 55 years. This journey to relative financial self-sufficiency no longer pertains.

Steel mills — from Buffalo, N.Y., to Pennsylvania to Alabama — have closed and moved overseas. Steel has become almost as distant a memory in our country as the Bessemer steel process has become to the modern manufacture of steel.

The auto industry, like the steel it uses, is in deep trouble. It is being pummeled by foreign competition, and where it merges with its foreign rivals it often faces huge internal difficulties.

We have seen some of the bleeding at Ford and General Motors recently. GM reported a \$1.6 billion third-quarter loss, its largest quarterly loss in more than a decade.

“(GM), which has lost nearly \$4 billion so far this year, said it would seek to sell a majority stake in the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, the financial services giant that is GM’s most steady profit center,” the *New York Times* reported October 17.

About 750,000 United Auto Workers, their families, and retirees will lose many of their current healthcare benefits — to the tune of over one billion dollars. GM had earlier announced that 25,000 assembly-line workers will be separated from their jobs, and a number of plants will be closed down. GM had earlier still sold off Delphi, its parts division.

Recently, Delphi filed for bankruptcy and will seek to cut wages and benefits for its workers — those remaining after it puts thousands out of work.

Robert Kuttner, co-editor of the American Prospect, wrote in the *Boston Globe* October 22: “The union leadership was so eager to help GM survive that the UAW filed an unusual suit intended to block its own union retirees from challenging the negotiated health-benefit cuts.”

Lest you think GM is alone in the soup, the Ford Motor Company announced it would soon produce a plan including many plant closings and laid-off workers.

“Ford reported a \$284 million loss in the third quarter, its first quarterly loss since the final three months of 2003. The company said it lost \$1.49 billion, before taxes, in its North American automotive operations,” Kuttner reports.

General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler, the latter now a division of DaimlerChrysler, all negotiate their contracts at the same time. The stench of drastic wage and benefit concessions is rife.

“But it would be a mistake to conclude that high wages or excess health benefits are bankrupting U.S. industry” writes Kuttner. “Look at our competitors. Japanese labor costs in the auto industry are comparable to American ones and German wages are far higher.

“There are, however, two offsetting differences. First, the Japanese and Germans are ahead technologically and have a knack for making reliable cars that consumers want to buy. Second, their healthcare is financed (by the government).”

These massive dislocations will affect more than just the three companies and their wage slaves. If you have investments, and they are in mutual funds, better check your portfolio right away quick. There’s a good chance auto stocks are in the mix.

However, oftentimes hard times for a

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When the steel magnates got out of Dodge (pun intended), were they thinking about U.S. security or increased profits? What if Japan and other steel giants, at some future time, had a major falling-out with the U.S., and decided not to sell us any steel? Could that be the economic Pearl Harbor that sends us off to still another war?

It is not just steel and auto that have been having heartburn. U.S. aircraft manufacturer Boeing, in fierce battle with Europe’s Airbus, has reached agreement with the International Association of Machinists, whose more than 18,000 members had been on strike for 24 days. The workers, located in Seattle, Gresham, Oregon and Wichita, Kansas, stuck together and almost all production stopped.

Boeing was thwarted in its bid to raise healthcare premiums and deductibles, and cannot cut off new hires from retiree health benefits. The pension itself would increase some. The union was forced to accept a three-year wage freeze, but would get cash payments. U.S. Senator Richard Gephardt was hired by Boeing to help negotiate the settlement.

Speaking of government intervention, or the lack thereof, did you know that Cuba had offered more than 1,500 bilingual physicians and 37 tons of medical supplies to assist with the humanitarian disaster in Louisiana and Mississippi? Our government did not even bother to reply.

Wayne Smith, former chief of the U .S. Interest Section in Havana, lamented: “What a shame. Not even in the face of the massive human suffering caused by Hurricane Katrina could the Bush administration put aside its knee-jerk rejection of anything coming out of Cuba. Only two days after the storm hit the Gulf Coast, the Cubans quietly offered humanitarian assistance. No response,” Smith said, as reported by the Latin America Working Group.

It is not just the Black and the poor who were disproportionately victimized by the hurricanes. A recent email, forwarded by David

Allgood of the Center for Accessible Living here in Louisville, reports on how Hurricane Katrina, sadly, showed how we treat the disabled. There were people in wheelchairs, people on walkers, who couldn’t exit to safety.

“In the aftermath, people have been shunted from shelters to nursing homes — because the relocation homes have barriers to accessibility.

“All housing built after Katrina should have three simple features: one zero-step entrance; doors with 32 inches of clear passage space; one bathroom on the main floor you can get into in a wheelchair. Cost of these items in new construction is negligible, say experts.”

Maybe we shouldn’t be surprised at the way the disabled were treated. The federal government, certainly in the last few decades, and until recently, was a place where people with disabilities could look for some reasonable accommodations so they might live independent lives.

A September 23 press release, however, paints a different picture: “A group of disabled and older Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) employees sued Department of Education Secretary Margaret Spellings Sept. 20 in federal court in Washington, D.C., asking the court to keep her from firing them when the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1. RSA distributes federal grant monies to state and local organizations to provide job and independent living skills training to severely handicapped adults.

“The employees work in regional offices around the country, where they help grant recipients comply with the law and help them run the programs more effectively. RSA’s programs assist millions of disabled people in communities across the nation, and its employees provide a valuable knowledge base and institutional continuity for State VR (vocational rehabilitation) agencies, which are often underfunded and have high staff turnover.

“In February 2005, the agency announced it would close the regional offices and terminate all the employees, including the 24 plaintiffs, seventeen of whom are (otherwise) disabled and five of whom are blind. Only the 65

RSA regional employees, within the 4,500-employee Department of Education, were targeted for downsizing. According to RSA Commissioner Dr. Joanne Wilson, who is blind, a Department of Education official told her that RSA has ‘too many Blind employees.’ Dr. Wilson resigned from the agency in protest of the closing of the regional offices.”

Closer to the Louisville area, Cincinnati-based Comair said it will “cut up to 650 more jobs and reduce wages and fleet size to save up to \$70 million a year as bankrupt parent Delta Air Lines tries to reshape itself for survival.... Combined with cuts announced earlier, Comair is eliminating up to 1,000 jobs, or about 14 percent of its work force,” the Associated Press said.

Many Comair employees work in Louisville.

Just over the Ohio River, in Indiana, the “Colgate-Palmolive Co. announced today that it will close its Clarksville plant by January 2008, putting about 500 people out of work,” the *Courier-Journal* reported Oct. 11.

The plant, which manufactures toothpaste, has been in operation since 1924. It is unionized and employees will be losing jobs paying no less than \$22 per hour.

The union contract expires in 2007, and then the company will move elsewhere. Colgate cited healthcare costs, another reason why single-payer insurance would be so good for all working people.

Space prevents covering the recent Change to Win founding convention, and its declared intention of organizing Wal-Mart, the Jobs With Justice national meeting, the international fight over U.S. control over the internet, the murder of a Nestle union leader in the Philippines and much more.

Famed Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal passed away September 23. He was once quoted as saying: “When my life is over and I meet up with the victims of the Holocaust, I shall have the privilege of saying to them, I have never forgotten you.”

Contact Ira Grupper at irag@iglou.com.

Millions turn out to back justice

by Gracie Lewis

The Millions More Movement is timely! When we watched the response to the victims of Hurricane Katrina, that was all I needed to understand that there must be a new movement to “restore, rebuild and repair” our communities.

The President of the United States is required to declare when a major disaster exists. Federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts must be made immediately to save lives. What happened was a failure of the state, local and federal governments.

Minister Louis Farrakhan is one of those leaders who has the capacity to call forth the masses. Last week I witnessed how brightly the sun was shining in the nation’s capitol and all over Louisville. This is truly a sign that there is a “New Day Dawning.” The gathering, which brought forth black, white, brown, yellow, red from all backgrounds, was a sign that things are about to change.

God surely has been on the side of African Americans since slavery; and it is time that the church “set the captives free.” God has been so merciful to us, and yet we

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have not done what we’re capable of doing. Each one of us has the capacity to do good, to strive for and to maintain unity in our families, communities, nation and race. Yet, because of our own personal goals and moments of comfort, we stopped cold turkey in the midst of fulfilling our divine purpose. Now the church and the progressive community must get it right.

The reporters kept pointing out that there were “thousands who gathered.” No, that is not the truth. It was a number that no man could count! Yet, the message was very clear. Those who attended were told to return to their communities and address issues such as education; economic development; reparations. We cannot continue to ignore race, class, poverty and injustice! The people must focus on the 21st century.

We must respond to the prison industrial complex. There are over two million men and women in prison, mostly for nonviolent crimes. U.S. Rep. Danny Davis of Illinois has introduced a bill called The Second Chance Act of 2005, which includes comprehensive services for ex-prisoners returning to the community. We must provide jobs, housing, substance abuse counseling to reduce recidivism and to rebuild the family. Hurricane Katrina left families devastated and stretched across this nation. The Millions More Movement is mobilizing to provide assistance and oversight.

We need to come together and develop an anti-war and peace movement. We can’t finance the war on Iraq and simultaneously restore, rebuild and repair the Gulf Coast Region and other areas that have been hit by hurricanes, unless we have a shifting of our resources. The supporters of the Movement have a vision of what is needed to respond to the conditions that are before us. It is a matter of gathering everyone to do the work. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Minister Louis Farrakhan called for a class action lawsuit charging FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security with criminal neglect.

It is left up to us in our churches, organizations, and in our communities to heed the call and provide ongoing support.

The writer is a member of REACT, a group fighting pollution in West Louisville.



TEACHING PEACE/ PROMOTING JUSTICE

Sunday, November 6, 6:00 pm
at Bellarmine University Frazier Hall

A FESTIVAL OF FAITHS EVENT



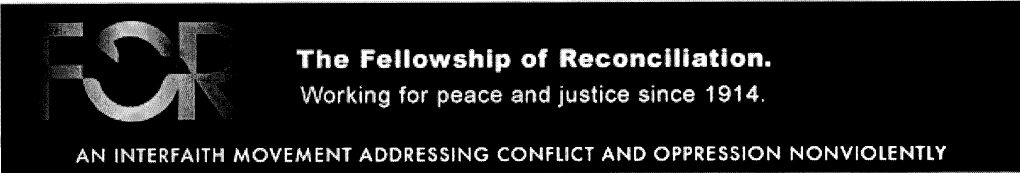
An evening celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation USA and the 30th anniversary of FOR-Louisville. The evening consists of a multi-media history of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (beginning at 6:00 pm), and features music by John Gage, Paul Whiteley and Kate Sanders with an address by nationally known activist/writer/peace educator **Colman McCarthy**, of the Center for Teaching Peace (7:15 pm), with light reception.



Colman McCarthy is a speaker whose fresh ideas, sense of social justice and sparkling wit have been stirring audiences for the past 25 years. Mr. McCarthy is a Washington journalist who has written for The Washington Post since 1968. He is also the founder and director of the Center for Teaching Peace, a nonprofit group that helps schools begin or broaden peace studies programs. As a journalist, Colman McCarthy is one of the rare few whose lectures are as captivating and as lively as his columns and books.

Those who follow the writing of Colman McCarthy cherish him for the passion of his convictions and the idealism of his beliefs. It is the same with his lectures. He convincingly calls on his audience to defy the conventional by becoming citizens who are other-centered, not self-centered. He argues persuasively that each of us is called on to be a peacemaker in our personal and political lives.

Advanced tickets for Mr. McCarthy’s address and reception available for donations of \$10, \$30 or \$90. Contact Mary Horvath (502) 479-9262 or LouisvilleFOR@yahoo.com. Tickets also available at the door.



This event is **sponsored by the Louisville Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation** with co-sponsorship from Bellarmine University in partnership with The Thomas Merton Center and Bellarmine University’s Ethics and Social Justice Center.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN VENEZUELA

SEE the Video: **ENTER THE OIL WORKERS** featuring those workers who struggled to save PDVSA, the Venezuela state oil company, during the management lockout and strike and who now are discussing how to institute democratic management to better use Venezuela’s oil wealth to benefit everyone.

HEAR Edward Mercado a young Venezuelan-American from Cincinnati who attended the 16th Festival of World Youth & Students held this August in Caracas, Venezuela. The Festival brought together 17,000 young people from 144 countries including a delegation of 700 from the U.S.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH at 7:00PM

Highlands-Shelby Park Branch
Louisville Free Public Library
(Midcity Mall)
1250 Bardstown Road.

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KIDNAPPED AFRO-COLOMBIAN PEACE LEADER FOUND MURDERED

The FOR International Conference in Chicago had just ended. Pat Geier and Erik Reinhart-Vidal represented our Louisville chapter and returned with a delegate from our partner community, San Jose de Apartado, who brought his message to a warm gathering waiting for him at a delicious potluck dinner at Central Presbyterian Church on October 24.*

Some twelve Colombian community leaders were brought in for that remarkable gathering in Chicago to focus on nonviolent strategies in dealing with the harrassment and killings experienced by peace communities in Colombia. One leader who had helped plan the conference and was invited to speak, **Orlando Valencia**, was denied a visa by the US Embassy. On October 15, he was “disappeared” by paramilitary forces, taken forcibly from the group with which he was traveling. Lutheran World Relief in Baltimore announced on October 27, 2005 that his body had been found. His wife and seven children mourn his death.

Valencia was a dedicated community and peace leader in the Afro-Colombian region of Curvarado in the state of Choco. Lutheran World Relief and its network of advocates joined many national and international organizations in bringing Valencia’s disappearance to the attention of Colombian, U.S. and other officials. A mission with representatives from numerous governments and organizations went to investigate his disappearance last week.

“Unfortunately, what happened to Orlando happens to many others in Colombia, and all too often these tragedies go unnoticed,” said LWR president Kathryn Wolford. “Orlando was an outstanding young leader, bringing hope to his community, working for the dignity of his people.”

For more information, contact Emily Sollie, 410/230-2802 or esollie@lwr.org, and www.lwr.org

*Watch for Pat Geier’s report on the Conference in the next issue of FORsooth.

MOURNING 2,000 DEAD IN SENSELESS WAR (Excerpts from national FOR message, 10/26/05)

As the death toll of young Americans in Iraq passes the 2,000 mark, the Fellowship of Reconciliation joins millions of Americans in mourning the tragedy of these young lives sacrificed to a vain, greedy and deceitful war. ... We also remember and mourn the more than 200 U.S.soldiers killed in Afghanistan ... and the tens of thousands of Iraqis who have died ... at the hands of the brutal insurgency we spawned.

Let us remember that the war against Iraq was prosecuted not to liberate the country from a cruel dictatorship ... or to preempt an Iraqi attack on its neighbors or the United States, but to secure control of strategic petroleum resources. In a profoundly tragic sense, this is a war for oil, and the sacrifice of lives - American and Iraqi - has been in vain. ...

While we grieve the loss of 2,000 American lives, we must hold President George Bush and his administration responsible. These troops would not have perished if the Bush administration had not deliberately lied about “Weapons of Mass Destruction” and supposed Iraqi complicity in the attacks of September 11, 2001, or concealed long-standing American plans for an invasion that had nothing to do with the abominable regime of Saddam Hussein.

Nor can we allow the memories of these fallen coldiers to be dishonored or desecrated by the false notion that patriotic honor requires acquiescence in the war. Rather, we insist that true patriotic duty demands that this war end immediately, and that US forces be withdrawn from Iraq.

Recent polls show that almost 60 percent of Americans now believe this senseless and immoral war was a mistake. For the sake of the war dead, and the countless more human lives at risk, we must reach out to those millions of Americans and ask them to help us build a fitting memorial to the fallen: A world in which armed violence is never an acceptable option.



HOPES RISE FOR CLOSING THE SOAWHINSEC

A recent letter from the staff of SOA Watch stated that last year’s Vigil to close the School of the Americas gave the movement new energy, and it shows! **“Within six weeks of introducing a new bill in Congress to close the school, one hundred members of Congress cosponsored the legislation! We are now in our strongest position to close this school since we won a vote in the House of Representatives in 1999.”**

Surely this is the result of the actions of so many who have continued to write letters to Congress, to visit their offices, to join demonstrations in DC, to march at Fort Benning, Georgia where the school is located, to cross the line and get arrested, and to serve time in prison (including Sister Lil Mattingly of Louisville. See an interview with her elsewhere in this issue of FORsooth.)

We must also recognize the Vice President of Venezuela who announced last year that no more Venezuelan troops would be sent to the SOA/WHISC. He called it a training school for dictators, torturers and terrorists. He further stated that a country which considers itself a democracy should not have such a school on its soil.

One wonders how individuals can become so strong in their convictions as to continue such protests and risks. One factor may be that we cannot forget the martyrs. This week I received a lovely card from a friend showing pictures, beautifully framed, of the six Jesuit priests and two women who were brutally murdered while still asleep in the early morning of November 16, 1989. The story is told again on this card. Shot in the head with M16s at close range, their brains had been blown out of their skulls. Government troops had forced their way into the Jesuit residence at the Central American University in San Salvador. “It was as if the army had wanted to wipe out the intellectual life of their country, trampling on all that the university and western civilization represented.”

“These people were teachers, priests, peace-makers, innocent women. ... They were prophets who paid the ultimate price so that the ideals they cherished would not die.” While the deaths of those already killed were equally tragic, these eight murders became the catalyst that resulted in annual demonstrations at Fort Benning to close this school where so many soldiers are being trained to commit such horrible crimes. The pilgrimage this November takes on special significance because another vote is expected in the House of Representatives next summer. Two buses will be going from Louisville. Contact Dotti Lockhart, 897-9680.

Father Roy Bourgeois has written that the protest this year is expected to cost \$45,000. Please send a generous check as soon as possible made out to School of the Americas Watch, PO Box 4566, Washington, DC 20017. If you send as much as \$50, you will receive the new book by Lesley Gill, *The School of the Americas: Military Training and Political Violence in the Americas*.

Please note also that a special potluck/discussion and commemoration of the martyrs will take place in Louisville on the 25th anniversary of the deaths of the four women missionaries in El Salvador. Sponsored by F.O.R. and by KITLAC, it will be on December 2 at Central Presbyterian Church at 6:30pm. For details please call Pat Geier, 456-6586.

ROSA PARKS SAID NO!

It takes courage to say NO. How did she endure sitting on the bus with everyone staring at her? Had she gained strength by attending a training workshop at the Highlander Center in the mountains of eastern Tennessee? Did she know of a precedent that took place 70 years before in apartheid-rife South Africa? There a young Indian-born lawyer, Mohandas Karamchand (later known as Gandhi) refused to give up his first-class seat to a white man. He was thrown off the train. (Letter to the editor, Courier-Journal 10/29/05)

Actually the Fellowship of Reconciliation exists today because “TWO SAID NO! As the first World War began in 1914, a British Quaker and a German Chaplain made a covenant and declared that they would not participate in the war or cease their peace efforts. Saying NO may have far reaching consequences. Many young men today are just saying NO by refusing to yield to recruiters’ demands that they sign up to join the military.

In a message from the national Fellowship of Reconciliation paying tribute to Rosa Parks, it was pointed out that Rosa Parks’ leadership inspired a nation to act for civil rights, and the seeds of justice she planted in 1955 have born fruit over the past half-century. “Rosa Parks’ leadership also raised up the critical role of women in the civil rights movement — women who were the essential backbone and infrastructure, though men were usually the public face of the movement.”

“It was the women of Montgomery who rallied together in the hours following Rosa Parks’ arrest. Within two days, the local Women’s Political Council, led by Jo Ann Robinson, had mimeographed tens of thousands of flyers calling for a boycott, which were distributed in churches the next day. The community and its male leadership were forced to take notice.”

Third Thursday Lunches

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Fellowship of Reconciliation
September 2005 to January 2006

November 17 *Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide:
Growing Self-Sufficiency in West Louisville*

Ivor Chodhowski, President, Community Farm Alliance, and Patricia Bell, Manager of the Smoketown Shelby Park Farmer’s Market, will talk about ongoing efforts to create new markets for farmers and ways to make local, healthy, quality food available in urban areas.

January 19 *Casa Latina*

Sue Scharfenberger, OSU, will discuss her work with Casa Latina, a Catholic worker house for Latina women located in Old Louisville. Sue, who lives at the house and works with Latin American people in Louisville and Peru , represents a community of Latina women who care about other Latina women.

The Rudyard Kipling
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Buffet Lunch at 11:30 • Presentations at Noon
\$6.00 • *Reservations required*



For reservations, call Polly Johnson (473-8435)
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Calendar for peacemakers

SPECIAL THROUGH NOVEMBER 19: **“*THE CRUCIBLE*”** by **Arthur Miller**. Powerful tale of intolerance, the politics of fear and truth on trial. Actors Theatre, downtown at Third and Main. Call 584-1205

Nov 6 (Sun) **F.O.R. CELEBRATION of the 90th anniversary of FOR-USA, and the 30th year of the Louisville Chapter.** The evening will begin at 6:00pm with exhibits and a multi-media history prepared by Paul Schervish, tracing both national and local journies. Musicians John Gage, Paul Whiteley and Kate Sanders will add to the nostalgia. **Featured speaker will be Colman McCarthy**, well-known peace advocate, teacher, journalist, and author of *I’d Rather Teach Peace*. **Topic: “Teaching Peace/Promoting Justice.”** Bellarmine University, Frazier Hall. A Festival of Faiths Event. Reception. See flyer in this issue of FORsooth. Suggested donation \$10, \$30, \$90 or whatever. No one turned away. Call Mary Horvath, 502-479-9262. louisvillefor@yahoo.com

Nov 6 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE** every first Sunday evening remembering all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a sign. Bardstown Rd at Douglass Blvd. 7:00-8:00 pm. Sponsored by **LPAC** (Louisville Peace Action Community). Call Ken Nevitt, 558-9124. pcunity@yahoo.com www.louisvillepeace.org

Nov 6-11 **FESTIVAL OF FAITHS, “Faith and Cooperation,”** sponsored by the **Cathedral Heritage Foundation**. A weeklong event to celebrate the diversity of our faiths, to be grateful for our unity and to strengthen the role of religion in society. For schedule of events, call 583-3100.

Nov 7 (Mon) **MEXICO SOLIDARITY NETWORK: “Women Confronting Globalization: Cultural Resistance, Fair Trade and Human Rights Tour.** Gabriela Martinez Lopz will speak about the Zapatista womens’ collective strategies of resistance. She is a long time activist in the Zapatista communities in Chiapas. Weavings and traditional handicrafts made in women’s cooperatives will be offered for sale. Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Road. Call Nancy Jakubiak, 812-280-9034. nancyjak@hotmail.com or Debby Sublett debbyssublett@aol.com

Nov 9 (Wed) **KITLAC (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean).** Every second Wednesday, Presbyterian Seminary. 7:30 pm. Call David Horvath, 479-9262, or Pat Geier, 456-6586.

Nov 11 (Fri) **NOON VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**, including a news update. **EVERY FRIDAY AT SIXTH AND BROADWAY**, in front of the Federal Court House (where Senator McConnell’s office is located). We vigil in solidarity with the **“Women in Black”** who vigil every Friday at noon in Israel. Sponsored by the Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Nov 11 (Fri) **PROJECT IMPROV: THE NEXT GENERATION**, every Friday. Kentucky Theatre, 651 S. 4th St. 9:00 pm. Tickets at the door, \$12 (students \$8). Call Chris Hartman, Executive Producer, 502/548-2430. ProjectImprov.com (Our own Mike Slaton will perform!)

Nov 13 (Sun) **ANNUAL TURKEY-FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER, benefit for EarthSave. Keynote speaker, Dr. Adewale Troutman**, Director of the Louisville Health Dept: **“Health Is a Human Right.”** At The Olmstead, 3701 Frankfort Avenue. \$40 for EarthSave members and guests. \$50 for non-members. \$20 for children under 12. RSVP by November 8. Call 502/458-8515. www.louisville.earthsave.org/tukeyfree.

Nov 13 (Sun) **“AIM HIGHER”** focusing on military counter recruitment. Every 2nd Sunday at 6:00 pm, 2263 Frankfort Ave. Call Mike Slaton, 636-5848, cheslaton@hotmail.com This group would welcome invitations to speak about conscientious objection, military recruitment, and the possibility for highschool students to “opt out” of having their names given to recruiters.

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Nov 15 (Tue) **WAL-MART: THE HIGH COST OF LOW PRICE**, grassroots premiere of this new documentary from Brave New Films. Takes the view er behind the glitz into the real lives of workers, an extraordinary journey that will challenge how we think, feel ... and shop. James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave, 7:00 pm. Free event. Snacks and discussion follow. Sponsored by Covenant Community Church. Contact meredithwz@earthlink.net

Nov 17 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH** sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, featuring **Ivor Chodhowski** and **Patricia Bell** of the Community Farm Alliance discussing **“BRIDGING THE URBAN-RURAL DIVIDE: GROWING SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN WEST LOUISVILLE.”** Hear about ongoing efforts to create new markets for farmers and ways to make local, healthy, qualiy food available in urban areas. Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 W Oak St, 11:30am buffet, \$6. Reservations required. **RSVP** to Polly Johnson, 473-8435, or Jean Edwards, 458-8056, by Tuesday beforehand.

Nov 17 (Thu) **SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE.** Monthly meeting, every third Thursday, 5:30 pm. Central Presbyterian Church, 4th & Ky. Call Kay Tillow, 636-1551.

Nov 17 (Thu) **LPAC** (Louisville Peace Action Community). Monthly meeting every Third Thursday evening. Douglass Blvd Christian Church, 7:00 pm. Call Judy Munro-Leighton, 456-6914; Ellen Schagene, 451-6392; or Ken Nevitt, 558-9124. www.louisvillepeace.org

Nov 19 (Sat) **BUSES LEAVE FOR COLUMBUS, GA, to protest the School of the Americas (combat training school for Latin American soldiers. Board the bus at Executive West at 5:00am sharp. For details, call Dotti Lockhart, 897-9680. dottianbob@aol.com**

Nov 20 (Sun) **COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES.** (Every Third Sunday) First Unitarian Church, 4th & York. 3:00 pm. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Nov 21 (Mon) **PARENTING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE**, cosponsored by St. William Church and CrossRoad Ministry, featuring **MARY & DAVID HORVATH, sharing their stories and struggles as parent-peacemakers.** Reservations requested for supper at 5:30pm and childcare. Call Anne Walter, 635-6307. Program scheduled from 6:45 to 8:00.

Nov 24 (Thu) **REEL REVOLUTION FILM SERIES** at the Kentucky Theatre, 651 S. 4th St, 7:00pm. Film shorts will highlight **WORLD AIDS**, especially how the disease affects Third World and minority populations. Proceeds for this evening will go to the AIDS Services Center Coalition and the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. Suggested donation \$5-\$25. No one turned away. A thoughtful and worthwhile conclusion to Thanksgiving Day. Call 587-5080

Nov 28 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE** (every 4th Monday). Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, #10, 7:30 pm. Visitors welcomed. Call cochairs, Pat Geier, 456-6586, or Mary Horvath, 479-9262.

Nov 29 (Tue) **KCADP (Ky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty)** every last Tuesday. Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Road. 6:30pm. Call Kaye Gallagher, 721-8885, or Mark Meade, 541-9998. E-mail: kcadp@earthlink.net

Nov 30 (Wed) **DINING OUT FOR LIFE, annual event to benefit HIV/AIDS services for House of Ruth/Glade House.** Dine out at a participating restaurant and 20% of the bill will go to this important cause. There will be 38 local restaurants participating this year. Contact Linda Underwood for a list of these restaurants. 587-5080. www.houseofruth.net

Nov 30 (Wed) **PANEL DISCUSSION: “The Israeli Pullout from the Gaza Strip — What Does It Mean for Israeli/Palestinian Peace?”** Focusing especially on the U.S. role in ending the conflict and securing peace. Cosponsors: Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, the United Nations Association, Louisville Chapter, and Bellarmine University Ethics and Social Justice Center. Bellarmine University, Pasteur Hall, Small Science Theater. Enter off Norris Place. 7:00 pm. Call Mark Meade, 452-8187.

Dec 1 (Thu) **WORLD AIDS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE**, Egan Leadership Center, Spalding University, 4th & Breckinridge, 5:00 pm reception, program at 6:00pm. Call 587-5080.

Dec 5 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER/JANUARY ISSUE OF FORsooth.** Contact **George Morrison, editor**, 944-6460. E-mail: klm86@netzero.com **Note: For calendar listings**, contact Jean Edwards, 458-8056. E-mail: edwardsfor@bellsouth.net

Dec 6 (Tue) **FAIR TRADE CONVERGENCE**, featuring **Kevin Danaher, Cofounder of Global Exchange**, at the Kentucky Theater, 651 S 4th St, at 6:30 pm, with Music, Poetry, Worker’s Testimonials. Free. Donations encouraged. Global Exchange is an International Human Rights Organization dedicated to promoting economic, social, and environmental justice around the world. fairtradecommittee@hotmail.com

Dec 8 (Thu) **GRINCH OF THE YEAR AWARDS CELEBRATION** sponsored by Kentucky Jobs with Justice, at the Clifton Center, 2117 Payne St, 6:30pm. Your vote will count for the **most heinous violators of workers’ rights.** Sign on now as a sponsor by calling Nikisha Sanders, 502/625-3724. kyjwj@kyjwj.org

Dec 15 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING at Beverley Marmion’s, 6:30 pm. Your willing fingers are needed for this important venture.** Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Jan 11 (Wed) **TENTH ANNUAL RACE RELATIONS CONFERENCE** featuring **CHARLES J. OGLETREE, JR**, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School and Vice Dean for the Clinical Programs. He is a prominent legal theorist who has made an international reputation by taking a hard look at complex issues of law and by working to secure the rights guaranteed by the Constitution for everyone equally under the law. The Muhammad Ali Center, One Riverfront Plaza, 8:00 - 2:00. For details, Contact the Metro Human Relations Commission, 410 W. Chestnut St, Suite 300A, Louisville, KY 40202. 502/574-3631. Fax 502/574-1216.

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

Jan 3-10, **PEACEMAKER TRAINING INSTITUTE** in Bangor, PA. Join other young people (ages 18-25) committed to learning and teaching active nonviolence, anti-racist organizing and conflict transformation. Apply now. Contact Maryrose, 651/647-4465. www.forusa.org/programs/pti/programs.html

Feb 12-25 **FOR DELEGATION TO COLOMBIA.** Stand with the people of Latin America, share briefly in their lives, and gain an understanding of their reality through meetings with a wide range of contacts. Call 415/495-6334. www.forusa.org

Mid April **FOR DELEGATION TO IRAN**, a Fact-Finding & Friendship Delegation reflecting all segments of the United States in its ethnic, religious, and social diversity. \$3,300 covers round-trip air fare from NY to Teheran, room & board, and all other costs and fees. Call 845/358-4601, ext.27. e-mail: Iran@forusa.org www.forusa.org/programs/iran

Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

AD HOC COALITION FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION – (778-8130)

ADDICTION RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF KENTUCKIANA – 2nd Thursday (585-3375)

AMERICA 2000 DEMOCRATIC CLUB – 4th Tuesday (459-0616)

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (637-8951)

BIONEERS / SUSTAINABLE LOUISVILLE – Tuesdays (336-9440)

BREAD FOR THE WORLD – 2nd Tuesday (239-4317)

CAPA (Citizens Against Police Abuse) – 2nd & 4th Thursdays (778-8130)

C.E.A.S.E. [Citizens for Equitable Assignment to School Environments] – (778-9427)

CLARK & FLOYD COUNTIES AIDS COALITION – 3rd Thursday (288-2706)

CLOUT [Citizens of Louisville Organized and Working Together] -(583-1267)

COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST – 2nd Monday (456-6586)

COMMON CAUSE – 1st Tuesday, every other month (228-1534)

COMMUNIST PARTY USA – Sunday evenings (473-2659)

CONVERSATION CAFE – Wednesday evenings (454-4820)

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD – Books by Neale Donald Walsch. 1st Monday (468-2305)

COUNTER RECRUITMENT, “Aim Higher” – Second Sunday (636-5848)

EARTH SAVE LOUISVILLE – 2nd Sunday (569-1876)

FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN – Quarterly community dialogues and volunteer opportunities (893-0788)

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION – 4th Monday (456-6586 or 479-9262)

GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB – 3rd Tuesday (897-3335)

GREEN PARTY – 1st Tuesday (456-9540)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays (583-6599)

HATE FREE SCHOOLS COALITION – 3rd Thursday (454-3300)

INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE – 1st Tuesday (214-7322)

JEFFERSON COUNTY WELFARE REFORM COALITION – 2nd Friday (585-3556)

JOBS WITH JUSTICE KENTUCKY (625-3724)

JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER – 3rd Saturday (562-6737)

KENTUCKIANA FOR KUCINICH IN 2008 – 1st Thursday (473-2659 or 459-6361)

KFTC [KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH] – 2nd Monday, jointly with POWER (589-3188)

KY AIDS LIFE ALLIANCE (KALA) – Every Thursday (479-7884)

KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION – 3rd Monday (778-8130)

KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY – Last Tuesday (721-8885)

KITLAC (KY INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN) – 2nd Wednesday (479-9262)

KY RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION – (774-4000)

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP – 2nd and 4th Thursdays (587-6225)

LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES – 3rd Sunday (451-5658)

LOUISVILLE MEDIA REFORM COMMUNITY – 3rd Wednesday (584-4811)

LPAC (LOUISVILLE PEACE ACTION COMMUNITY) – 3rd Thursday (558-9124)

LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH – Meditation 1st & 3rd Sundays (473-8435)

LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP – Friday nights (454-3300), www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org

LOUISVILLIANS IN FAVOR OF EQUALITY (L.I.F.E.) – Sunday evenings (473-2659)

METRO SWEEP FOR ACCESS – 3rd Tuesday (895-0866 or 899-9261)

METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION – 4th Wednesday (584-6858)

NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) – 3rd Monday (776-7608)

NAACP Youth Council – 3rd Saturday

NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) – 2nd Monday (245-5287)

PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG) – 3rd Sunday (329-0229)

PAX CHRISTI – Last Wednesday (456-9342)

PEACE & COMPASSION BUDDHA CIRCLE/CML – (451-2193, brozier@bellsouth.net)

PEOPLE’S AGENDA – 2nd Tuesday (778-8130)

POWER [PEOPLE ORGANIZED AND WORKING FOR ENERGY REFORM] – 2nd Monday, jointly with KFTC (778-2687)

RCRC [Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice] – (585-3050)

RESULTS (a hunger lobby) – 2nd Saturday (451-4907)

SHADHULIYYAH SUFI SPIRITUALITY GROUP – Thursday nights (893-6122)

SINGLE WOMEN’S GROUP – 3rd Sunday (812-866-1667)

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.