



# Black Lives Matter

*By Russ Greenleaf*

Sunday July 31, 2016 was a national day of action organized by Black Lives Matter. People all across the U.S. got out into the streets to show support for the right of Black folks to be treated with dignity and fairness by police.

Over 40 people in Louisville responded by coming to a demonstration organized by Louisville Black Lives Matter on Louis Coleman Drive (a section of 34th Street) in West Louisville. Black Lives Matter leader Chanelle Helm directed people to stand in the center two lanes of the four-lane street, leaving the outer two lanes open, so traffic would not be blocked. Passing motorists waved to show their support.

Black and white folks stood together in the street.

Belle Holloway, who is white, explained why she was there. “Three weeks ago I heard on public radio about police killing another Black man at a routine traffic stop. He was doing everything the police asked him to do, and they shot him for no reason. When I heard that, I was so upset that I had to pull my car over and stop by the side of the road. So many Black folks are being killed like that. That is just not OK. There is no sense behind that at all.”

“While I was stopped in my car, I heard on the radio that Black Lives Matter was organizing a demonstration the next



**Black Lives Matter leaders Chanelle Helm (left) and Christian Jones on Louis Coleman Drive in Louisville, Kentucky on July 31, 2016**

*Photo by Russ Greenleaf*

day (July 10) on Broadway to protest the shooting, so I decided to go.”

“That demonstration on Broadway was amazing. There were over 400 people there, people of all ages and colors standing together. There were elders from the civil rights movement, and 16-year-old high school students speaking. There were

action on Louis Coleman Drive. “Today we are paying homage to our fellow civil rights activists of the past – Martin Luther King, Jr. and all the others whose work we are carrying on. As we stand in the street, we are reading aloud portions of Dr. King’s speeches. We want our youth to hear what he really said.

“In school, kids are taught the names of the “Fab Five” — Martin Luther King, Jr, Malcolm X, Harriette Tubman, Frederick Douglas, and Rosa Parks. But the words of those great leaders are sanitized for the classroom. Kids are not taught how powerfully those leaders challenged white supremacy and promoted Black power. Today, youth will hear the words of those leaders that they won’t be taught in school.”

RedFist was asked how Black Lives Matter managed to get 400 people to come to the demonstration on Broadway on July 10. How did they achieve such impressive attendance? Was it social media? Word of mouth? Networking with other groups? Public radio coverage?

He answered, “All of the above. And we think there were close to 700 people at that demonstration.”

RedFist was asked, “When Louisville Black Lives Matter wants to mobilize people to come to a demonstration like that, using all your social media, email, all your

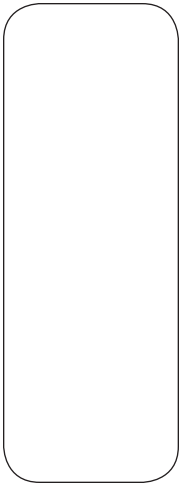
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# Beautiful Resistance



**Palestinian children at the Al Rowwad Children's Theater in Bethlehem**

*Photo source: Al Rowwad Children's Theater*

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The Al Rowwad Children’s Theater in Bethlehem provides Palestinian children a way to express themselves through theater, song, and dance. This helps them cope with the stress of living under Israel’s military occupation, which constantly threatens their emotional and physical safety.

Abdelfatah Abusrour (known as Abed to his friends in Louisville) is the founder and director of Al Rowwad. He was in Louisville for a few days in July, and I had a chance to speak with him. I asked what he would like us to know about what it is like to be a Palestinian living under Israeli occupation,

and how the theater helps children cope.

Abed said, “We are human. We are not born with hatred or violence in our hearts. We do not hate Jews. In Palestine we were Christians, Jews, and Muslims living together in peace for centuries. We were neighbors. We understood the need to share this land of Palestine with people of all religions.

“Jews have a history here. So do Christians and Muslims. Jesus was born here. Muhammad is said to have ascended to heaven from here. We all have a history here and a claim to be here in Palestine.

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outreach capabilities, how many people can you reach? Is it 10,000?"

"More than that," he replied.

Lee RedFist, Chanelle Helm, Christian Jones and the other leaders of Black Lives Matter are doing an impressive job. They organized the July 31 demonstration on Louis Coleman Drive as a one of their weekly "Stand Up Sunday" events.

"Stand Up Sunday" is the regular weekly outreach event held by Louisville Black Lives Matter every Sunday at 3:00 pm, usually at the Carl Braden Center at 3208 W. Broadway (Phone: 502-778-8130). But sometimes it is held in a different location, so it's best to verify the location by searching on Facebook for "Stand Up Sunday Louisville"

Everyone should try to attend one of

these "Stand Up Sunday" gatherings at 3:00 pm on any Sunday. Once you try it, you may like it so much you will want to go again.

The one on Sunday July 31 was a remarkably warm, friendly gathering, with lots of new folks who were coming for the first time. They went around the room with introductions. By the end of the meeting, we were grilling out on the lawn, enjoying home-cooked food, and feeling like we had made lots of new friends.

Attending a "Stand Up Sunday" event is one of the most important things people can do to help keep the national focus on addressing racism in police departments. As Belle Holloway said, "People need to show up for this."

Go to facebook and search for "Stand up Sunday Louisville"



Demonstrators read excerpts from the speeches of Martin Luther King Jr. from their cell phones while standing in the middle of Louis Coleman Drive in Louisville, Kentucky on July 31, 2016

Photo by Russ Greenleaf

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No one can say, "This land is only for us."

"When Israel came and said, "This land is only for Jews," that's when the problems began. We cannot get used to occupation and oppression. Who could accept having their land stolen and being forced into refugee camps in their own country? Who could accept having no future and no hope?"

"So we resist the injustice that has been inflicted on us.

"Our children feel the effects of the Israeli occupation every day. They know it's unfair, and they want to resist the injustice. Sometimes they throw stones."

I told Abed that we understand that when Palestinian children throw stones, they often get shot by Israeli soldiers for that. Israeli soldiers have been doing that for a long time. And Israel just passed a law making it official. Israeli soldiers now have official permission to kill a child for throwing a stone.

Abed said, "We love our children and want them to have a future. No parent wants to bury their child.

"So at Al Rowwad, we try to give our children another way to resist: through theater, art, song, and self-expression. We

want to give them a chance to live for their country instead of dying for their country. We call it "Beautiful Resistance."

"Every Palestinian family has its own story of being driven from their home and suffering the daily injustices of the Israeli occupation. At Al Rowwad, we give children a way to express that pain by telling their own stories. Through song and dance we preserve our culture and traditions and carry on with our lives."

I mentioned to Abed that, from the news we hear, it seems that Israel's repression against the Palestinians is getting worse every year. Israel's legalizing of the killing of children for throwing stones is one example. Israel's imprisoning of Palestinian children as young as 12 years old (in violation of international law) is another example

Abed said, "Yes it is getting worse.

"The Israeli occupation restricts every aspect of our lives. The occupation deprives us of the right move about freely, to get to work and school. It even deprives us of the right to fall in love. It prevents a Palestinian in Jerusalem from re-uniting with their spouse or loved one in Haifa.



Abdelfatah Abusrou, Founder and Director of Al Rowwad

"Under this occupation, every moment of life in Palestine is an act of resistance. Getting up in the morning, eating breakfast, going to work, falling in love, are all acts of resistance against the ethic cleansing that Israel is inflicting on us. Every day Israel tries to destroy our lives, and every day we build anew, with every act of life. Helping our children preserve our culture and express their hopes and dreams is part of that resistance."

I asked Abed how many children Al Rowwad serves.

He replied, "Seven thousand children per year attend classes and activities at Al Rowwad. Through our mobile outreach programs Al Rowwad reaches another 25,000 children with free educational services and activities."

Abed said, "And we are now expanding Al Rowwad beyond theater and performing arts. We are in the process of adding vocational training in carpentry, ceramic art, sewing and embroidery."

Abed spoke to members of the Louisville progressive community at several events while he was in town and gave us an opportunity to become partners in the work Al Rowwad is doing.

You can support Al Rowwad's work to inspire hope and save lives by making a donation at [alrowwadusa.org](http://alrowwadusa.org)

Visiting that website is also a great way to learn more about the amazing work Al Rowwad is doing.

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# Daniel Berrigan: Family, faith, and action (part 1)

By Ethan Vesely-Flad

This is Part One of a two-part article. This article was originally published on May 25, 2016 in the national Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) website blog: [www.forusa.org/blog.php](http://www.forusa.org/blog.php)

*I don't even know whether I want to be remembered. That doesn't really enter into my kind of scheme of life. I was thinking maybe I would like to have on my tombstone something like, "Thank God it was never dull."*

– Daniel Berrigan, from “Taking Peacemaking Seriously” by John Griffin, Fellowship magazine, 2006

Thanks to the generous support of friends and family, I travelled from North Carolina to New York City to attend the wake and funeral for one of the prophets of our time: Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J.

Most people reading these words are well aware of Fr. Berrigan. Indeed, hundreds likely knew Dan personally or would attest to the direct influence on their lives of his teachings and acts of conscience. His prose, poetry, and peacemaking witness changed the U.S. religious and cultural landscape, subverting the institutional church and laying nonviolent siege to political powers.

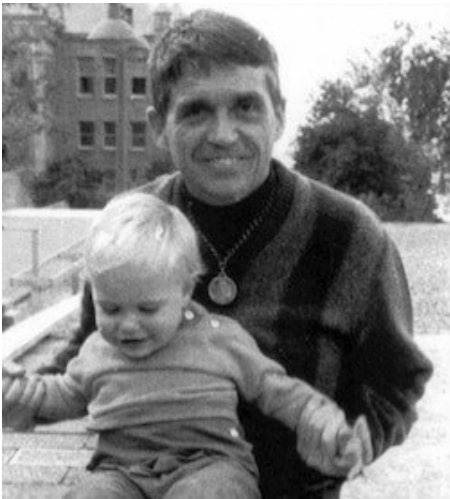
(For those less familiar with Fr. Berrigan’s legacy, you might start with the obituaries in The New York Times and The Washington Post, the lengthy interview republished by the National Catholic Reporter, and the beautiful hour-long “Moral Giant” profile by “Democracy Now!” featuring interviews with Martin Sheen, Fr. Berrigan’s niece Frida Berrigan, and former FOR executive secretary Fr. John Dear.)

Dan had an intimate relationship with the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), co-founding the Catholic Peace Fellowship within FOR (with his brother Phil and Trappist monk Thomas Merton, in the mid-1960s), serving as FOR National Council’s vice chairperson for nearly two decades starting in the 1970s and ‘80s, and contributing regularly to Fellowship Magazine through the years.

Due to age and circumstance, I was neither privileged to stand next to Dan at a protest, getting arrested together during a civil disobedience action (as some friends have shared in recent days), nor to study at his feet during one of the many courses he taught at an institution of higher learning. My story is located, instead, in the blessing of a familial connection; today’s trip to New York City represents for me a trip back in time, to the city where I was born and where, one month later, Fr. Berrigan baptized me into the Christian family.

It took over thirty years before we reconnected in person, but when he welcomed my spouse Rima and me to a meal in his Upper West Side apartment in 2005, it felt as if we’d been visiting him for years. I have since visited Dan another half-dozen times, and in recent years the conversation was primarily led by me due to his failing health and voice.

In addition to his irrepressible sense of humor, three themes come to mind for me from my relationship with Dan: family, faith, and action.



Fr. Daniel Berrigan and Ethan Vesely-Flad in 1968

Dan expressed an obvious passion for family. As a single, celibate priest, he was nevertheless deeply connected to his extended family. He wrote to his mother and siblings constantly; some of those letters, in which the word “love” appears repeatedly, are collected in the new book The Berrigan Letters: Personal Correspondence between Daniel and Philip Berrigan, published this week by Orbis. When I sat with Dan, his first questions were always about my parents, my spouse, our child -- how are they doing, he wanted to know? Are they well?

I last visited Dan on Nov. 4, 2015, when I was back in NYC to attend FOR’s Centennial celebrations that began that evening at Union Seminary, where he once taught. Dan was quite weak, and could not say much, but, in a whisper, he inquired as always about my family. And when I spoke of his niece Frida and her children, it was as if hands had been laid on him -- he sat upright, smiled, and spoke energetically. He so loved being an uncle!

Dan’s second characteristic I cite is his deep commitment to his Christian belief and religious practice, which was exemplified in his writings, such as this poem:

Song (from Jocopone Da Todi)  
In my morning prayer  
I saw love written  
upon every creature  
men on their foreheads  
trees on their leaves  
houses on their walls  
Christ has flowered in man’s flesh  
Let human nature rejoice!

Part Two of this article will appear in the October 2016 issue of FORsooth.

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**October 20 Christopher 2X, Local Peace Advocate**

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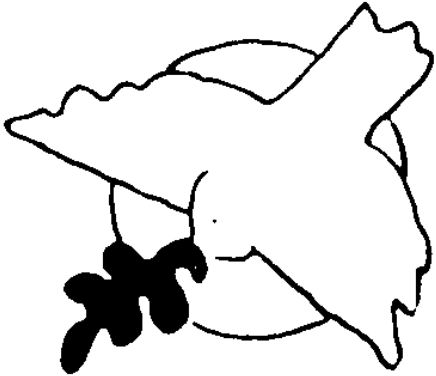
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# The Irrefutable Case for Reparations for Slavery (part 3)



**Members of the Black Panther Party, stripped, handcuffed, and arrested after Philadelphia police raided the Black Panther headquarters on August 31, 1970.**

*Photo credit: Urban Archives, Temple University explorepahistory.com*

Heavily armed police raided three Black Panther offices in Philadelphia. Young black men arrested in the raids were ordered to strip. (Other photos show them stripped naked at gunpoint.) One of those arrested, Reggie Schell, remembers, “Each cop took an individual Panther and placed his pistol up the back of our neck and told us to walk down the street. They told us if we stumble or fall they’re gonna kill us. Then they lined us up against a wall and a cop with a .45 sub would fire over our heads so the bricks started falling down. Most of us had been in bed, and they ripped the clothes off everyone, women and men. They had the gun, and they’d just snatch your pants down, and they took pictures of us like that. Then they put us in a wagon and took us to the police station.”

## By Michael Tee

*This is Part Three of a three-part article. The author was a member of the original Black Panther Party, Philadelphia Chapter. He recently moved to Louisville.*

Although much has been written about the transatlantic slave trade (illegal after 1808 but nevertheless continued until the end of the Civil War), the internal slave trade has yet to be widely examined. Beginning in the early 1800s, approximately a million enslaved people were transported from several states of the Upper South (Virginia, Maryland, and Kentucky) to the states of the Lower South (Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama). This forced resettlement, called

the Slave Trail of Tears, was twenty times greater than President Jackson’s Amerindian removal campaign, the Trail of Tears, which drove many tribes out of Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama. It was bigger than the 19th century immigration of 500,000 Jews to the United States from Russia.

One of the most catastrophic aspects of this involuntary relocation was the separation of enslaved families, a recurrent horror of U.S. slavery. Many were ‘sold down the river,’ without ever seeing their parents, spouses and children again. In his article, “Slavery’s Trail of Tears” (Smithsonian, November 2015), Edward Ball writes: “New Orleans, the biggest slave market in the country, had about fifty people-selling companies in the 1840s.

Some whites went to the slave auctions for entertainment. Especially for travelers, the markets were a rival to the French Opera House and the Theatre d’Orleans.”

It is estimated that at the end of the internal trade, sales came to more than \$440 million in today’s dollars.

“In the aftermath of the Civil War, Radical Republicans attempted to reconstruct the country upon something resembling universal equality, but they were beaten back by a campaign of ‘redemption,’ led by White Liners, KKK, and Red Shirts.... Terrorism carried the day. Organized white violence against Blacks continued into the 1920s.... In the Deep South, a second slavery ruled. In the North, legislatures, mayors, civic associations, banks and citizens all colluded to pin black people into ghettos, where they were overcrowded, overcharged and undereducated. Businesses discriminated against them, awarding them the worst jobs and wages. Police brutalized them in the streets” (Ta-Nehisi Coates, “The Case for Reparations,” The Atlantic, 12/24/15).

When one broaches the topic of reparations for the Holocaust of Enslavement, questions arise, like: Who will pay? Who will be paid? How will they be paid? The answers to the practical questions must begin with a serious national dialogue and the passing of H.R. Bill 40 submitted by Congressman John Conyers (Democrat from Michigan) in U.S. House of Representatives. The bill calls for a commission to study the “legacy of slavery and the feasibility of reparations.” Unfortunately, very few Republicans or Democrats in the House have ever brought it up for a vote, nor have any alternative political parties promoted it as part of their platforms.

Given that education was outlawed during the multi-centuries of chattel enslavement, a significant part of reparations must go to free education, for the same amount of time. This should include K through graduate school, private schools, and trade schools. African Americans, European Americans, and any others who cannot be ‘disproven’ as having descended from slaves or indentured servants should be eligible. (The onus should not be on contemporary Americans to prove, beyond a doubt, that their ancestors were, indeed, slaves when it has already been thoroughly

documented that most African Americans were enslaved before 1865, most Europeans were, before 1800, and many others. Also, slave owners generally kept shoddy records, and when they did, slaves were classified with their animals, with no last names.)

Reparations could include a central bank being established, with an elected board, to determine how federal funds and what amount of funds will be distributed. Monies could be utilized for cooperative ventures or a fully-funded development corporation. “Economic development ... should involve the financing of not only high-tech companies, such as computer factories and mass communication industries, but also low-tech manufacturing plants. It is fitting that reparations, which is essentially a socialist project (in the sense that it would involve a massive redistribution of wealth), should encompass not only the transfer of land or real estate but also the financing of industry.... Redistribution of wealth is not a matter of charity, it is a matter of economic justice, as the development, or rather overdevelopment, of the U.S. capitalist economy was directly contingent upon the institution of slavery.” sdonline.org/31/promises-and-pitfalls-of-reparations-2/

Who pays for all of this? It should be: 1) the federal government, 2) all those state governments which sanctioned slavery, 3) all other institutions and organizations in which it can be proven that they benefitted, financially from enslaving Americans—during chattel and convict-lease labor—and benefitted from subsequent, legal segregation and American apartheid. As Eric J. Miller, a professor at Loyola Law School has said, “The connection between slavery and the pillars of American society are tight. You might think about that literally. The columns of the White House and Congress were built by slave labor.”

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# Don’t blame Islam for terrorism (part 2)

## By Ira Grupper

*On May 1, 2016, a most interesting conference was held here in Louisville: “The Path Forward for the Muslims of Today.” It was organized by three Louisville organizations: Islamic Research Foundation International (IRFI), Islamic Cultural Association of Louisville (ICAL), Iqbal International Leadership Institute (IILI).*

*I, a secular Jew, was honored to have been one of a number of speakers asked to address the topic, “Terrorism, why it is happening, and steps to stop it by negating the lure that it is Islam.”*

*The first half of my speech was published in the July/August issue of FORsooth. Below is the text of the second half of my speech.*

The few misused symbols from Islam that are employed by groups such as ISIS, the Taliban, and Al Qaeda serve as a crude fig-leaf to hide their corruption. These religious symbols were particularly convenient for the Western powers, who were desperate to counteract the growth of a socialist-influenced, largely secular, pan-Arabic movement, including Moslems, Christians and Jews from Arab lands opposing imperialism after World War II.

There are two dynamics linking religion and terrorism. One dynamic is the potential for “God wills it!” type fundamentalist fanaticism that has always lurked within all the major religions, and is an inherently religious question that has to be dealt with in religious terms.

The second dynamic concerns, a world that seems to be caught between contending world views. You cannot address today’s



**Ira Grupper**

topic without addressing both dynamics. For example, the Saudis continue to finance fundamentalist madrassas (religious schools) with petro-dollars from the industrial democracies, in order to placate and essentially buy-off the Wahabi fundamentalists whose terrorist violence

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installed the House of Saud in power.

This was a revolution against the Hashemite King Hussein who British imperial interests had installed after the First World War, in which the Ottomans had....well, you get the picture.

The role of religion and religious terrorism in political and world affairs cannot be examined as a strictly religious matter. But neither can it be examined as a totally geo-political-economic matter, isolated from faith and theology.

A Louisville colleague analyzes the dynamic in terms of interrelated components.

- Quote:
1. Authoritarian kleptocracy characterized by police & political repression by the state, and government corruption.
  2. Fundamentalist theocracy characterized by terrorist or state-sanctioned violence and rigidly enforced social conformity. This world view is not limited to Islamic fundamentalism.
  3. Socially-mobile, pluralist democracy characterized by political processes that are dominated by oligarchies of wealth.

(End quote.)

I visited nine cities, in as many countries, in Europe, in April & May of 2014. I saw a dangerous growing movement in opposition to immigrants, so many of them Muslims.

Too many of Europe’s “white” working class blame immigrants, people of color and others who are “different” for economic woes. A new wave of anti-Muslim intolerance and antagonism is sweeping Europe. The far right’s political gains are alarming.

If “terrorism” is “the use of violence or intimidation in the pursuit of political aims,” then radical Islam does not hold a monopoly. The U.S., Britain, and Israel, among others, do not have clean hands.

Economic alienation and desperation recruit fighters in the Middle East. Homs and Aleppo are being decimated as we sit here. Has the Syrian government, thru violence, created a space for radical extremist opposition? Can we easily separate politics and religion? Are U.S. drone strikes a form of terrorism?

Rev. Martin Luther King put it best, and I will make it gender-neutral: “We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters, or perish together as fools.”

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# Encounter with human trafficking in Louisville

By Teena Halbig

What is human trafficking?

According to Wikipedia, short definition: “Trafficked people are held against their will through acts of coercion and forced to work for or provide services to the trafficker or others.”

Long and detailed definition: “Human trafficking is the trade of humans, most commonly for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others. This may encompass providing a spouse in the context of forced marriage, or the extraction of organs or tissues, including for surrogacy and ova removal. Human trafficking can occur within a country or trans-nationally. Human trafficking is a crime against the person because of the violation of the victim’s rights of movement through coercion and because of their commercial exploitation. Human trafficking is the trade in people, and does not necessarily involve the movement of the person from one place to another.”

Human trafficking represented an estimated \$31.6 billion of international trade per annum in 2010. Human trafficking is thought to be one of the fastest-growing activities of trans-national criminal organizations.

Human trafficking is condemned as a violation of human rights by international conventions. In addition, human trafficking is subject to a directive in the European Union.

I had an encounter with human trafficking right here in Louisville.

I was planning to leave Louisville for New York mid-March 2016 for the 60th NGOCSW (Non-Governmental Organization Commission on the Status of Women). I knew there would be a lot of walking.

However, my most comfortable shoes had a button come off to leave a strap loose while I barely had a few days before departure. Well, I happened to see a shoe store in Louisville that I had never used before. I decided to stop. The immigrant owner was busy but came to wait on me. I asked the price to repair the shoe and that cost seemed fine. Next, I asked about the scuffed toe of the other shoe. He said, “Okay, I fix it.” I let him know I was really hoping to get the shoes back soon since I wanted to wear the shoes in New York - where I would be on a panel to speak about legislation that had just passed in the 2016 KY General Assembly House of Representatives. House Resolution 6 made KY the first state in the United States to adopt CEDAW = Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women as House Resolution 6.

He tore off a piece of white paper and pushed it toward me to tell me, “You put – name/address”. I said, “Oh, I think I have a card!” Well, he took my card and turned it over to see, “STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING”. This quiet and reserved immigrant kept looking down at my card while softly mumbling over and over, “Human Trafficking, Human Trafficking...” After a pause, he finally said “...they take people here and have to work, they work 2 – 3 years to pay; 2 – 3 years.” I replied, “Yes, this is human servitude/trafficking.” He continued and sadly uttered, “They take papers away.... they take all papers.”

At this point, I suspected he knew something or somebody. Therefore, I said, “There is a national human trafficking hotline number, 1-888-3737-888 that routes back to KY where people can get help.” I further explained to him that anyone can call - even if they only suspect something and there are no repercussions against the caller.



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Furthermore, I added that I had sought HB465 about Human Trafficking – to have this national hotline number posted in rest rooms of rest stops. It passed the KY House of Representatives 96 to 0 with a friendly amendment to be in Spanish as well as English.

He kept his head down – looking at my card, front and back. As he paused to study the card, he began speaking, “...you put number – you put number?” as he pushed my card on the counter back toward me. I replied, “Sure – okay.” While taking time to make the numbers as legible as possible, I vowed to myself that I would make sure my next cards had the number on them. As I headed for the door, I wondered if this man would give the number to someone or use it in some manner. Outside, it was a heavy rain but I was focused on the exchange of conversation that had just taken place.

I relayed this encounter to my husband when I got home and kept mulling it over and over. Three days post leaving my shoes, I returned to the shoe shop. The owner was busy buffing a cowgirl boot. When he finally saw me, he said, “I be there.” My shoes were ready a day early and looked like new!!

Already, I had laid some money on the counter but was unsure of the exact charge verbally given so I asked, “What is the cost?” He replied softly, “Nothing....Nothing”. I had a hard time understanding and again asked, “What is the amount I owe?” So he repeated in a quiet manner, “Nothing.” I was flabbergasted and immediately said, “Oh, no, no, .... that can not be right!” I continued, “You are in a business and need to make money. I want to pay you!”

There was a silence, then he solemnly and quietly looked up to say, “You help someone.” I said, “What? What did you say?” Again, he uttered, “You help someone. She got help....You help her.” Suddenly, I realized what he was trying to relay to me. All I could say was, “Oh, oh, I am so glad!” With my right hand, I clasp his hands that were stacked on top of each other atop the counter to repeat myself, “I am so very glad! Thank you for letting me know!”

Again he said not to pay – saying, “No cost... no cost..” I left the money on the counter and said, “I’ll always think of you when I wear these shoes!”

It will always be a beautiful memory – the thought of helping another that I do not know and of this man’s caring for another person – whether it was his relative or friend. Just knowing someone benefited by getting the human trafficking hotline number showed me it works and that many more folks can be helped with the posting of this important number.

This is the exact type of case to report and had the action not taken place, I had a duty to report this encounter. If you know of any suspected human servitude/trafficking, please report it – you can make a difference

As you can tell, it is important to know what Human Trafficking (HT) involves (thus the long definition at the beginning). The second important message is to know the National Human Trafficking Hotline Number, 1-888-3737-888. or keep it handy.

The third important item: the law requires you to report any suspected trafficking – whether or not that turns out to be the case.

For the past 7 years, the United Nations Association –USA, KY and our Chapters have worked to educate about Human Trafficking/Modern Day Slavery by holding forums, panels, bringing in speakers and proposing legislation. In January 2017, we will work to get Human Trafficking legislation in both the House and Senate as well as a bill for CEDAW (article 6 is about Human Trafficking). Your help would be greatly appreciated – just email me to receive notices. This way, you will know when to call to leave a message with the state operator for legislators or to email plus when we are holding meetings about Human Trafficking.

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**Peace**

By Sharon Grant

Peace comes like a mist settling on the war-torn land.

When there is the will...  
When the intent is as firm as the rock-hard base of the mountains...

When the war machines have broken our bodies and torn at our hearts and shattered our hopes...

When we're sick of the death and ravages of military prowess...

When our resolve is as firm as the bow that releases the arrow...

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Slowly, silently, on moccasin feet.

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# What We Believe In

By **K.A. Owens**

As those of us who want the best for all the citizens of Kentucky set our priorities for the future, we must remember three things: who we are, what we care about, and what we believe in.

We believe that everyone has a right to health care. We believe everyone has the right to see a doctor, receive hospital care and medicine without going in to debt or bankruptcy. We believe that people whose incomes are artificially low because of the structure of our economy (poor people) should not have to spend the little money they have on health care.

We care about raising local and state minimum wages because we know that productivity has been rising for the past 30 years while wages have not. We know that low paid workers (poor people) have been subsidizing corporate wealth, hedge funds, Wall Street and chief executive salaries. Low-paid workers (poor people) have been creating tremendous wealth for a very small group of people whose primary talent is manipulating the economic system.

We care about renters' rights because we believe that everyone has the right to a roof that doesn't leak, hot water, heat in the winter time, a toilet that flushes properly and to be free of rats, roaches and mice, even if they cannot afford or choose not to purchase a home.

We care about the dignity of the worker and the right of the worker to be respected by supervisors, and company owners. We believe in the right of the worker to organize for safe working conditions, wages and benefits. We oppose the misnamed "Right



**K.A. Owens**

to Work" legislation because it is obvious union busting, and we know there would not be a middle class in the United States without the unions.

We know that the budget problems of Kentucky don't have anything to do with state employees earning too much. They are caused by the majority of private sector workers earning too little.

We care about maintaining the prevailing wage because we believe contractors should pay laborers fairly on public works projects in the state of Kentucky.

We believe in fully funding the teacher and state employee pensions. Teachers and state employees are an important part of our dwindling middle class. They have earned their pensions and we need them to have money to spend to drive the economy and to transfer wealth to their children and grandchildren.

We believe that most children are best served by high quality public schools. We oppose charter schools, because we understand they are not designed to educate all children, that charter school outcomes are not better than public schools, and that charter schools are designed to shift tax money in to the hands of profit-minded individuals.

We don't believe that hard-working people whose wages are artificially low because of the structure of our economy (poor people) are deficient in morality and character. We don't believe that people whose earnings are artificially high (rich people) have more morality or more character than anyone else.

We don't believe that the people who are forced to depend on social programs because their wages are artificially low (poor people) are defective and need to be fixed by wise and all-knowing rich people.

We believe in an increase in tax revenue in Kentucky, because we don't believe taxes are theft. It is not theft when you drive on a paved road that doesn't have so many pot holes that it damages your vehicle. It is not theft when you drive across a river on a bridge that we all paid for through taxes. It is not theft when the government tests your water to make sure it won't ruin your pipes and release lead that makes your family sick.

We believe that poorly-thought-out goals, such as shrinking the size of government, led to the people of Flint, Michigan being poisoned by their own state government. The state of Michigan destroyed the future of a generation of poor white and poor Black children to save a few dollars worth of chemicals needed to purify the water.

We believe in having enough revenue so that the public schools can teach our children how to play a saxophone, sing in a choir, paint a portrait, or act in a play. We don't want to force every parent to pay for private lessons so their children can develop their talents and live up to their potential.

We don't believe we are out of money in Kentucky or anywhere else. We know the money has been shifted in the last 30 years into the hands of a very few people. There is plenty of money, and always has been.

We care about the fact that Blacks and other minorities are being forced to suffer without justification. We want the suffering to end.

We believe that women have the right to reproductive health services without interference from the state.

We believe that everyone has civil rights including the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender community. Civil rights include the right to marry.

We don't believe that anyone should be denied the right to vote because of mistakes they made in the past.

We are the people who believe that we have enough character, talent, resources and money to do everything that needs to be done. And we care enough not to leave anybody behind.

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## More love, less capitalism

By **Isaac Marion Thacker IV**

Probably I should admit to bias in this matter, as there is a prominently-displayed bumper sticker on my white 1998 Ford Taurus proclaiming my hope for and belief in exactly the title of this essay: "More Love, Less Capitalism." But it is a bias only for life, for humanity. I personally believe that we can do better than financial competition and (the inevitable consequent) military wars. And love is likely the only thing that can provide an effective moral equivalent to war.

This is the case, ultimately, because capitalism fundamentally views the world as its oyster, one where the rule is: "Get everything you possibly can for yourself, and things will work out for everybody." I beg to differ, holding that, like it or not, we are all of us in this life together. We don't get to self-seek and then claim that it's for the good of society!

This should have been obvious to us in the decade that started our depraved decadence under the banner of, "A rising tide lifts all boats," the 1980s, when its basic

money theory was called "trickle-down" economics. If the Reaganite rich let any money flow to us, especially the poor, it is in fact only a trickle from the veritable flood that flows to them.

It should have been even more obvious when the architect of trickle-down economics himself, King Ronald's own wonder boy budget director David Stockman, announced the quintupling of the rich's wealth to \$40 trillion since 1985.

And now that the wealth of the rich has spiked yet again (from \$40 trillion to \$64 trillion), 76 percent of the nation's \$85 trillion or so in total wealth goes to the top 10 percent, since Stockman's lament. Should we really, in the 21st century, regress to the economic situation before the French Revolution of 1789-1799?

It seems to me that a much, much better option would be to lovingly direct funds to people who actually need them, and thus will spend them (increasing what is known as "velocity" in our U.S. economy) rather than looking for "safe" places such as the

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Cayman Islands to avoid even paying taxes on them. Probably the very best way to do this is to increase the minimum wage nationally to \$15.00 per hour and index it to inflation. We should then guarantee everyone who wants one a job at that new, livable minimum level. People would be working in good jobs, not "on the dole," and at least have the income to be solvent.

God knows that there are millions of people who need this financial help. And I believe that, in public policy as in other things, you tend strongly to achieve what you set out to directly do, rather than unintentional, ancillary effects such as capitalism's alleged benefits for the 99 percent.

Should we really let \$64 trillion of our \$85 trillion in national wealth go to the rich and super-rich? I don't think so. We are the 99 percent; and we will ultimately win! There are too many of us and too few of them for any other outcome. Yes we can! Si se puede! Viva the 99 percent!!

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# Local Congregations Receive National Green Recognition



Rain garden at Midway Christian Church, Midway Kentucky

## By Aaron Tornes

Three Kentucky religious congregations received recognition from Interfaith Power & Light as a part of their Cool Congregations Challenge.

The Drepung Gomang Center for Engaging Compassion in Louisville and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth both were named Runner Up in the Energy Saver category. Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was named Sacred Grounds Steward Runner Up.

The contest had 76 entrants from across the country in the categories of Sacred Grounds Steward, Renewable Role Model, Energy Saver, Community Inspiration, and Planning. For the second year in a row, Kentucky had the most congregations being recognized (three), along with California and New Mexico.

Here is how our three nationally recognized winners demonstrated their care for creation.

Drepung Gomang Center for Engaging Compassion (DGCEC) was committed to creating their new center in a way that was compassionate to the planet. This led to a deep and thorough review of all building systems. In the end they choose many energy efficient options including HVAC equipment (18 SEER heat pumps with back up gas furnaces), LED lighting (95 percent of the building), foam and cellulose insulation, recycled denim soundproofing, a 70-panel, 20 kW solar array producing 23,520 kWh/year, Energy Star rated appliances (refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer, dishwasher), rain barrels, low VOC and re-purposed flooring materials, recycled content carpeting, high efficiency gas water heating system (Vertex 50 Gal gas) using low water volume shower heads and toilets, and other innovative, Earth-preserving improvements.

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth upgraded their lighting systems. At the campus of their Motherhouse, many of the primary lighting sources, both in the campus buildings and long the roads of the campus, were less inefficient. The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth were looking to install a more energy efficient lighting source to reduce their energy impact, and through that reduced energy impact, act as stewards of creation.

After researching many different lighting sources, the campus decided to install LED lights. Outreach was made to the sisters and campus residents on the plans to change the lighting sources and to offer



Solar panels at the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Motherhouse, Nazareth, Kentucky

information on what the lights were and what benefit they brought to the campus.

Sixty-two fixtures were replaced in the Motherhouse, Carrico Hall, and O'Connell Hall. Since the upgrade, the fixtures have experienced an average reduction in energy draw of 275 watts, and there is interest in expanding the project to the satellite buildings on the property.

Midway Christian Church had a downspout which was eroding a steep bank near the church. Church leaders decided to deal with this problem by installing an eco-friendly rain garden which aligned with the mission of the church, certified as a "Green Chalice Congregation" by the Disciples of Christ.

After meeting with Bluegrass Greensource for advice on where and how to install the garden, church members and volunteers from civic groups excavated the needed area and planted local species to help absorb the excess runoff. The gardens have been incredibly successful and are now part of educational workshops designed to raise awareness of rain gardens to the public.

For more info, please contact Aaron Tornes by calling 502-210-8920 or email [aaron@kentuckyipl.org](mailto:aaron@kentuckyipl.org)

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Aaron Tornes

# Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

15 THOUSAND FARMERS – 15th day each month, [www.15thousandfarmers.com](http://www.15thousandfarmers.com)  
AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE –

Every third Friday at noon at Sullivan University, [www.au.org](http://www.au.org)  
(Contact Paul Simmons at 502-608-7517) [pdsimmons14@gmail.com](mailto:pdsimmons14@gmail.com)

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – (Sharon 637-8951)

APPAF (American Palestine Public Affairs Forum) – [www.appaf.org](http://www.appaf.org) (664-2761)

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY – [www.audubonsocietyofky.org](http://www.audubonsocietyofky.org)

BECKHAM BIRD CLUB – 2nd Saturday, 7PM, [www.beckhambirds.org](http://www.beckhambirds.org)

BLACK LIVES MATTER – Every Sunday, 3PM, 3208 W. Broadway, [chelm416@gmail.com](mailto:chelm416@gmail.com)

BREAD FOR THE WORLD – Last Monday every other month (239-4317 for details)

CAPA [Citizens Against Police Abuse] – 2nd Thursday (778-8130) Meet at Braden Center, 3208 W. Broadway

CART [Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation] – 3rd Wednesday, Union Station, TARC Board Room

CLOUT [CITIZENS OF LOUISVILLE ORGANIZED AND WORKING TOGETHER] – (583-1267)

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

COMMON CAUSE – Ad hoc discussions. Continuous engagement. [www.commoncause.org/ky](http://www.commoncause.org/ky)

COMMUNITY COALITION ON THE HEALTHY HOMETOWN – Every Monday, 5:30PM (502-574-6209)

COMMUNITY FARM ALLIANCE OF KENTUCKY – (859-351-4508) [cfaky.org](http://cfaky.org)

COUNTER RECRUITMENT, "Aim Higher" – 1st Sunday, 7pm (899-4119)

EARTHSAVE POTLUCK – 2nd Saturday, 6PM (502-299-2520) [www.LouisvilleEarthSave.org](http://www.LouisvilleEarthSave.org)

ELECTRIC VEHICLE OWNERS OF LOUISVILLE (EVOLVE) – Monthly meetings.

Join us on Facebook. Contact [stuartungar@icloud.com](mailto:stuartungar@icloud.com)

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

FDR/LINCOLN LEGACY CLUB – 1st Thursday, [papajohn15@bellsouth.net](mailto:papajohn15@bellsouth.net)

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION (FOR) – 2nd Thursday (609-7985 or 899-4119)

FOOD IN NEIGHBORHOODS COMMUNITY COALITION – 2nd Tuesday, 6:30PM (502-819-2957)

FORWARD RADIO PROJECT – 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m. (502-296-1793) [FORward-Radio.net](http://FORward-Radio.net)

FRIENDS FOR HOPE (Support Group for Adult Cancer Survivors) – 4th Wednesday at 6:30 PM (451-9600).

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF LOUISVILLE – 2nd Tuesday (893-8436)

GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB – 3rd Tuesday, 7pm. (502-644-0659)

GREEN CONVENE – 2nd Tuesday, 6:30PM, [www.greenconvene.org](http://www.greenconvene.org)

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ADVOCACY BOARD – 1st Monday, 9AM (502-574-3631)

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT BOARD – 1st Monday, 9:30AM (502-574-3631)

HUMANISTS OF METRO LOUISVILLE – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm (896-4853)

INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE – 3rd Wednesday, every other month. (214-7322)

IRFI [ISLAMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.] – Sundays at 6:00 PM (502-423-1988)

JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE – [levyjeffrey@rocketmail.com](mailto:levyjeffrey@rocketmail.com) (502-912-4319)

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)

KENTUCKIANS FOR SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE – 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, 5:30 PM. Board Room on the Mezzanine of the Louisville Free Public Library. [www.kyhealthcare.org](http://www.kyhealthcare.org) 636-1551

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

KITOD [KENTUCKIANA INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON DARFUR] – (553-6172)

KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION – 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. (778-8130)

KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY – (502-636-1330) [kcadp.org](http://kcadp.org)

KITLAC [KY INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN] – (502-435-3265) [kitlac@mailforce.net](mailto:kitlac@mailforce.net)

KRCRC (KY RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE) – (866-606-0988) [krcrc.org](http://krcrc.org)

KY WATERSHED WATCH. Volunteer water quality monitoring and training around the state every month. Call 800-928-0045

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (502-895-5218), [lwvlouisville.org](http://lwvlouisville.org)

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

LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST (LCPME) – (473-8435)

LOUISVILLE FORUM – 2nd Wednesday, Noon (502-329-0111) [louisvilleforum.org](http://louisvilleforum.org)

LPAC [LOUISVILLE PEACE ACTION COMMUNITY] – (456-6914)

LOUISVILLE SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (LSURJ) –

Monthly meetings for learning and action (502-558-7556)

LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH – Meditation every Sunday (473-8435)

LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP – Friday nights (502-587-7755), [louisvilleyouthgroup.com](http://louisvilleyouthgroup.com)

LOUISVILLIANS IN FAVOR OF EQUALITY (LIFE) – 4th Sunday (384-3875)

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

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

MIGHTY KINDNESS – [mightykindness@gmail.com](mailto: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] – (588-2008, [namilouisville.org](http://namilouisville.org))

NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK, LOUISVILLE METRO CHAPTER – 4th Sunday of each month, 5 p.m. ( 778-8624 or 470-362-0317)

PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG) – (233-1323; [pflaglouisville.org](http://pflaglouisville.org))

PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAM — (589-6583) <http://www.peaceeducationprogram.org>

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

SICKLE CELL ASSOCIATION – 3rd Saturday (502-569-2070)

SIERRA CLUB INNER CITY OUTINGS – 2nd Thursday, 7:30 PM (558-0073)

LOUISVILLE SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE. Learning, support and action (558-7556).

SOCIAL CHANGE BOOK CLUB – 3rd Monday, [www.greenlistlouisville.com](http://www.greenlistlouisville.com)

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STAND UP SUNDAY/STAND UP LOUISVILLE – Every Sunday 3:00 3208 W. Broadway [chelm416@gmail.com](mailto:chelm416@gmail.com)

URBAN LEAGUE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS – 2nd Monday, 6PM (502-561-6830)

VETERANS FOR PEACE, Louisville Chapter 168 – (502) 500-6915, [CRawertTrainer@twc.com](mailto:CRawertTrainer@twc.com)

WOMEN IN TRANSITION (WIT) – every Wednesday, 6-8 PM (636-0160)

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# Calendar for peacemakers

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Sep 1 to Sep 23 **MUSINGS ON THE JAPANESE RURAL LANDSCAPE.** The Crane House. See the etchings of Tanaka Ryohei. A unique body of work that combined Japanese and Western influences. Visit <http://www.cranehouse.org>

Sep 2 to January 2. **ALI TO ME.** The Muhammad Ali Center. See paintings and drawings by artist Patrick Maxcy celebrating Ali’s Six Core Principles. Visit[www.alicenter.org](http://www.alicenter.org)

Sep 2 to 5 **WORLDIFEST.** The Belvedere. Explore and celebrate Louisville’s many faces and cultures. Hear the 50-some languages we speak in our metro community. Dancing, exhibits, and authentic food. Visit<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/city-events/worldfest>

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

Sep 3 (Sat) **CANVASS NEIGHBORHOODS FOR FRESH FOOD.** Saturdays and Sundays. Join us any time. Fresh Stop Project volunteers take orders door to door for locally grown fruits and vegetables. Visit <http://newrootsproduce.org>

Sep 3 (Sat) **LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE.** Every Saturday morning. Also, other days and times. 26 farmers’ markets from California neighborhood to Norton Commons. Visit [www.louisvilleky.gov/HealthyHometown](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/HealthyHometown)

Sep 4 (Sun) **“AIM HIGHER”** focusing on military counter-recruitment. Every first Sunday at 7 PM. Discuss conscientious objection, military recruitment, and the possibility for high school students to “opt out” of having their names given to recruiters. Call Jim Johnson, 262-0148 or e-mail [FORnonviolence@gmail.com](mailto:FORnonviolence@gmail.com)

Sep 6 (Tues) **JUSTICE MINISTRY ASSEMBLIES. CLOUT** (Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together), 7PM. Volunteers in nineteen diverse congregations assemble to identify critical community problems for group advocacy. Visit [www.cloutky.org](http://www.cloutky.org)

Sep 7 (Wed) **NOONTIME INTERFAITH MEDITATIONS.** Every Wednesday from 12:10 to 12:30 at Christ Church Cathedral, Downtown. Weekly rotation includes Zen Buddhist silence, Lecto Divina, Vipassana Buddhist practices, and Creative Visualization. Visit <http://paths2peace.org>

Sep 7 (Wed) **THE LOUISVILLE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM.** Every first Wednesday. Sustainability and relationships that create a community for change. Bring your lunch. Noon to 1:45 PM, Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, the Barn at 1924 Newburg Road.

Sep 8 (Thurs) **KENTUCKY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE.**Every first & third Thursday, 5:30PM at Main Public Library. Call Kay Tillow 636-1551.

Sep 9 (Tues) **REAL PEOPLE, REAL CHALLENGES, REAL SOLUTIONS.** Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter, morning and evening sessions. One hour interactive tour of VOA’s work and programs for self-determination. For more information, call 636-4660

Sep 10 (Sat) **EARTHSAVE OF LOUISVILLE.** Crescent Hill Ministries, 6PM to 8PM. Every 2nd Saturday. Discuss healthy food and behavior change. Bring a plant-based dish and share your recipe. Mix, mingle, music. Call 299-9520 for more information.

Sep 10 (Sat) **WATERFRONT BOTANICAL GARDEN’S RE-GENERATION.** 2PM TO 5PM. Learn more about local sustainable living initiatives and practices. Activities for all ages. Visit <http://louisville.edu/sustainability/>

Sep 13 (Tues) **CATHOLIC CHARITES LUNCH & LEARN.** St. Anthony Campus, 11:30AM to 1PM. Learn more about our refugee & immigration settlement program and our emergency assistance program Visit <http://cclou.org>.

Sep 13 (Tues) **MOVIMENIENTO DE MUJERES LATINA – LATINA WOMEN’S MOVEMENT,** La Casita Center, Network, mentor, find friends and share. Call 322-4036 for more information.

Sep 14 (Wed) **Y-NOW CHILDREN OF PRISONERS MENTORING.** Luncheon at YMCA Safe Place. 2nd Wednesday each month. Learn how you can help break the cycle through mentoring and encouragement. RSVP to 635-5233.

Sep 14 (Wed) **COMPASSIONATE LOUISVILLE.** Noon. Meeting locations rotate. Help monitor the progress of Metro Louisville ten-year campaign for compassion. Visit <http://compassionatelouisville.org> for more information.

Sept 15 (Thu) **DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF FORSOOTH.** Send articles to [russgreenleaf@yahoo.com](mailto:russgreenleaf@yahoo.com) or call 502-264-2437.

Sep 15 (Thurs) **GIVE LOCAL LOUISVILLE.** Join our 24-hour online giving day and support the 362 participating nonprofits that make our community a better place to live. We raised \$3 million for these good causes last year. Visit <http://givelocalloouisville.org>

Sep 15 **GROWING FOOD AND COMMUNITY.** 15 Thousand Farmers at Dismas St. Ann’s on Algonquin Pkwy, the 15th of every month. Share ideas and experiences about growing your own food. Taste samples. Visit [www.15thousandfarmers.com](http://www.15thousandfarmers.com)

Sep 15 (Thurs) **OPEN-DIALOGUE WITH POLICE.** Louisville Metro Police Department at local community centers, 6PM. Learn about things police officers do. Talk with law enforcement officials and help build relationships and mutual understanding. Visit <http://louisvilleky.gov/government/police>

Sep 15 (Thurs) **MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT & ADVOCACY.** NAMI Louisville every third Thursday at 3PM. Also Saturdays and Sundays. Support group for families. Draw on years of experience. Visit [www.namilouisville.org](http://www.namilouisville.org)

Sep 15 (Thurs) **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN (CASA).** Orientation, Learn how you can help defend the rights of abused and neglected children in our community. Call 595-4911 to RSVP

Sep 15 (Thurs) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH.** Sarah Lynn Cunningham of Louisville Climate Action Network speaks about climate change. At Hotel Louisville, 120 W. Broadawy (Corner of First and Broadway) (This is a new location.) Lunch begins at 11:30 am. Speaker at at noon. Co-sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation and Interfaith Paths to Peace. RSVP to Cathy Ford at 502/458-1223 or [fordhoff@bellsouth.net](mailto:fordhoff@bellsouth.net), or to Cindy Humbert at [interfaithpaths@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithpaths@gmail.com)

Sep 15 (Thurs) (Thurs) **FORsooth LABELING PARTY.** 6:30 PM at the Winn Center at the Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Rd. COME TO THE PARTY ! Many hands make light work, and the opposite is also true. Join us if you can. It’s fun. Meet progressive people. Enjoy great conversations. Free refreshments. For more information or directions, call 451-5658 or email: [fordhoff@bellsouth.net](mailto:fordhoff@bellsouth.net)

Sep 16 (Fri) **WOMEN 4 WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING.** The Marriot Downtown 11:30am TO 1:30PM. Women 4 Women works to improve the lives of women and girls in Louisville through education, advocacy, and grants. Visit [www.w4w.org](http://www.w4w.org)

Sep 16 (Fri) **SMOKETOWN GET DOWN FOR DEMOCRACY.** Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, 4PM. Learn how you can make good things happen. Hone your advocacy skill. Reflect on victories and lessons learned. Visit [ww.kftc.org](http://www.kftc.org)

Sep 18 (Sun) **MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE - KY CHAPTER.** Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4PM. Learn what you can do to promote common sense about guns in our community. Come see us at the NULU Fest on Sept 24th. Visit <http://momsdemandaction.com>

Sep 20 (Tues) **SELF-ADVOCACY CONNECTION OF METRO LOUISVILLE.** The Council on Developmental Disabilities. Every third Tuesday, 6:30PM. Join committed volunteers working together to promote equal rights, inclusion, self-advocacy, support and education in all realms of life. Call 584-1239

Sep 21 to 24 **HAND IN HAND MINISTRIES.** Immerse yourself in another community and experience first-hand the hardships associated with extreme poverty. Perform essential volunteer work. Make friends and connections. Also, four more trips. Visit <http://myhandinhand.org>

Sep 25 (Sun) **THE HUNGER WALK.** Interfaith Path to Peace & Dare to Care. Noon. at Christ Church Cathedral, 2PM. Join over 2,000 others to show your commitment to nutritious food accessibly for everyone. Visit <http://paths2peace.org>

Sep 24 to Jan 2 **RACE: ARE WE SO DIFFERENT?** The Muhammad Ali Center. An interactive exhibit that helps us understand what race is and what it is not. Consider race from biological, cultural, and historical points of view. Learn to recognize racial ideas and practices in contemporary American life. Visit [www.alicenter.org](http://www.alicenter.org)

Sep 27 (Tues) **KENTUCKY REFUGEE MINISTRIES LUNCH & LEARN.** Noon to 1:30PM. Learn more about our refugee & immigration settlement program and citizenship tutoring classes. Visit <http://kyrm.org>

Sep 27 to 30 **IDEA FESTIVAL.** Kentucky Center for the Arts. 9AM to 5PM. Hear global thinkers on the future of the arts, technology, design, science, philosophy and education. Visit [www.ideafestival.com](http://www.ideafestival.com)

Oct 7 to 9 **SACRED WISDOM RETREAT.**The Center for Interfaith Relations in Laws Lodge at Louisville Seminary. Buddhist teacher Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel leads us through the Five Slogans of Machig Labdron; one of Tibet’s most renowned female saints and teachers. Follow her path to transformation of or our inner demons by invoking, embracing, and nurturing them. Visit <http://interfaithrelations.org>

## OUT OF TOWN

Sep 1 (Thurs) **INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE.** Lexington, KY at West Main and Broadway, 5:30PM to 6:30PM. Every Thursday for eleven years. For more information, Call 859-327-6277.

Sep 5 (Mon) **KENTUCKY MIGRANT NETWORK COALITION.** Lexington KY at the Cardinal Valley Center, 12PM. Every first Monday. Get better acquainted with Kentucky’s immigrant and refugee families. For more information, call 859-258-3824.

Sep 1 to Sep 28 **KENTUCKY ACLU / FAIRNESS ORGANIZING MEETINGS.** Help us build Fairness committees in Bowling Green, Elizabethtown, Frankfort, Northern KY, Owensboro, and Shelbyville. Visit [www.aclu-ky.org](http://www.aclu-ky.org)

Sep 9 & 10 **KENTUCKY WATERSHED WATCH SAMPLING.** Kentucky Division of Water at various locations. Learn how to collect and monitor data, screen for quality problems, and measure baseline conditions. Call 800-928-0045 for more information.

Sep 15 (Thurs) **ORGANIC AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP.** KSU Research Farm, Frankfort, KY. Every third Thursday. Participate in efforts to develop local food economies with the Community Farm Alliance and others. Visit [www.communityfarmalliance.org](http://www.communityfarmalliance.org)

Sep 17 (Sat) **CONSTITUTION DAY BARN DANCE.** Kentuckians For The Commonwealth in Rabbit Hash, Kentucky. 7PM. Meet and make friends with folks who work together to get good things done. Visit [www.kftc.org](http://www.kftc.org).

**PEACEMAKING EVENTS AT THE LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.**  
**Visit [www.lfpl.org](http://www.lfpl.org) for more information.**

Sep 3 (Sat) **ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB.** Every Saturday at the Iroquois & Newburg Public Library Branches, 3PM. Also Main Library & Bon Air Library on Wednesdays at 7PM.

Sep 3 (Sat) **BILINGUAL STORYTIME – ENGLISH & SPANISH** Iroquois Public Library, 11:15am. Hear engaging stories told in Spanish and English.

Sep 6 to 22 **REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE LIBRARY.** Employees of the County Clerk’s Office are registering eligible citizens to vote at many public libraries on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon this month.

Sep 6 (Tues) **HOUR OF POWER BOOK DISCUSSIONS.** Newburg Public Library, every first Tuesday, 6:30 PM. Discuss books on personal efforts to overcome the challenges of abuse, oppression, deprivation, discrimination or disabilities.

Sep 6 (Tues) **ISLAMIC WEST AFRICAN EMPIRES IN HISTORY.** Iroquois Public Library, 1PM. Hear Jemilla Barakaat on Islamic culture and history in this part of the world.

Sep 8 (Thurs) **BILINGUAL STORYTIME – ENGLISH & SOMALI.** Iroquois Public Library, 6:30PM. Hear inspiring and funny stories told in Somali and English.

Sep 9 (Thurs) **AFRICAN AMERICAN ARCHIVES TOUR.** Western Public Library, 1PM. Peruse the great books in our collection. Watch a short documentary. Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday this month.

Sep 10 (Sat) **CELEBRATE MEXICO – CALAVARA CRAFT & MUSIC.** Main Library, 3PM. Make your own calavara and learn joyous traditional songs.

Sep 15 (Thurs) **LOS GRADUADOS,** Iroquois Public Library. See the PBS program on pressing issues in education seen through the eyes of six Latino and Latina students in the United States. .

Sep 17 (Sat) **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS,** Iroquois Public Library, 1PM. Learn more about effects and extent of modern-day slavery from the Louisville Metro Human Trafficking Task Force.

Sep 20 & 27 **ISLAMIC CALLIGRAPHY.** Iroquois Public Library, 1PM. Hear Dr. M. Saleem Seyal on the beauty, intricacy and personal challenge of Islamic calligraphy.

Sep 24 (Sat) **MUSIC BY APPALATIN.** Bon Air Public Library, 11am. Hear lively acoustical music that combines Appalachian folk music with Latin music from Ecuador, Nicaragua and Guatemala in celebration of International Month. .

Sep 24 (Sat) **AESOP’S FAMILY STORYTIME.** Western Public Library, 11AM. Hear stories about character and culture from Ancient Greece.

Sep 29 (Thurs) **GRANTSEEKING BASICS FOR WORTHY CAUSES.** Main Library, 6:30PM. Learn the process of writing grant proposals. Master the essentials.

Sep 29 (Thurs) **BILINGUAL STORYTIME – ENGLISH & ARABIC** Iroquois Public Library, 6:30pm. Hear encouraging and insightful stories told in Arabic and English.

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