

STANDING AT THE CROSSROADS OF COURAGE AND CHARACTER

By Judi Jennings

In case there were any doubts before, the hearings culminating in the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court make it manifestly clear that we are living in a bitterly divided country. As an historian, I can't help reflecting on whether these are the most divided times ever for our country as some pundits and politicians state. In my view, the most divided time had to be the Civil War. Yet, even in 1865, President Abraham Lincoln called for the country to move forward with "malice toward none with charity for all" to "bind up our nation's wounds."

In my lifetime, I witnessed television coverage of the 1968 assassinations of Reverend Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy. The photographs of students murdered at Kent State in 1970 have become icons. Like millions of other young people, I participated in marches and protests against the Vietnam War. In this century,

our country has seen elementary and high school students brutally murdered, and the nation responds with deep divisions about gun control.

So the severity of our current polarity can be legitimately debated, yet, to me, the divisions exposed in the Kavanaugh hearings seem especially toxic. At the top of my reasons why is the lack of courage and character demonstrated by national and congressional leaders. They put winning the nomination above the process of a fair and thorough consideration of charges of sexual assault by announcing in advance that the vote would be taken regardless of the content of the testimonies. Similarly, winning the nomination was more important than preserving judicial character even after the shocking anger and disrespect shown by the candidate on national television.



Martin Luther King Jr. addresses a crowd from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech during the Aug. 28, 1963, march on Washington, D.C. (wikimedia)

The divisions laid bare by the hearings are far more than differences about personality and political ideology. More fundamentally, the bitterness of the debates is rooted in the eroding respect for fair processes in political decision-making. Too few elected leaders have the courage to cross partisan lines and the character to discern the difference between political gain and doing the right thing. In my view, this indicates that

the American people are now standing at a crossroads of courage and character in guiding the future of our country.

At this critical juncture, I believe there is a special role for the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) to play. Founded in the US by 68 pacifists in 1915, FOR emerged out of the cataclysm of World War I. Jane (see CROSSROADS, page 7)

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WE NEED LEADERS OF CONVICTION

By Dionne C. Griffiths

We are facing a time of moral bankruptcy in this country. People in leadership positions, such as corporate CEOs, university presidents, and elected officials are being scrutinized to determine if they are operating with integrity and transparency. These ethical issues are focused on the professional and personal lives of those we have entrusted with our nation, our children's education, our community's well-being, and our livelihoods. When people in leadership positions compromise their ethics due to insecurity, ego, or greed, there is a negative ripple effect within institutions

and companies. It impacts organizational operations, employee morale, customer loyalty, and the overall reputation of the establishment.

When leaders lack conviction in their decision making and they have a winner-takes all mentality, it sends shock waves through the organization. Unethical behavior and contradictory communication create cracks in the foundation of institutions, leaving them susceptible to destruction and decay.

The Bible says 'everything that is done in (see CONVICTION, page 5)



Maxine Waters is an American politician serving as the U.S. Representative for California's 43rd congressional district since 2013. Photo credit: Mark Mauno (wikimedia commons).

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PEACECASTERS’ NEW WORKSHOP AIMS TO UPLIFT TEENAGE ACTIVISTS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA STORYTELLING

By Lijah Fosl

For years, the goal of the PeaceCasters program was to “make media that matters.” This year, we made a change that was at once so small and so enormous: that from now on our mission was to “make social media that matters.” Social media is not just a term for the likes of Facebook and Instagram; it’s also a reference to an ever-increasingly present reality—the media we make and share is about our social communities more than anything else. At our Summer PeaceCasters camp, we aimed to rethink the world of social media not as one of egoism and selfish obsession, but as one of personal storytelling and community building through powerful connections.

If you don’t know, PeaceCasters is a project of the Peace Education Program that aims to equip young people ages 12-17 with the skills, knowledge, and empowerment necessary to use social media for social change. I joined the program as a kid at its inception in 2008 and have stuck with it ever since, through many iterations and changes. This year, as Peace Ed celebrates its 35th anniversary, we’ll be hitting our 10-year birthday as well.

I do really believe that this July brought about our most impactful PeaceCasters camp to date. PeaceCasters always brings a certain amount of challenges. Campers have a wide range of experiences, backgrounds, and trauma (not to mention our age range is broad and encompasses a large swath of growth and oncoming adulthood). We had some conflicts, as we always do, but solving conflicts nonviolently is what Peace Ed programs do best. By the end, the experience was truly transformative for a good number of participants as well as educational and fun for all.

Twice throughout these three short days, a camper pulled me aside and shared with me an experience of injustice. Listening in the



A group of participants at PeaceCasters. Photo courtesy of the author.

hallway to the pains of racism and discrimination, I realized that, for these campers, this was one of the first times they had ever felt comfortable sharing these stories and calling them what they were: injustice. To me, this is the biggest mark of success I could imagine. I feel dedicated to this curriculum because I know that our youngest community members are often the most affected—yet they are the most silent. We have been taught not to listen to the young, when really they have so much to say. The fact that these two felt empowered to share their personal stories and use them to speak out against violence is an enormous victory.

We are living in a world where facts are no longer the powerful change-makers that they once were. People are not swayed by data and scientific method. But, stories are infinitely powerful, always. They are the mortar on which grassroots mobilization and change-making is made possible. By empowering young people to share deep, significant life experiences, we are supporting a new generation of activists that understands the power of the individual in an enormously connected world.

At the same time, teaching young folks to understand the impact of their personal stories is a seriously uplifting process. It strengthens the sense of self-worth and personal power in teenagers who are too-often told their voices should not be used to stand up for themselves. There are always a few campers who come in uninterested, who say they don’t care about making change. With a few conversations and uplifting activities about the significance of personal storytelling, even the most withdrawn PeaceCasters can find a message they didn’t know they had. When they find these messages and share them with the world, the personal identity

effects are obvious. It’s often even written on their faces.

Making Social Media That Matters is certainly a success by the traditional output standards: we had a livestream project, an individual message project from every participant, and even some completed assignments for messaging help from local nonprofits. But to me, the real success comes in the form of youth empowerment. Whether it was the PeaceCaster who just immigrated from Honduras, the PeaceCaster who had been denied acting roles because of racism, or the PeaceCaster who had dealt with extreme bullying, so many of these young people opened up over the three days and shared with all of us powerful stories of resilience that will certainly stick with me. I imagine they will stick with us all. There’s real power in that, personally and politically. I, for one, feel lucky to have been a part of it, and I can’t wait for us to start it all over again at our next camp from January 2nd to the 4th.

If you or a young person you know wants to be a part of this camp, you can sign up today: online at bit.ly/pcwintercamp19.



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UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER'S MILITARY PARTNERSHIP SHOULD BE MORE TRANSPARENT

By George Cassidy Payne

Reprinted from the FOR National Website (September 26, 2018)

Before I get into the economics of this problem, I need to establish from the very beginning that the University of Rochester has always been committed to the enterprise of war. Students have enlisted in every major United States military contest beginning with the Civil War; a legacy that continues through the present day in conflicts such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

From 1943-1986, the University of Rochester was a U.S. Department of Energy facility. According to the Energy Employees Claimant Assistance Project:

“Although much of the early theoretical and experimental work that led to development of the first nuclear weapon was accomplished outside the U.S., American researchers made a number of fundamental contributions as well. Prior to 1942, the UR was one of the institutions that contributed to early nuclear physics research in the U.S. The university was responsible for more than a hundred projects in chemistry, physics, biology, medicine, and psychology. During the Manhattan Project, it had major responsibility for the medical aspects of the bomb program. After the war, Rochester received the AEC contract to operate the Atomic Energy Project (AEP), which focused on the biomedical aspects of nuclear energy. The UR also received funding to study the pathology and toxicology of Beryllium as well as to study the analytical chemistry of micro-quantities.”

These claims have been well researched and officially documented, and the relationship between the military-industrial complex and the University of Rochester is well established. Yet it was only recently that I have begun to learn about the Dow Chemical recruitment strikes on the UR campus in the late 1960s and all of the ways the UR contributed to promoting and prolonging the Vietnam war. It is all quite heavy stuff.

Let's reel it back a bit to look at the economics of this situation. According to the July-August 2018 edition of the Rochester Review, the University of Rochester is the largest private employer in upstate New York and the fifth largest in the state overall, with an economic influence that extends from employment and capital investment to purchasing and research. In fact, research alone generates a total estimated payroll of \$275 million and an estimated 18 million in income and sales tax. According to their own data, over the past five years, the UR has received more than 1.7 billion in external funding from both federal and non-federal agencies.

Given the unquestioned economic and social prowess of the UR in New York State,

as well as the entire northeastern region of the U.S., I wonder if it is appropriate to openly scrutinize the UR's partnership with the military-industrial complex. In my head at least, this question causes some degree of cognitive dissonance. It struck me again while reading the September 16, 2018 Democrat & Chronicle article headlined, “Congress OKs \$80 Million for UR Laser Lab, Highest Funding Level in History.” In the piece, journalist Brian Sharp wrote:

“[T]he LLE is a smaller counterpart to the government-owned centers in California and New Mexico. The lab employs 350, has 100 students studying and working in some capacity at the River Road facility, and routinely draws scientists and researchers from across the country. Its work has both civilian and military applications.”

Reading this brief article on page 9, I thought to myself: just another example of how intertwined commerce, science, education, and culture have become at this institution. Does it matter that presumably some of the research (well hidden in classification and corporate double-speak) is related to the manufacturing of weapons? Perhaps some of this technology may even contain the blueprint for weapons of mass destruction, weaponized artificial intelligence, and other untrammelled frontiers of killing.

Without going full throttle into a major investigation, the questions, at least to me, appear rather clear cut: Should the public know everything that is being developed in that laser lab as a matter of civic duty? Should the UR student body have full and unrestricted knowledge about what their school is doing with their money? And should all of the workers inside the lab know what they are really working for?

Other questions come to mind. When does the call to protect national security become a cover that allows an organization like the UR to simply protect their financial bottom line? Getting to the heart of the

matter, can the UR carry out the mission and values of a traditional bastion of the humanities while profiteering from the destruction and suffering of others? Like I said, heavy stuff.

I do get the economics. The UR brings 27,000 jobs, has a labor income of 1.3 billion, and purchases over \$1 billion of goods. The UR gives a stupendous amount of charity to the greater Rochester area. Quite predictably the vast majority of people living in this community are more than content to remain in the dark about any

cations” does not mean that they have an ethical mandate to do so. And just because they bring jobs and funding to our region does not give them a license to co-opt the talents and passions of our next generation.

This last point reminds me of something the radical historian Howard Zinn wrote in an essay for the Saturday Review in October 18, 1969. As a point of closure, Zinn's words are worth recounting in full:

“Knowledge is important because although it cannot confront force directly, it can counteract the deception that makes the government's force legitimate. And the knowledge industry, which directly reaches seven million young people in colleges and universities, thus becomes a vital and sensitive locus of power. That power can be used, as it was traditionally, to maintain the status quo, or (as is being demanded by the student rebels) to change it... Those who command more obvious forms of power (political control and wealth) try also to commandeer knowledge. Industry entices some of the most agile minds for executive posts in business. Government lures others for more glamorous special jobs: physicists to work on H-bombs; biologists to work on what we might call, for want of a better name, the field of communicable disease; chemists to work on nerve gas; political scientists to work on county-insurgency warfare; historians to sit in a room in the White House and wait for a phone call to let them know when history

is being made, so they may record it. And sometimes one's field doesn't matter. War is interdisciplinary.”

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Top photo by Dawn Wendt, UR Communications, 2014. Bottom photo by Rudy Marin, 2015. Both images courtesy of UR “Photo Friday” blog.

complicity in war making. They just want the funds to keep flowing. I get it.

But let us recall the monumental words of General Dwight Eisenhower, “We must avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering for our own ease and convenience the precious resources of tomorrow.”

What is being designed and what has already been implemented on the battlefield that has come out of that lab is a question that every citizen should have an answer for. The UR has a responsibility to be far more transparent about that basic question than they have been to date.

Moreover, just because they have the capacity to use their immense resources to develop weaponry and other “military appli-



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LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES AND... LOWER EMPLOYMENT RATES

By Thomas E. Lambert

On Friday, October 5, 2018, the US Department of Labor announced that the unemployment rate for the US was 3.7% for the month of September. This estimate would be the lowest unemployment rate for any month since 1969. It was also reported that wages had risen by 2.8% over the year before. Although very good news in many ways, some are reluctant to celebrate too much because the US economy is still giving mixed signals as to its condition.

As Figure 1 shows, the US unemployment rate has declined significantly since it reached a peak in early 2010 in the aftermath of the Great Recession. Those out of work and seeking work now are encountering less difficulties than those looking for work in prior years when the unemployment rate was higher. According to the US government, one must be out of work and looking for work to be classified as unemployed. If out of work and not looking for work, one is not counted as in the labor force at all.

At the same time, Figure 2 indicates that the portion of the US labor force (defined as the unemployed and employed combined) as a portion of the working age population aged 16 and above has decreased. And, although hourly wages have been rising over the last few years, Figure 3 shows that weekly earnings adjusted for inflation are only slightly above where they were in 2009 during the recession. Real earnings were below this level for several years after that. Therefore, recent pay increases are only helping the typical worker to make up for lost ground.

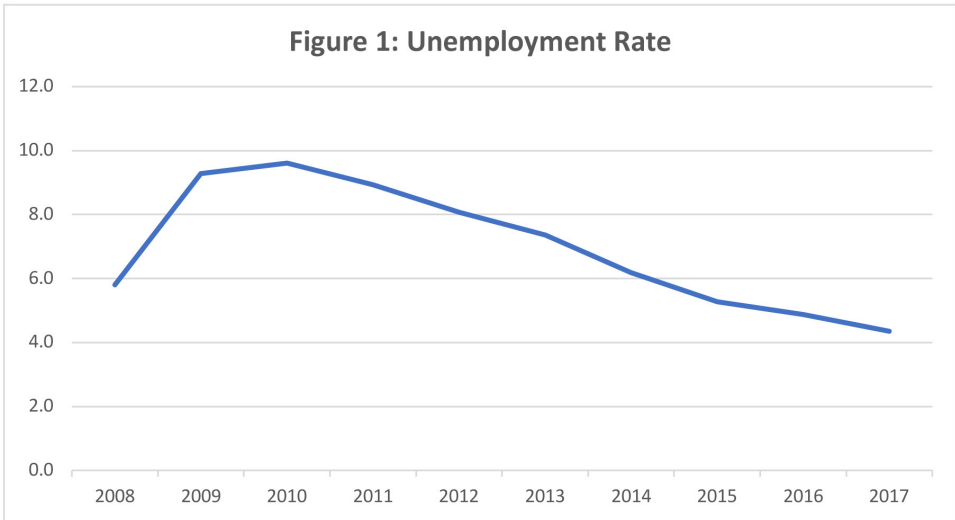
The unemployment rate going down as the economy slowly expands, and wages falling and then rebounding during the recession and subsequent recovery are usual parts or characteristics of any business cycle. What is unusual this time is the disappearance of so many working age adults from the labor force. From the late 1980s until

2008, the civilian labor force participation rate hovered around 66%. For the last several years, it has been around 62 to 63%. Some economists claim that the decline in participation rates and fewer adults working is due to such a large number of baby boomers retiring each year at a rate of 10,000 per day and younger people staying in school longer and not working while pursuing their education. The portion of teens working is very low now as more of them are focusing on their school work or have given up looking for part time work. Increasing retirement rates and a lower portion of 16 to 24 year-olds working now are two reasons given for the lower civilian labor force participation rate. But if many teens and young adults have given up looking for work, then that shrinkage in the participation rate would be a bad sign for the US economy and its labor force. Teens and young adults are not only missing out on current earnings which could help them and their families but are also missing out on work experience and the development of future work/career skills. Some also suspect that many adults in their 20s, 30s, and 40s are out of the labor force because they do not have the skills needed to gain entry level employment, and so they may have dropped

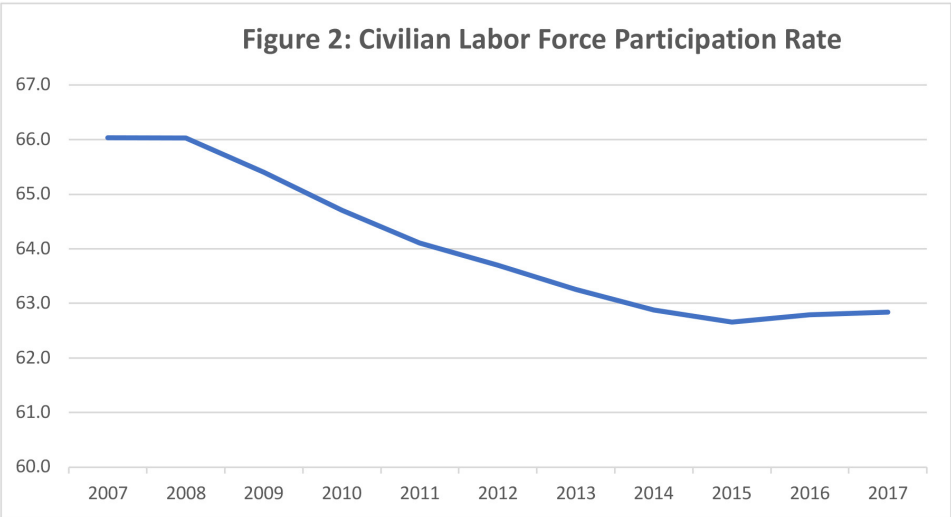
out of the labor market entirely. Some are relying upon the income of a spouse, significant other, or a family member to support them, or they may have gone the route of working in the “underground economy”. That is, they have resorted to illegal activities in order to survive.

Some think the decline in the labor force participation rate is relatively harmless. Others disagree, claiming that if there is a mismatch between the skills offered by job seekers and the skills demanded by employers. If the latter is the case, then many more workers and potential workers or participants in the labor force will be forced on the sidelines. A rising level of non-participation could also be exacerbated by increased workplace automation, which could make finding work in the future even more difficult for the under-skilled and under-employed.

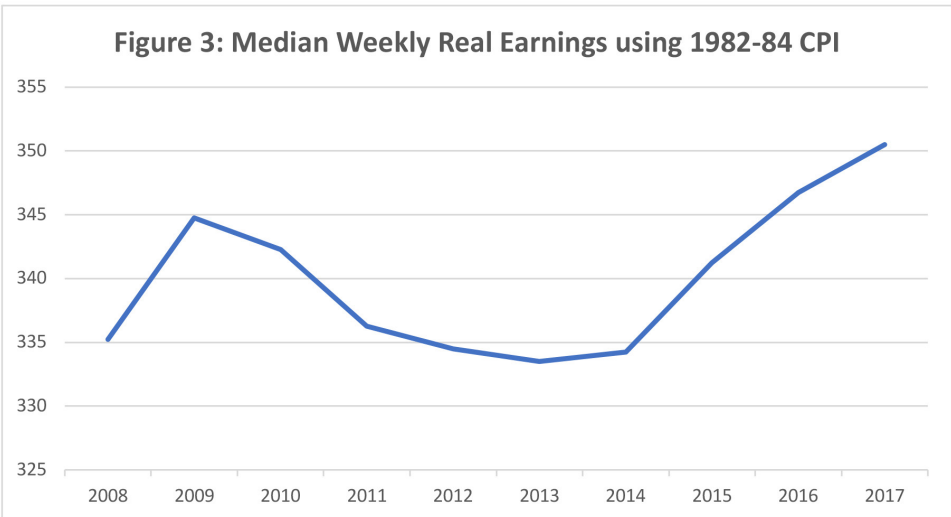
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THE LEGACY OF THE SOUTHERN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

By Ira Grupper

This is part two of the text of Ira Grupper's talk at the Global Studies Association—held at Howard University Law School in June 2018. (Part one appeared in the November issue)

I was living in Columbia, Mississippi, thirty-six miles away, when Mr. Dahmer was murdered. Two colleagues and I drove to Hattiesburg to pay our respects to the Dahmer family. We were stopped and closely questioned by the FBI, as if we were possibly the killers.

But the three of us had a pretty good alibi. We had just been released from jail in Columbia, having spent almost two weeks in the Marion County jail for protesting racist practices. So, we could not have murdered Vernon Dahmer.

Here are 2 examples of tampered mail. Yes, tampered mail. One envelope looks to have been crudely opened, the other seemingly steamed open. Both have the wording: Damaged in handling in the postal service.

Every movement since the Civil Rights Movement has learned organizing techniques from that movement. A proud legacy indeed. And there has been cross-fertilization, the connection between the United Farm Workers union and the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union. Then the UFW developed the boycott into a powerful instrument.

I heard that this helped the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa develop the boycott, and now the movement for Palestin-

ian rights is developing the boycott further.

The Civil Rights Movement trained people for other movements. The anti-Vietnam war movement of the nineteen sixties was built by many people who had already been Civil Rights Movement veterans, as previously noted. There were also the support groups for southern actions, like Friends of SNCC, which led into the Berkeley Free Speech movement and then into anti-war actions.

The civil rights movement also trained us to recognize oppression and injustice when we saw it and to ask questions like “Who made that decision?”

With this legacy we learned to recognize how power is organized and how to hold specific individuals responsible. I am thinking of Jack Minnis of SNCC, whose “Care and Feeding of Power Structures” began this work—which is very useful in organizing things like boycotts.

We did not learn well enough, at that time, how to deal with vast moves in the capitalist economy which seemed then almost inevitable, like a law of nature. I, for example, did not understand neo-liberalism as it was beginning to develop.

Another example: the depopulation of the rural South and the destruction of rural communities and cultures was sort of taken for granted, even if we came to appreciate the beauty that these rural folk cultures had developed in spite of oppression. We assumed that

these cultures would have to fit into a modernization process that they did not control. We helped them find a small amount more control than they would have had without the Civil Rights Movement—but not as much control as they should have had.

Vast amounts of knowledge that rural black southerners had about growing crops was simply allowed to vanish because we as mostly city people did not know what to do with it and assumed it would all become obsolete.

And the administration of Lyndon Johnson, regarded as among the most liberal of U.S. presidencies, was not about to challenge the control by planters of huge amounts of land.

We were so busy dealing with the Vietnam War that we had no time to deal with questions about agriculture and environment and community that seemed irrelevant at the time.

The legacy of the Civil Rights Movement in helping black southerners win political rights kept the mechanization of the plantations from being as destructive as it could have otherwise been. But the issues are important in other rural areas that face similar cultural destruction—for example, the Hispanic villagers of northern New Mexico.

And the destruction by corporate policies of white rural communities has been one of the factors that led to Donald Trump. We practically need a new Civil Rights movement to deal with what amounts to a nationwide Jim Clark (notorious Alabama sheriff) or Bull Connor (Public Safety Commissioner, Birmingham, Alabama) – without the competence of Clark or Connor, but that may well come with Trump’s successors.

Fortunately, we have the experience of the Movement to draw on and I hope it will all be available in easy-to-research form. (see CIVIL RIGHTS, page 6)



Jack Minnis (far right) at SNCC conference in Waveland, MS, November 1964. Minnis was the founder and director of opposition research for SNCC. Photo courtesy of Danny Lyon’s “Memories of the Southern Civil Rights Movement” collection.

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the dark will come to light’ (Mark 4:22). As a result, we hear about FBI investigations and Congressional hearings in local and national news. They are related to those in leadership making poor ethical choices. We are all role models regardless of our formal or informal titles and positions. Also, a person builds their reputation on the public’s sense of who they are. However, a person’s true character is revealed through their consistent actions in the public and behind closed doors. No one is perfect, but we can have standards of excellence and accountability for ourselves and our leaders.

Therefore, it is not enough for those in leadership positions to climb to the top of their professional careers by any means necessary while implementing discriminatory policies and practices rooted in hidden agendas. It is not enough to be “the first” or “the outsider” if leaders lack the credibility of competence, character and goodwill. We need leaders of unwavering principle, vision, compassion, and respect for all of humanity.

The Bible says ‘a double-minded person is unstable in all of his [her] ways’ (James 1:8). Therefore, leaders who play both sides in order to establish and maintain the public image of excellence will fall by being

entangled in their own rope of white lies, back room deals, and blatant disregard for transformative ethics.

In a modern democracy with the promise of freedom, equality, and justice for all, we need leaders of genuine moral character – undaunted by the challenges of the world. This includes the legacies of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm and Rep. Barbara Jordan and the current leadership of Rep. Maxine Waters. Furthermore, we expect leaders to stand with integrity, no matter what. As a result, we must hold our leaders accountable to the mission and vision they profess to believe in. Their hypocrisy must end now.



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Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm speaking at FSU as a presidential candidate – Tallahassee, Florida, 1972. Chisholm was the first woman and first African-American to seek presidency. Chisholm was also the first black woman elected to US Congress, representing New York’s 12th district for seven terms. Photo credit: Donn Dughi (State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory).

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7:30 AM		Informative Pacifica						07:30
8:00 AM	Project Censored	Depth N Weight	Solutions to Violence	Sprouts *	Ethics Forward	Clearing The FOG	Spirit in Action	08:00
8:30 AM				Informative Pacifica				08:30
9:00 AM	Radio EcoShock	The Sonic Café	Urban Voices	Reach Out In The Darkness	Single Payer	The Sonic Café	Alternative Radio	09:00
9:30 AM								09:30
10:00 AM	Spirit in Action	From Classroom to Newsroom	Sustainability Now!	Ethics Forward	Clearing The FOG	Black Agenda Radio		10:00
10:30 AM							Brunch with Black Folks	10:30
11:00 AM	Ralph Nader Radio Hour	Le Show with Harry Shearer	The Climate Report Bench Talk	Black Agenda Radio	Access Hour	Critical Thinking for Everyone!		11:00
11:30 AM								11:30
12:00 PM	On The Edge w/K.A. Owens	Sea Change Radio	Radio EcoShock	Alternative Radio	This Way Out	He Said, She Said	Kite Line - Prison Issues	12:00
12:30 PM	KY 120 Newscast	Citizens' Climate Radio			Making Contact		Sprouts	12:30
1:00 PM	Between The Lines CounterSpin	Ralph Nader Radio Hour*	Law & Disorder	Project Censored	Informative Pacifica Between The Lines	Access Hour	Urban Voices	13:00
1:30 PM								13:30
2:00 PM	Depth N Weight	Urban Voices	Depth N Weight	Access Hour	RetroForward	Citizens' Climate Radio	KY 120 Newscast	14:00
2:30 PM						Making Contact	On The Edge w/K.A. Owens	14:30
3:00 PM	From Classroom to Newsroom	Letters & Politics	Letters & Politics	Letters & Politics	Letters & Politics	Save Our Schools with Dear JCPS	He Said, She Said	15:00
3:30 PM								15:30
4:00 PM	Kite Line - Prison Issues Sprouts	Democracy Now	Democracy Now	Democracy Now	Democracy Now	Democracy Now	Black Agenda Radio	16:00
4:30 PM								16:30
5:00 PM	Song of the Soul	Solutions to Violence	Reach Out In The Darkness	Single Payer	Critical Thinking for Everyone!	KY 120 Newscast CounterSpin	Law & Disorder	17:00
5:30 PM								17:30
6:00 PM	RetroForward	Sustainability Now!	Ethics Forward	Clearing The FOG	Save Our Schools with Dear JCPS	Kite Line - Prison Issues Sprouts	Rockabilly N Blues Radio Hour	18:00
6:30 PM								18:30
7:00 PM		The Climate Report Bench Talk	Black Agenda Radio *	Informative Pacifica Making Contact	Radio EcoShock	Project Censored	Song of the Soul	19:00
7:30 PM	RFN Weekend (classic rock/EZ listening)							19:30
8:00 PM		Rising Up With Sonali	Rising Up With Sonali	Rising Up With Sonali	Rising Up With Sonali	Rising Up With Sonali	Spirit in Action	20:00
8:30 PM								20:30
9:00 PM	Le Show with Harry Shearer	The David Pakman Show	The David Pakman Show	The David Pakman Show	The David Pakman Show	The David Pakman Show	Between The Lines CounterSpin	21:00
9:30 PM								21:30
10:00 PM	Sea Change Radio	Democracy Now	Democracy Now	Democracy Now	Democracy Now	Democracy Now	Sea Change Radio	22:00
10:30 PM	This Way Out						Citizens' Climate Radio	22:30
11:00 PM	Best of The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen	The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen	The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen	The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen	The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen	The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen	What's The Frequency, Kenneth?	23:00
11:30 PM								23:30
						* Veterans For Peace Radio Hour airs monthly on the last Mon 1pm, Tue 7pm, and Wed 8am.		



Jane Addams, known as the “mother” of social work, was a leader in women’s suffrage and world peace. Photo courtesy of Swarthmore College.

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Addams, one of the 68, became the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. She also supported women’s right to vote and helped found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Addams was a pragmatist as well as a visionary who knew that “the good that we do for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life.”

After World War I ended, the International FOR was founded in 1919. Its purpose is to unite individuals and countries in building a more just political, social, and economic world future. Affirming the power of peace and collective determination in response to the beginning and end of the Great War are shining examples of courage and character at two global cross roads of violence and division.

Fast forward to 1975, the year of the Watergate verdicts, the fall of Saigon and violent protests against school integration in Louisville. It is also the year George and Jean Edwards established the Louisville Chapter of FOR. As George Morrison wrote in FORsooth July/August 2010, Jean and George, “used myriad talents—composing parody songs and staging elaborate sidewalk protests—and outright courage. They sometimes occupied the offices of politicians and administrators to rally support for gay rights, peaceable alternatives to US foreign policy and fairer economic opportunities for people held back by racism.”

So FOR continues to stand for courage and character in the face of fear, divisions and misuse of power. The story of FOR embodies the principles and practices our country needs now. A major focus of International FOR today, for example, is ending gender-based violence. This, to me, means taking seriously testimonies about sexual assault by women and men. And, further-

more, actively supporting fair processes for due consideration of charges at the local, state, national and international levels.

The very name “Fellowship of Reconciliation” stands for human connections and peaceful solutions to conflicts and wrongdoing. I believe reconciliation does not preclude resistance but seeks to reframe it as form of nonviolent action for the collective benefit of all as practiced by Jane Addams and George and Jean Edwards. Rather than using violent resistance, reconciliation requires truth telling, and most importantly speaking truth to power.

Since 1915 the Fellowship of Reconciliation has repeatedly created new pathways of courage and demonstrated ethical behavior at times of extraordinary division and conflict. I believe that members of the Louisville Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation can do that now as we face another crossroads about our values as a country, state and city. Together, we can demand that political leaders follow fair decision-making processes, and we can lead the way in practicing inclusion and creating reconciliation across divisions.



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Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE—Third Friday at noon at Sullivan University, www.au.org. Contact Paul Simmons at 608-7517, pdsimmons14@gmail.com.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL—Contact Sharon at 637-8951

APPAP [American Palestine Public Affairs Forum]—www.appaf.org, 664-2761

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY—www.audubonsocietyofky.org

BECKHAM BIRD CLUB—2nd Saturday, 7PM, www.beckhambirds.org

BLACK LIVES MATTER—Every Sunday, 3PM, 3208 W. Broadway, chelm416@gmail.com

BREAD FOR THE WORLD—Last Monday every other month, 239-4317

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

CEDAW [Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women]—2nd Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Bon Air Library, rosieblue1941@gmail.com

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

COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST—2nd Monday, 456-6586

COMMON CAUSE—Ad hoc discussions. Continuous engagement. www.commoncause.org/ky

COMMUNITY COALITION ON THE HEALTHY HOMETOWN—Every Monday, 5:30PM, 574-6209

COMMUNITY FARM ALLIANCE OF KENTUCKY—(859)351-4508, cfaky.org

COUNTER RECRUITMENT, “Aim Higher”—1st Sunday, 7PM, 899-4119

EARTHSAVE POTLUCK —2nd Saturday, 6PM, 299-2520, www.LouisvilleEarthSave.org

EVOLVE [Electric Vehicle Owners of Louisville]—Join us on facebook, stuartungar@icloud.com

FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN—Quarterly community dialogues and volunteer opportunities, 893-0788

FDR/LINCOLN LEGACY CLUB—1st Thursday, papajohn15@bellsouth.net

FOR [Fellowship of Reconciliation]—2nd Thursday, at 7:30PM, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Nelson Hall, www.louisvilleFOR.org, 609-7985 or 899-4119

15 THOUSAND FARMERS—15th day each month, www.15thousandfarmers.com

FOOD IN NEIGHBORHOODS COMMUNITY COALITION—2nd Tuesday, 6:30PM, 819-2957

FORWARD RADIO PROJECT – 296-1793, see page 5 for more info

FRIENDS FOR HOPE—Support Group for Adult Cancer Survivors, 4th Wednesday, 6:30PM, 451-9600

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF LOUISVILLE—2nd Tuesday, 893-8436

GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB—3rd Tuesday, 7PM, 644-0659

GREEN CONVENE—2nd Tuesday, 6:30PM, www.greenconvene.org

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ADVOCACY BOARD—1st Monday, 9AM, 574-3631

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT BOARD—1st Monday, 9:30AM, 574-3631

HUMANISTS OF METRO LOUISVILLE—2nd Monday, 7PM, 896-4853

INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE—3rd Wednesday, every other month, 214-7322

IRFI [Islamic Research Foundation International]—Sundays at 6PM, 423-1988

JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE—3rd Wednesday, 7PM, 553-6451, barbaraberman2@gmail.com

JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER—www.louisvillejrc.org, 774-8624

KENTUCKIANS FOR SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE—1st and 3rd Thursday, 5:30PM, Board Room in the Mezzanine of the Main Public Library, www.kyhealthcare.org, 636-1551

KFTC [Kentuckians for the Commonwealth]—2nd Monday, 589-3188

KTAG [Kentuckiana Taskforce Against Genocide]— www.facebook.com/KYAgainstGenocide, 553-6172

KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION—1st Tuesday, 6:30PM, 778-8130

KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY—www.kcadp.org, 636-1330

KITLAC [KY Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America & The Caribbean]—kitlac@mailforce.net, 435-3265

KRCRC [KY Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice]—www.krcrc.org, (866)606-0988

KY WATERSHED WATCH—Volunteer water quality monitoring and training around the state every month. Call 1-800-928-0045

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS—3rd Monday, Sept-May, www.lwvlouisville.org, 895-5218

LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES—3rd Sunday, 451-5658

LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST (LCPME)—First Monday, 7PM, 264-2437

LOUISVILLE FORUM—2nd Wednesday, Noon, www.louisvilleforum.org, 329-0111

LPAC [Louisville Peace Action Community]—www.louisvillepeace.org, 456-6914

LOUISVILLE SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (LSURJ)—Monthly meetings for learning and action, 558-7556

LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH—Meditation every Sunday, 473-8435

LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP—Friday nights, 587-7755, www.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, 235-0711

MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE—(571)278-2255, www.momsdemandaction.org

MUHAMMAD ALI INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE—U of L, 852-6372

NAACP [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People]—3rd Monday, 776-7608

NAMI [National Alliance for the Mentally Ill]—588-2008, www.namilouisville.org

NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK, LOUISVILLE METRO CHAPTER—4th Sunday, 5PM, 778-8624 or (470)362-0317

PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG)—233-1323, www.pflaglouisville.org

PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAM—www.peaceeducationprogram.org, 589-6583

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

SICKLE CELL ASSOCIATION—3rd Saturday, 569-2070

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

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

SOCIAL CHANGE BOOK CLUB—3rd Monday, www.greenlistlouisville.com

SOWERS OF JUSTICE NETWORK—www.sowersofjusticenetwork.org, sowersofjusticenetwork@gmail.com

STAND UP SUNDAY/STAND UP LOUISVILLE—Every Sunday, 3PM, 3208 W. Broadway, chelm416@gmail.com

URBAN LEAGUE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS—2nd Monday, 6PM, 561-6830

VETERANS FOR PEACE, Louisville Chapter 168—500-6915, CRawertTrainer@twc.com

WOMEN IN TRANSITION (WIT)—Every Wednesday, 6-8 PM, 636-0160

Note: If your group would like to be added to this list, or if information needs to be updated, please let us know by emailing calendar.peace@gmail.com

How Are We Doing?

What do you think about this issue of FORsooth?
Do you have any ideas of how we can improve?
Is there something you like and want to see more of?

Contact the FORsooth Editor:
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CALENDAR FOR PEACEMAKERS - DEC 2018 / JAN 2019

Meeting times are subject to change for some of these events. Before attending these events, it's best to contact the sponsoring organization to verify the time and place of the event. Please e-mail us information about your peace and justice events to calendar.peace@gmail.com

Dec 1 to Dec 30 » AMERICA TO ZANZIBAR. Muhammad Ali Center. Our family-friendly interactive exhibit explores the diversity of Muslim cultures in our community, country, and the world. Experience art, architecture, travel, trade, design and more. Visit www.alicenter.org.

Dec 1 to Jan 31 » SACK LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS. Wayside Christian Mission. Open every day. Help us assemble sack lunches for men and women who are working and away from the Mission at mealtimes. Sack lunches are also used by our Good Samaritan Patrol. Visit <http://wcm1.weebly.com>.

Dec 1 to Jan 31 » THE WORLD’S MAJOR RIVERS. The Crane House. Compare three of the world’s major rivers: Ganges, Yangtze, and Ohio. Learn more about their influence on the history and culture of their respective countries. Visit <http://www.cranehouse.org>.

Dec 1 & Jan 6 (Sat) » INTERFAITH SILENT MEDITATION. Every first Saturday. 9:30AM. Brief meditation instruction and longer periods of silence, interspersed with opportunities for walking meditation. Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, the Barn at 1924 Newburg Road. Call 502-452-2749 for information. Visit <http://earthandspiritcenter.org/>.

Dec 1 (Sat) » LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE. Every Saturday morning. Also, other days and times. 26 farmers’ markets from California neighborhood to Norton Commons. Visit <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/mayors-healthy-hometown-movement/services/healthy-eating>.

Dec 1 (Sat) » PRESERVE OUR URBAN FORESTS. Olmsted Parks Conservancy. Almost every Saturday. Our tasks include invasive plant removal, mulching, painting or general park beautification in our various Olmsted parks and parkways. Gloves, tools and guidance provided. Be sure to sign-up before coming out. Visit <http://www.olmstedparks.org>.

Dec 1 (Sat) » HELP BUILD A HOME. Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville. Almost every Saturday. Work alongside our sweat-equity families. Ask about our non-construction opportunities too. Visit <https://louisvillehabitat.org>.

Dec 1 (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>.

Dec 2 (Sun) » COMMUNITY COMPOSTING. UofL Belknap Campus. Every Sunday, Noon to 2PM. Help us turn trash to treasure. Haul home some rich compost for your garden. Dress to get dirty. Tools provided. Visit <http://louisville.edu/sustainability>.

Dec 2 & Jan 5 (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.

Dec 3 to 10 » TIBETAN SACRED SAND MANDALA. Bellarmine University, 10AM and 5PM. Performed by Monks of Drepung Gomang Monestary. Visit <http://merton.org>.

Dec 3 & Jan 7 (Mon) » JEFFERSON COUNTY RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM. Kentuckians For The Commonwealth. Every 1ST Monday at 6:30PM. Help us organize and assess our local campaign for racial justice and equity. Learn and share. Visit <https://www.kftc.org>.

Dec 4 (Tues) » GLOBAL TRIVIA NIGHT. World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana, 7PM. Learn more about our world and make friends. Visit <https://www.worldkentucky.org>.

Dec 4 (Tues) » CONSOLING PARENTS. Meeting at First Lutheran Church every Tuesday at 6:30PM. Meet others who know the loss of miscarriage, stillbirth, and newborn death. Call 629-2103 for more information.

Dec 4 (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. Call 636-4660 to RSVP.

Dec 5 & Jan 2 (Wed) » VOLUNTEER FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES. Catholic Charites, 5:30pm. First Wednesday every month. Learn more about our refugee & immigration settlement program and family assistance efforts. Visit <http://cclou.org>.

Dec 5 & Jan 2 (Wed) » THE LOUISVILLE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM. Every first Wednesday. Sustainability and relationships that create a community for change. Bring your lunch. Noon to 1:45 PM, Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, the Barn at 1924 Newburg Road.

Dec 6 (Thurs) » KENTUCKY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE. First & Third Thursdays, 5:30PM, Main Public Library. Call Kay Tillow, 636-1551.

Dec 8 & Jan 12 (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.

Dec 8 & Jan 12 (Sat) » CITIZENS’ CLIMATE LOBBY. Crescent Hill Public Library, Noon. Every 2nd Saturday. Help plan efforts to lobby for state legislation to combat climate change. Contact Jean at jmchri@gmail.com or call 502 634-3114.

Dec 9 & Jan 13 (Sun) » VIGIL FOR PEACE. Louisville Peace Action Committee (LPAC) and Veterans for Peace Chapter 168, 4PM to 5PM. Every 2nd Sunday. Bardstown Rd. at Douglas Blvd. Bring a sign. Remember those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. For more information, call Harold Trainer, 502-419-4083.

Dec 9 & Jan 13 (Sun) » THE NONVIOLENT CITIES PROJECT. Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service, every 2nd Sunday at 2:30PM. Help us spread and apply the principles of non-violent action here and now. Call 812-280-0665 or email rodwsm@gmail.com for more information.

Dec 10 & Jan 14 (Mon) » JEFFERSON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TEAM. Kentuckians For The Commonwealth. Every 2nd Tuesday at 5:30PM. Help us organize and assess our local campaign for community environmental concerns. Learn and share. Visit <https://www.kftc.org>.

Dec 11 & Jan 8 (Tues) » MOVIMENIENTO DE MUJERES LATINA -- LATINA WOMEN’S MOVEMENT, La Casita Center, Every second Tuesday, 5:30PM. Network, mentor, find friends and share. Call 322-4036 for more information.

Dec 11 & Jan 8 (Tues) » AMERICANA COMMUNITY CENTER, 6pm, Volunteer orientation every 2nd Tuesday. Help bridge the gap for our refugee and immigrant neighbors. Visit <http://americanacc.org>.

Dec 12 & Jan 9 (Wed) » Y-NOW CHILDREN OF PRISONERS MENTORING. Join us for a tour of YMCA Safe Place. 2nd Wednesday each month. Learn how you can help break the cycle through mentoring and encouragement. RSVP to 635-5233.

Dec 12 & Jan 9 (Wed) » LOUISVILLE FORUM. Noon at Vincenzo’s Downtown. Every 2nd Wednesday. Speakers on current public issues. Non-partisan discussion. For details call, 329-0111.

Dec 12 & Jan 9 (Wed) » COMPASSIONATE LOUISVILLE. Noon. Meeting locations rotate. Help monitor the progress of Metro Louisville ten-year campaign for compassion. Visit <http://compassionatelouisville.weebky.com> for more information.

Dec 12 & 13 » NCBI TRAINING IN PREJUDICE REDUCTION. Peace Education Program, 8:30AM to 4PM. Learn to build on what people have in common while also honoring their positive cultural differences. Visit <https://peaceeducationprogram.org>.

Dec 13 & Jan 10 (Thurs) » EVERYONE READS TRAINING. JCPS VanHoose Education Center, 4PM. Every 2nd Thursday. Join our community-wide effort to improve reading skills. Visit <https://apps.jefferson.kyschools.us/vounteer>.

Dec 14 & Jan 11 (Fri) » A GLIMPSE OF ETERNITY. The Louisville Astronomical Society at dusk in Tom Sawyer Park. Every 2nd Friday weather permitting. Look through telescopes at planets, our moon, stars, double stars, the Orion nebula, and other wonders. Visit <http://www.louisville-astro.org/>.

Dec 15 & Jan 15 » GROWING FOOD AND COMMUNITY. 15 Thousand Farmers at Dismas Charities 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.

Dec17 & Jan 21 (Mon) » JEFFERSON COUNTY DEMOCRACY TEAM. Kentuckians For The Commonwealth. Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM. Help us organize and assess our local campaign for boosting citizen participation and advocacy. Learn and share. Visit <https://www.kftc.org>.

Dec 18 & Jan 15 (Tues) » WEST JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE. Meeting at the NIA Center every 3rd Tuesday at 6PM. Help us examine and assess community environmental concerns. Call 852-4609 for more information.

Dec 19 & Jan 18 (Wed) » JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE. Highlands-Shelby Park Public Library. Every third Wednesday. Help us plan for future and assess our accomplishments. Call 502-553-6451 or e-mail barbaraberman2@gmail.com.

Dec 19 & Jan 16 (Wed) » JEFFERSON COUNTY ECONOMIC JUSTICE TEAM. Kentuckians For The Commonwealth. Every 3rd Wednesday at 6:30PM. Help us organize and assess our local campaign for equitable development, affordable housing and healthcare, and participatory budgeting. Learn and share. Visit <https://www.kftc.org>.

Dec 20 (Thurs) » DEADLINE FOR THE FEB. ISSUE OF FORsooth. Every third Thursday. Email articles to adamkhayat10@gmail.com

Dec 20 (Thurs) » CHAT WITH POLICE. 6PM. Open dialogue with police officers. Meeting places rotate month to month. Visit <https://louisvilleky.gov/events>.

Dec 20 & Jan 17 (Thurs) » MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT & ADVOCACY. NAMI Louisville every third Thursday at 3PM. Also Saturdays and Sundays. Support for families. Draw on years of experience. Visit www.namilouisville.org.

Dec 20 & Jan 17 (Thurs) » COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN (CASA). Orientation, Noon to 1PM. Learn how you can help defend the rights of abused and neglected children in our community. Call 595-4911 to RSVP.

Dec 20 & Jan 17 (Thurs) » LEARNING DIFFERENCES SUPPORT & ADVOCACY. Learning Disabilities Association of Kentucky every third Thursday at 7PM. Support for individuals and families. Call 473-1256 for more information.

Jan 3 (Thurs) » DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THIS CALENDAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF FORsooth. Every first Thursday. Please email calendar.peace@gmail.com

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

Jan 17 (Thurs) » DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF FORsooth. Every third Thursday. Email articles to adamkhayat10@gmail.com

Jan 22 (Tues) » FREE NONPROFIT START-UP CLINIC. Center for Nonprofit Excellence, 3PM. Every 4th Tuesday. Learn the fundamentals, avoid pitfalls, and find direction. Visit www.cnpe.org.

Jan 28 (Tues) » KENTUCKY REFUGEE MINISTRIES LUNCH & LEARN. Noon. Learn more about our refugee & immigration settlement program and citizenship tutoring classes. Visit <http://kyrm.org>.

OUT OF TOWN

Dec 3 & Jan 7 (Mon) » KENTUCKY MIGRANT NETWORK COALITION. Lexington KY at the Cardinal Valley Center, 12PM. Every 1st Monday. Get better acquainted with Kentucky’s immigrant and refugee families. For more info, call 859-258-3824.

Dec 4 to Jan 29 » FAIRNESS MEETINGS. ACLU of Kentucky. Help us promote LGBT Rights in Kentucky and join our meeting in Versailles, Georgetown, Frankfort, Bowling Green, Berea, and Shelbyville. Visit <http://www.aclu-ky.org>.

Dec 6 (Thurs) » INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE. Lexington, KY at West Main and Broadway, 5:30PM to 6:30PM. Every Thursday. For more information, visit <http://www.peaceandjusticeky.org>.

Jan 17 (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. <https://kysu.edu/academics/cafsss/organic-agriculture-working-group/about-organic-agriculture-working-group/>.

AT THE LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Visit www.lfpl.org for more information.

Dec 1 (Sat) » ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB. Every Saturday at the Iroquois & Newburg Public Library Branches, 3PM. Also South Central on Mondays and Main Library on Wednesdays at 7PM.

Dec 3 (Mon) » BASIC SPANISH. South Central Public Library, 6:30PM. Every Monday. Learn to use the basic tools of the language.

Dec 3 (Mon) » GIRLS’ STEAM CLUB. Southwest Public Library, 6:30PM. Learn to code and try something new like programming robots or designing a 3D object.

Dec 4 (Tues) » HOUR OF POWER BOOK DISCUSSIONS. Newburg Public Library, every first Tuesday, 6:30 PM. Discuss books on personal efforts.

Dec 5 (Wed) » MEETING OF THE MINDS. Crescent Hill Public Library, 7PM. Discuss current topics with your friends and neighbors.

Dec 6 (Thurs) » CITIZENSHIP CLASS. Iroquois Public Library, 11AM. Every Thursday. Instruction by Kentucky Refugee Ministries

