

GAZA AND THE ANTI-BOYCOTT LAW

By Russ Greenleaf

What if we held a nonviolent protest in front of the Federal Building downtown, but this time they sent soldiers with assault rifles. How would you feel if the soldiers told us to move 300 feet away from the building or they would open fire? Imagine how you would feel if they began firing on our demonstration and killed many of us just because we were within 300 feet of the building. Now you know how the Palestinians in Gaza feel.

Following the example of Mahatma Gandhi, Palestinians in Gaza have been continuing their unarmed protests on their own land near the border between Gaza and Israel.

And Israeli snipers have been continuing to fire live ammunition across the border at the unarmed protesters. Israeli snipers have now killed over 200 Palestinian protesters and gravely wounded over 5,000. Many of the wounds have required amputations. There is no other treatment, because Israel is preventing adequate medical supplies from entering Gaza.

Israel claims it has a right to shoot anyone who comes within 300 feet of the border. International law says it has no such right.

The Palestinians are protesting because Israel is making their lives unbearable. Israel is enforcing a blockade on Gaza that prevents adequate food, water, and medical supplies from entering. Israel’s frequent bombing has destroyed Gaza’s sewage treatment system, and it cannot be repaired because of Israel’s blockade. Ninety-seven percent of the water in Gaza’s aquifer is now undrinkable. The medical care system is collapsing. The UN says Gaza will be uninhabitable by 2020.

The Palestinian protests have been overwhelmingly nonviolent. Most protesters are entirely peaceful and are over 300 feet from the border. Sometimes youth will disobey the organizers and throw

stones or Molotov cocktails at the fence, but they are no threat to the Israeli soldiers who are a hundred feet away on the Israeli side of the fence while firing at the protesters.



Four-year-old Palestinian child, Ahmed Abu Abed, killed by an Israeli sniper in December 2018. Photo courtesy of Milwaukee DSA

Amnesty International reports: “Israeli soldiers are using high-velocity military weapons designed to cause maximum harm to Palestinian protesters who do not pose an imminent threat to them.”

Israeli snipers have been taking careful aim and shooting people even if they are much farther than 300 feet from the border fence. They shot a medic in the chest while she was treating a wounded protester. They shot journalists while they were reporting on the protest. They shot children. An Israeli sniper killed a four-year-old boy while he was walking with his father over 600 feet from the border. (Google: Ahmed Abu Abed; Razan al-Najjar; Tarek Loubani.)

Israel’s appalling behavior is enough to make many of us want to boycott Israel. But now we are being prevented from doing that. The Israel Lobby has quietly gotten laws and executive orders passed in 26 states to punish American citizens for boycotting Israel.

A few months ago, a young speech pathologist named Bahia Amawi was fired from her job with the Texas public school system because she refused to sign an oath pledging to not boycott Israel. The state of

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VIOLENCE AND NON-VIOLENCE INTENSIFY IN AMBAZONIA

By Matt Meyer

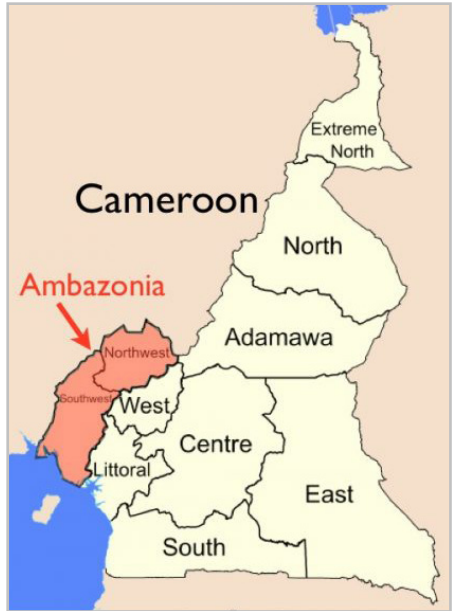
The Central African country of Cameroon—whose tourist slogan for years was “all of Africa in one country”—presents itself as a unifier of diverse environments, languages, and culture in this nation located in the middle of the continent. The last summer in Cameroon, however, suggest the worst of conflict, corruption, and colonialism, primarily relating to the country’s intensifying repression against the English-speaking minority in the region of Ambazonia, little-known even to Africanists and anti-colonial academics from the Global North. Despite the efforts of Ambazonian scholars based in the U.S., and a trickle of not-always-helpful information from Amnesty International and the BBC, the escalation of military violence over the past few months, and especially a new “scorched earth” burning of entire villages since last May and several massacres in the first half of July, have gone largely unnoticed even by human rights experts.

On the evening of July 11, 2018, five students were separated during a round-up by government military forces at the University Center in the town of Bambilli, allegedly for not having identification cards. Bambilli is a college town north in the Ambazonian territory. Though BBC reported on the incident, they did not make the connection

to the pattern of attacks on Ambazonian students, activists, and community leaders which have worsened over the past year. Three days later, ten more unarmed Ambazonians and one Ghanaian pastor who was working with them were slaughtered in the town of Batibo.

Though this news may never have surfaced if not for the connection to clergy in Ghana, organizations such as the Network

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The Ambazonian Territory in Cameroon. Map courtesy of FOR National.

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ON THE ORIGIN OF DENIAL: AMERICA’S TURBULENT RELATIONSHIP WITH DARWINIAN EVOLUTION (PART 1)

By Adam Khayat

This is Part 1 of a 3-part article that will continue in the March issue.

The notion of evolution has been met with persistent resistance and renunciation in the United States since the publication of Darwin’s foundational text, “On the Origin of Species.” Authenticated by an abundance of experimental evidence and substantiation, the idea of variation in the genetic characteristics of biological populations over successive generations has become a widely accepted concept in scientific discourse. Nonetheless, American opposition to its validity is a unique phenomenon among developed nations; generally, this occurrence is a reflection of various social and psychological structures that have mitigated the development and diffusion of empiricism in the United States. Furthermore, these psychosocial paradigms have had profound anthropological effects upon the development of modern thought. At their nexus, extreme religiosity and concomitant entrenched values have played an integral role.

This struggle between the conceptions of creationism and evolution in the American public psyche warrants careful analysis; such an examination will offer insights into the rectification of future similar problems. Therefore, this article will be predicated upon explicating the historical and sociological foundations of the tension that exists between the American populace and the idea of evolution. In Section I, the historical manifestations of this tension will be examined. In Section II, underlying societal patterns and theories that could explain this conflict will be brought forth and critically discussed. In Section III, potential solutions to this issue will be proposed.

I

The dialectic of science and religion did not begin after the inception of Darwin’s theory. The current creation-evolution controversy must be contextualized within a historical tradition of antagonism between these two realms of human thought. Science epitomizes an approach to understanding reality that is dictated by reason, empiricism,

and evidence; contrarily, religion involves a method that incorporates revelation, faith, and sanctity. The strong opposition between these two entities is best represented by the histories of Nicholas Copernicus and Galileo Galilei.

In “On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Bodies” (1543), Copernicus indirectly posited heliocentrism: that the Sun is at the center and the Earth revolves around it while rotating on its axis daily. At the time, this contradicted the teaching and values of the Church, which espoused a literal interpretation of holy scripture. Nevertheless, due to Copernicus’ ensuing death, Revolutions avoided prohibition for many years and eventually influenced Galileo, who perpetuated and refined this theory. In 1610, Galileo published “The Starry Messenger,” which argued that the organization of the cosmos did not adhere to the antiquated teachings of astronomers, philosophers, and theologians; subsequently, Galileo’s text challenged the religious dogma that dictated an Earth-centric (geocentric) version of nature. His later and more controversial work, “Dialogue of the Two Chief World Systems,” firmly asserted the need to accept Copernicus’ heliocentric model. Due to the boldness of this claim, the Catholic Church condemned his work (in 1633) and put him under house arrest until his death (in 1642). This became the archetype for future altercations between scientists and the religious authority; indeed, it foreshadowed the response to Darwin’s texts.

Darwin’s “Origin” provided the first detailed explanation of natural selection in 1859 and catalyzed a contentious debate in Britain. Initial responses varied across a wide spectrum; some critics vehemently opposed the postulations made by Darwin, whereas others ardently supported and advocated for the integrity of his theories. Nonetheless, these reviews reflected the degree to which science was subject to ecclesiastical control. The essential premise of the negative criticisms targeted at Darwin’s theory revolved around its surreptitious refutation of religious and divine order; many feared that it bestialized human beings. Contrarily, the proponents of Darwin’s theory drew comparisons to Galileo’s persecution by the Church and

claimed that the deductions propagated in “Origin” were reasonable and based on ample evidence. This dispute is best epitomized by the debate between Thomas Henry Huxley and Richard Owen in the “Great Hippocampus Question.”

the Advancement of Science; after a presentation that referenced Darwin’s theory, Owen claimed that he had found sufficient evidence that directly negated the foundation of Darwin’s theory. In response, Huxley blatantly denied Owen’s assertion. Later, Huxley published articles that directly negated Owen’s theories; though acknowledging the differences in size, proportion, and complexity, he proposed that these distinctions were not very significant. This feud between Huxley and Owen continued for multiple years, in which numerous articles were published in journals and newspapers; other notable scientists such as William Henry Flower, Willem Vrolik, and Jacobus Schroeder van der Kolk participated as well. Consequently, this argument began to garner attention by the public, and the notions of evolution and the descent of humans from apes began to disseminate. Conflicting satires and illustrations became widespread; for example, “The Water-Babies, A Fairy Tale for a Land Baby” (by Reverend Charles Kingsley) was a satirical children’s

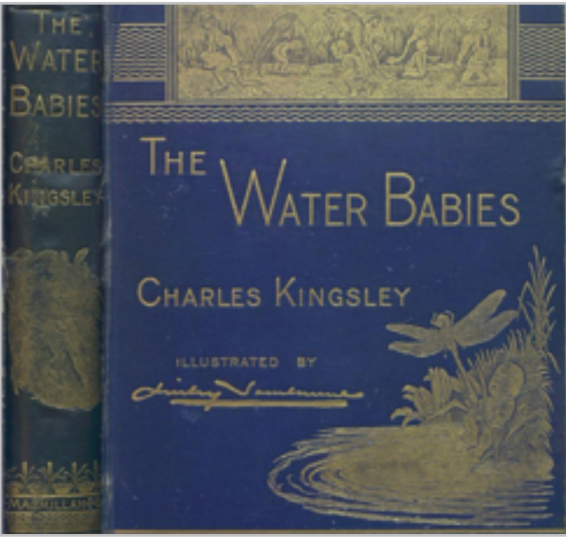
novel that supported Darwin’s theories, whereas “Man is But a Worm” (by Linley Sambourne) was a cartoon that ridiculed his theories. Therefore, in retrospect, the significance of Huxley’s and Owen’s “Hippocampus” dispute is that it launched Darwin’s theory into public dialogue; the extensive availability of texts (specifically Darwin’s “Origin” and the anonymously published “Vestiges”) and publicity of the dispute galvanized the general populace into reflecting upon the notion of evolution and the “transmutation of species.” Additionally, the crux of Huxley’s and Owen’s disagreement symbolized a narrative that would define the creation-evolution controversy for years to come: the feud between rigorous empiricism and ingrained religiosity. Truly, the ramifications of this can be seen throughout United States history since the emergence of Darwin’s theory in American thought.



A caricature of Darwin’s theory in the *Punch Almanac* for 1882. Wikimedia Commons.

Known as “Darwin’s Bulldog” for his strong advocacy of Darwin’s theory of evolution, Huxley was an English botanist that specialized in comparative anatomy. Owen was an English biologist, comparative anatomist, and paleontologist. Similar to a form of “theistic evolution,” his model of biology revolved around the practical belief that every species was distinctively created and impeccably adapted by a higher deity; in this view, humans are separated from apes. After the anonymous publication of “Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation” in 1844, the ideas of the transmutation of species and the descent of humans from apes increased in popularity. Consequently, Owen initiated an endeavor of definitively and anatomically proving the difference between humans and apes. Though conceding the many structural homologies, Owen’s thesis was built upon three differences: (1) the projection of the “posterior lobe” beyond the cerebellum, (2) presence of a posterior horn, and, most importantly, (3) the presence of a hippocampus minor. According to Owen, these features conclusively separate humans from the “lower” animals and prove his initial model of a theistic speciation. Huxley deemed Owen’s evidence and inferences to be unfounded and fallacious; he sought out to disprove Owen’s theory.

This argument became public during an 1860 meeting of the British Association for



1885 cover of “The Water Babies” by Charles Kingsley. Courtesy of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library.



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HOST HOMES: A SOLUTION TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

By Liza Smith

Young adults under 24 are the fastest-growing population of people experiencing homelessness across the country.

To combat this trend, Home of the Innocents and the Coalition for the Homeless launched an innovative new partnership, Host Homes. Host Homes provides a safe housing option for young adults experiencing homelessness in our community. This Louisville-based program is the first of its kind in Kentucky and, since launching in early 2018, the Host Homes program has recruited its first three host families.

Home of the Innocents team members are training local volunteer families, or “hosts,” to provide compassionate, stable, temporary housing for young adults (for no longer than three months). While living in a Host Home, young adults work with a case manager to secure independent housing and work on other personal goals, such as continuing their education, or obtaining and improving their employment.

According to the Coalition for the Homeless, more than 850 unaccompanied youth under 24 experience homelessness each year in Louisville. Many are members of marginalized groups. 30% are pregnant or parenting young children. 40% are victims of human trafficking. 74% suffer from mental health issues. 30% identify as LGBTQ+. 63% are African-American or mixed race.

Currently, no shelter in Louisville specifically serves this age group. Statistically, young adults between the ages of 18-24 are the least likely to utilize adult shelters due to fear and stigma. Youth often turn to other means of shelter, like “couch surfing,” sleeping in cars, and staying on the street.

“Launching this project is helping us move towards the ultimate goal of ending youth homelessness in Louisville by 2020,” says Natalie Harris, Executive Director of the Coalition. “This program fills the gap in short-term, stable housing for young adults, and it has proven very successful in other cities like Minneapolis. It can double short-term shelter options for this very vulnerable population and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our work by immediately getting young people off the streets, out of emergency shelter, and into stable housing with support services.”

Since its 2018 launch, Host Homes has focused on marketing the program through

community outreach activities and recruiting the program’s first volunteer host families. In 2019, Home of the Innocents will continue to recruit and train hosts and will begin matching youth with host families. By the end of 2019, we expect to serve a minimum of 25 young adults experiencing homelessness and have 10 volunteer hosts trained to accept participants into their homes.

When asked why they are participating in this project, one host replied, “We have a large home with ample space. I believe that solving injustices in the world starts with one person at a time. If we can use our resources to help others in desperate situations, we should. We realize that our resources didn’t just come through hard work or diligence—much of it was through circumstance and privilege. For me, being human means helping other humans.”

If you are interested in learning more about Host Homes or becoming a volunteer host, please contact Liza Smith, Host Homes Manager, at ESmith@homeoftheinnocents.org or 502.596.1328.

Home of the Innocents enriches the lives of children and families with hope, health, and happiness. The Home provides a range of important residential and community-based programs. Serving more than 11,300 children and their families last year, those include a safe haven for at-risk children, clinical treatment services, crisis and intervention services, therapeutic loving foster care and adoption services, a pediatric convalescent center for children who are medically complex or terminally ill, and an integrated pediatric medical facility, Open Arms Children’s Health.



Liza Smith joined the Home of the Innocents in 2016 as the Aftercare Program’s Employment Specialist, helping young adults experiencing homelessness prepare for, seek, and maintain employment and education. In early 2018, she became the Host Homes Manager. Liza has a Bachelor’s degree in General Studies from Indiana University, and is currently in her second year of study for a Master’s of Clinical Psychology from Indiana Institute of Technology. She has a background in education and training, and is a self-proclaimed Disney Freak and Comic Book Nerd.



Liza Smith attends many outreach events to educate the community and recruit potential hosts for a new program run by Home of the Innocents. *Photo courtesy of the author.*



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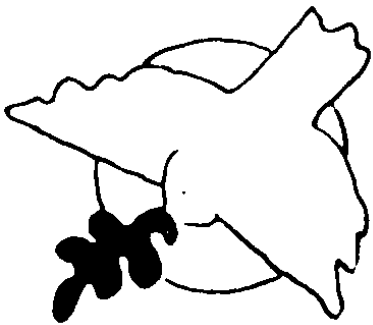
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WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT IN THE 116TH CONGRESS

By Gracie Lewis

On Tuesday, November 13th, the National Action Network headed by the great Rev. Al Sharpton held its conference in Washington, DC. There were over a hundred activists from across the country that assembled for the first post-midterm election meeting with members of Congress, prospective 2020 candidates, and potential House Speakers about their legislative agenda.

The conference was held in the Russell Senate Office Building – Kennedy Caucus Room. The most diverse Congress in history descended on the Capitol, with newly elected lawmakers arriving in Washington, DC, to meet their future colleagues and get acclimated to their new environment. Next year’s Congress will include a record number of women, while the incoming freshman class will also boast a number of firsts: the first two Native American women, the first Somali-American lawmaker, the first two Muslim women, and the first Palestinian-American.

The legislative body will more closely resemble the makeup of the United States,

though its overall composition will still tilt towards white and male compared to the general population. Many of the new Democrats are young and progressive, underscoring the generational and ideological composition that are likely to pull at the Congress over the next two years.

The priorities for the 116th Congress is restoration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, immigration, homeland security, economic justice, education, and criminal justice reform. There will be a return to more legislative and budgetary hearings. In other words, there will be a return to order. You can also expect that there will be more oversight hearings held regarding President Trump. Not even 24 hours after the 2018 midterm elections shifted the power balance in Congress, President Trump forced the resignation of Attorney General Jeff Sessions. The danger here is that Sessions’ forced resignation could pave the way to firing Special Counsel Robert Mueller, who is leading the Russian investigation. It’s clear that this move is a serious threat to our democracy. President Trump also decided on his own to put in a successor, Matthew

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Representative Ilhan Omar (D-Minn) is the first Somali-American to be elected to the United States Congress, one of numerous firsts in the 116th Congress. Wikimedia Commons.

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for Human Rights Defenders in Central Africa have begun to analyze, document, and report on these incidents. Several Pan-African groups, including affiliates of the prominent Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (which share a collegial relationship with the Pan African Nonviolence and Peace-building Network), have raised growing concerns about military-perpetrated, government-instigated violence in the area which makes up the southern border of Cameroon and Nigeria.

Nonviolence has always been the strategy and philosophy of choice there, with the decades-long freedom slogan focusing on the logic of Ambazonia freedom, by “the force of argument, not the argument of force.” In 1961, the United Nations Trust Territory of Southern Cameroons voted for full independence from colonial Great Britain, and neighboring Franco-phone Cameroon quickly incorporated the territory into its own “United Republic” of Cameroon. Since that time, a mass, unarmed civil resistance movement has declared its desire for full independence, given its distinct languages (English and Indigenous African), culture, history, and geographic base. In 1984, when Cameroon President Paul Biya removed the “United” from the official name of the country, an even more intense crisis ensued. “All this time,

however, from the 1960s until 2017,” noted Eben, U.S. facilitator of the Ambazonian Prisoners of Conscience Support Network, “barely a single stone was thrown as part of our resistance. Armed resistance was never a tactic we engaged in.”

Following a series of lawyer-led uprisings which began on October 1, 2016, escalating nonviolent civil resistance, and a massive general strike in September 2017—met with gunfire from Cameroon government helicopter gunships—some Ambazonians did initiate an armed struggle on October 1, 2017, declaring independence and setting up a government in exile. Cooperation between the governments of Nigeria and Cameroon might play a negative role in the aspirations of Ambazonians, as Nigeria handed over some who were taking refuge there, and who now make up a growing political-prisoner population in Cameroon.

Nigeria’s inability to resolve their “Boko Haram problem”—the Islamist fundamentalist-military movement with close ties to Iraq—also plays a role. Nigeria can push Boko Haram forces across the border into Cameroon, and Cameroon in turn attacks both Boko Haram military units and Ambazonian independence activists as if they represented the same “nuisance” to the common people. It is the ordinary civilian, however, who is most caught between governments, mili-

taries, and borders. A horrifying video of Cameroon soldiers murdering two women, a young child, and a baby—apparently in mid-July and because their families allegedly had ties to Boko Haram—has begun to go viral and gain the condemnation of Amnesty International. In an eerie flash-back to words uttered fifty years ago in Vietnam at the heinous My Lai massacre, one

soldier can be heard asking his commanding officer: “Are we going to kill the children too?”

Ironically, Amnesty—widely seen as the unquestioned expert on human rights in the region—has been slow and significantly misguided in reporting the facts of events in the region. An incredibly detailed and well-documented critique of the June 2018 Amnesty International report on “Anglophone Cameroon” spotlights ways in which the respected organization has misunderstood and distorted the reality of Ambazonian life and struggle. The popular refrain that there “is violence on both sides” not only gives too much emphasis to a very limited armed struggle, dismissing the decades of previous history, it also ignores the fact that the last two years have seen a sharp increase in the breadth and scope of nonviolent civic engagement on the part of Ambazonians, both in the territory and in diaspora. An entire network of home-front media producers has congealed around a Southern Cameroon TV project, dozens of diaspora organizations have formed and successfully pressed for attention from local and national politicians, the Southern Cameroons Congress of the People was formed as a political party, and a veritable social media army has begun to link refugees, political prisoners and their supporters, home front organizers, and those living abroad.

Independent internationalists might be especially confused by the July 19, 2018 briefings and commentaries issued by Human Rights Watch (HRW). On the one hand, their poignant report “These Killings Can Be Stopped” recounts in 59 detailed pages how the area “is slipping into a protracted human rights crisis in the largely Anglophone North-West and South-West regions that border Nigeria.” It documents how, for the past two years or so, the Cameroon government has responded to demonstrations, legal challenges, and unarmed protests with “heavy clamp-downs,” “repression and arrest,” and “abuse” which likely caused a radicalization on the part of the Ambazonian freedom movement.

On the other hand, in HRW’s summary press release sent out the same day,

“Cameroon: Killings, Destruction in Anglophone Region,” they misleadingly and inaccurately assert that “in response to protests and violence by armed separatists, government forces have killed civilians, used excessive force against demonstrators, tortured and mistreated suspected separatists and detainees, and burned hundreds of homes in several villages.” Want to find evidence that the HRW summary press release is inaccurate? Read the HRW full report! The poor attempt to be “even-handed” tragically dilutes HRW’s basic good point: these killings can and must be stopped—by support for justice-seeking nonviolent campaigners and a condemnation of government-based military violence and oppression.

The crisis in Ambazonia—like so many anti-colonial crises that seem to be escalating in this age of neocolonialism—cannot easily be resolved, especially by traditional military or diplomatic means. As grassroots women’s and social groups inside the country and supporters or allies in the Diaspora continue to put pressure on the colonial regime, unarmed civil resistance is the best hope for lasting change. But change cannot take place without clear, pro-justice, international attention and support—which so far has been sadly lacking.



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PROSPECTS OF LOUISVILLE ECONOMY IN 2019

By Thomas E. Lambert

What does 2019 hold for the Louisville metro area economy? After more than 10 years after the onset of the last recession, the probability of tough economic times throughout the US economy is highly probable given that most US economic downturns have occurred with some type of regularity every 7 to 10 years since the end of World War II. This observation, plus recent declines in US stock and investment markets that are occurring as well as the effect of foreign trade disputes and rising interest rates at the time that this article is being written, must temper any forecasts about the local economy for 2019.

For 2018, the Louisville area economy performed with mixed results. Payroll virtually stood still with around 670,000 people employed in both 2017 and 2018, and at the same time, the unemployment rate rose slightly during this time from 3.3 to 3.9 percent (US Bureau of Labor Statistics). For the nation, overall payroll employment went up and the unemployment rate fell to 3.7 percent by December 2018. Therefore, the Louisville economy is slightly behind the national economy, although not significantly.

One area of big concern is the impact of a trade war with various nations. The Louisville metro area has many distilleries which export bourbon to many international markets and is home to two Ford Motor Company plants which export popular selling vehicles. Louisville’s GE Appliance Park is now owned by a Chinese company, Haier, and relies upon many imported parts

from China and other parts of Asia. If trade tensions escalate, business sales and production could be hampered by the increased prices of goods we send overseas as well as the goods shipped into the area. For now, it appears that trade tensions with Canada and Europe have eased, although there does not appear to be any decrease in tensions between the US and China anticipated soon.

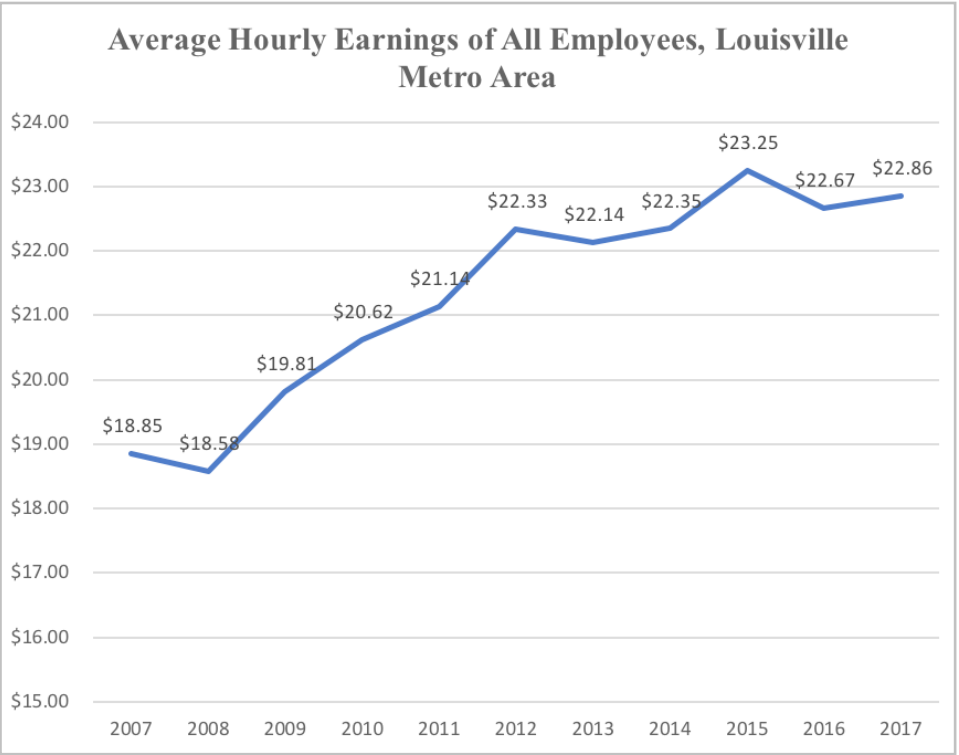
Much of the recent volatility in the US stock markets has been due to the Federal Reserve deciding to increase interest rates. Higher borrowing costs on the part of businesses will make it more difficult for them to finance their operations and to carry out investment plans for expansion and for new plant and equipment. Additionally, the demand for many products that are usually financed by households (for example, homes and motor vehicles) will probably decline as many consumers decide that they cannot afford higher borrowing costs. A housing shortage has existed in the Louisville area with rapidly rising home prices over the last 2 years (partially due to weak new home construction activity), yet thanks to higher interest rates, housing demand will probably decline resulting in a slower appreciation of home prices compared to the last several years. If the Federal Reserve continues to raise interest rates in 2019, many markets will see stagnant growth at best, and the same will probably hold for the Louisville metro area as well.

One piece of good news is that, since 2009, fewer Louisville area homes are paying as much on their debts as a portion of disposable personal income (income after income taxes), a trend similar to that

of the national economy (St. Louis Federal Reserve Board). This portion of income is now slightly less than 10 percent versus over 13 percent before and during the Great Recession. At the same time, however, stagnant hourly earnings accompanied by rising interest rates do not bode well for the future of the Louisville area economy. As the figure below shows, Louisville area, private-sector, average hourly earnings rose from roughly \$18.85 in 2007 to \$22.86 in 2017. This is a 21% increase after adjusting for inflation using a base-years index of 1982-1984. However, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), a measure of inflation, during the same period rose 38% (US Bureau of

Labor Statistics). This means that many people have actually lost ground pay-wise since the Great Recession after adjusting for costs of living. If another recession comes soon, the fallout could be worse than the last one. I hate to sound pessimistic, but not much ground has probably been gained by a lot of people since the last downturn.

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12:30 AM								00:30					
1:00 AM	Rockabilly N Blues Radio Hour	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	RFN Weekend (classic rock/EZ listening)	01:00					
1:30 AM								01:30					
2:00 AM	The Sonic Café							Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	02:00
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3:00 AM	Song of the Soul							Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	03:00
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4:00 AM	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	04:00					
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6:00 AM								Alternative Radio	Kite Line - Prison Issues	Le Show	Solutions to Violence	What's The Frequency, Kenneth?	Between The Lines
6:30 AM	Sprouts	with Harry Shearer			CounterSpin	Making Contact	06:30						
7:00 AM	Law & Disorder	On The Edge w/K.A. Owens	From Classroom to Newsroom	The Climate Report	Reach Out In The Darkness	Single Payer	Save Our Schools	07:00					
7:30 AM		Informativo Pacifica		Bench Talk			with Dear JCPS	07:30					
8:00 AM	Project Censored	Depth N Weight	Solutions to Violence	Sprouts *	Ethics Forward	Clearing The FOG	Spirit in Action	08:00					
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9:00 AM	Radio EcoShock	The Sonic Café	Urban Voices	Reach Out In The Darkness	Single Payer	The Sonic Café	Alternative Radio	09:00					
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10:00 AM	Spirit in Action	From Classroom to Newsroom	Sustainability Now!	Ethics Forward	Clearing The FOG	Black Agenda Radio	Brunch with Black Folks	10:00					
10:30 AM									10:30				
11:00 AM	Ralph Nader Radio Hour	Le Show	The Climate Report	Black Agenda Radio	Access Hour	Critical Thinking for Everyone!		Kite Line - Prison Issues	11:00				
11:30 AM		with Harry Shearer	Bench Talk									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	Sprouts	12:00					
12:30 PM	KY 120 Newscast	Citizens' Climate Radio						Making Contact		12:30			
1:00 PM	Between The Lines	Ralph Nader Radio Hour*	Law & Disorder	Project Censored	Informativo Pacifica	Access Hour	Urban Voices	13:00					
1:30 PM					CounterSpin				Between The Lines		13:30		
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10:30 PM	This Way Out										Citizens' Climate Radio	22:30	
11:00 PM	Best of The Attitude	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					
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		* Veterans For Peace Radio Hour airs monthly on the last Mon 1pm, Tue 7pm, and Wed 8am.											

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Texas had passed a law prohibiting state funds from going to any company or individual who boycotts Israel.

Ms. Amawi is a U.S. citizen who has worked in the public schools for nine years. Her story is told in an excellent article by Glenn Greenwald in *The Intercept* (Dec. 17, 2018 - <https://theintercept.com/2018/12/17/israel-texas-anti-bds-law/>).

Greenwald points out that the Texas anti-boycott law, “victimizes not just Amawi, an American who is barred from working in the professional field to which she has devoted her adult life, but also the young children in need of her expertise and experience”

He notes that the anti-boycott laws create an absurd situation in which U.S. citizens are “free to denounce and work against the United States, to advocate for causes that directly harm American children, and even to support a boycott of particular U.S. states ... or work against the policies of any other government in the world — except Israel.”

The anti-boycott law is “designed to protect not the United States or the children of Texas, but the economic interests of Israel. As Amawi put it to *The Intercept*: ‘It’s baffling that they can ... decide to protect another country’s economy versus protecting our constitutional rights.’”

Kentucky will soon have a similar law, unless we raise our voices to stop it. Governor Bevin has already signed an executive order, and the Kentucky legislature is expected to pass it into law in the next session.

Does a state have a right to “boycott the boycotters” when deciding who gets state funds? Greenwald notes that courts have repeatedly ruled that boycotts are free speech and that the government is constitutionally barred under the First Amendment from withholding government benefits based on speech.

People across the political spectrum believe these anti-boycott laws are a profound threat to our constitutional right to free speech.

Laura Friedman of the Foundation for Middle East Peace says the anti-boycott laws are, “a free speech exception for Israel.”

The Israel Lobby is mounting a deliberate, organized, sustained attack on the free speech rights of American citizens in order to protect Israel from criticism.

Barbara Berman of Louisville Jewish Voice for Peace says, “Criticism of Israel’s inhumane treatment of Palestinians is not antisemitism. And neither is boycotting Israel.” Barbara is organizing the Louisville peace community to oppose passage of the anti-boycott law in Kentucky. Contact Barbara to find out what you can do to help: barbaraberman2@gmail.com

Governor Bevin has already signed an executive order prohibiting state funds from going to anyone who boycotts Israel. The Kentucky legislature is expected to pass it into law in the next session. We must raise our voices now to stop this law.

Call and write your legislators and ask them to vote against the Israel anti-boycott law when it comes up. Find their contact info at: Lrc.ky.gov

Also call and write your U.S. Senators and Congressperson and ask them to vote against the “Israel Anti-Boycott Act”, which is the nation-wide anti-boycott law being pushed by the Israel Lobby.

Rep. John Yarmuth: 202-225-5401
Louisville office: 502-582-5129
600 Martin Luther King, Jr Place,
Suite 216, Louisville, KY 40202

Senator Mitch McConnell: 202-224-2541
Louisville office: 502-582-6304
601 W. Broadway, Room 630
Louisville, KY 40202

Senator Rand Paul: 202-224-4343
Bowling Green office: 270-782-8303
1029 State Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101



Russ Greenleaf is a Jewish peace activist and writer in Louisville, Kentucky. He is a member of the Louisville Committee for Peace in the Middle East (LCPME) and is on the Board of Directors of the Louisville Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR). Contact Russ at russgreenleaf@yahoo.com

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



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Do you have any ideas of how we can improve?
Is there something you like and want to see more of?

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CALENDAR FOR PEACEMAKERS - FEBRUARY 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

Feb 1 to 28 » 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>.

Feb 1 TO 28 » 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>.

Feb 2 (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/>.

Feb 2 (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>.

Feb 2 (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>.

Feb 2 (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 <http://louisvillerestore.com/>.

Feb 2 (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>.

Feb 3 (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>.

Feb 3 (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.

Feb 4 (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. Call Becky Jones for more information, 589-3188.

Feb 5 (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.

Feb 5 (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.

Feb 6 (Wed) » VOLUNTEER FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES Catholic Charities, 5:30pm. First Wednesday every month. Learn more about our refugee & immigration settlement program and family assistance efforts. Visit <http://cclou.org>.

Feb 6 (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.

Feb 7 (Thurs) » KENTUCKY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE. Every first & third Thursday, 5:30PM at Main Public Library. Call Kay Tillow 636-1551.

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Feb 7 (Thurs) » DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF FORsooth. Email submissions to adamkhayat10@gmail.com.

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Feb 7 (Thurs) » DEADLINE TO SUBMIT EVENTS FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF FORsooth. Every first Thursday. Please email calendar.peace@gmail.com.

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Feb 9 (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.

Feb 9 (Sat) » CITIZENS’ CLIMATE LOBBY. Crescent Hill Public Library, Noon. Every 2nd Saturday. Help plan efforts to lobby for state legislation to combat climate change. For more contact Jean at jmchri@gmail.com or call 502-634-3114.

Feb 10 (Sun) » VIGIL FOR PEACE. Louisville Peace Action Committee (LPAC) and Veterans for Peace Chapter 168, 4PM to 5PM. Every 2nd Sunday. Bardstown Rd. at Douglass Blvd. Bring a sign. Remember those suffering

from conflicts in the Middle East. For more information, call Harold Trainer, 419-4083.

Feb 10 (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.

Feb 10 to 16 » HAND IN HAND MINISTRIES. Work side by side with people who live and work in vulnerable communities. Visit <http://www.myhandinhand.org>.

Feb 11 (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. Call Becky Jones for more information, 589-3188.

Feb 12 (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.

Feb 12 (Tues) » AMERICANA COMMUNITY CENTER, 6PM, Volunteer orientation every 2nd Tuesday. Help bridge the gap for our refugee and immigrant neighbors. Visit <http://americanacc.org>.

Feb 13 (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.

Feb 13 (Wed) » LOUISVILLE FORUM. Noon at Vincenzo’s Downtown. Every 2nd Wednesday. Speakers on current public issues. Non-partisan discussion. For details, call 329-0111.

Feb 13 (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.

Feb 14 (Thurs) » EVERYONE READS TRAINING. JCPS VanHoose Education Center, 4PM. Every 2nd Thursday. Join our community-wide effort to improve reading skills.

Feb 15 (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 <https://louisville-astro.org/>.

Feb 15 (Fri) » 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.

Feb 18 (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. Call Becky Jones for more information at 589-3188.

Feb 19 (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.

Feb 19 to 21 » COMMUNITY INSTITUTE. Peace Education Program, 8:30AM to 4PM. Hands-on training in conflict resolution youth workers, educators, parents, and community leaders. Visit <https://peaceeducationprogram.org>.

Feb 20 (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.

Feb 20 (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. Call Becky Jones for more information at 589-3188.

Feb 20 (Wed) » THOMAS MERTON, WHITENESS, AND RACIAL JUSTICE. Bellarmine University, 7PM. Hear professor and prolific author Daniel P. Horan, OFM. Visit <http://merton.org>.

Feb 21 (Thurs) » CHAT WITH POLICE. 6PM. Open dialogue with police officers. Meeting places rotate month to month. Visit <https://louisvilleky.gov/events>.

Feb 21 (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.

Feb 21 (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.

Feb 21 (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 info.

Feb 21 (Thurs) » THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH. Co-sponsored by FOR and the Sowers of Justice

Network at Hotel Louisville. Hear compelling speakers on current concerns and issues of justice, compassion, faith, and public policy. Lunch begins at 11:30AM, presentation begins at 12 noon. RSVP to Pat Geier by the Monday prior at 609-7985 or pgeier@fastmail.fm. *See page 5 for more details about this month's event.*

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Feb 21 (Thurs) » FORsooth LABELING PARTY. Louisville 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.

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Feb 22 (Fri) » DAUGHTERS OF GREATNESS. Muhammad Ali Center. 8:30AM. Hear the inspiring story of author and commentator Hannah L. Drake with breakfast. Visit www.alicenter.org.

Feb 26 (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.

Feb 26 (Tues) » KENTUCKY REFUGEE MINISTRIES LUNCH & LEARN. Noon. Learn more about our refugee & immigration settlement program and citizenship tutoring classes. Visit <http://kyrm.org>.

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OUT OF TOWN

Feb 4 (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.

Feb 5 to 26 » 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>.

Feb 7 (Thurs) » INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE. Lexington, KY at West Main and Broadway, 5:30PM to 6:30PM. Every Thursday for twelve years. For more information, visit <http://www.peaceandjusticeky.org>.

Feb 21 (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.

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

Feb 2 (Sat) » ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB. Every Saturday at the Iroquois Public Library, 3PM. Also Main Library on Wednesdays at 7PM and Shively Public Library on Thursdays at 6:30PM.

Feb 2 (Sat) » HOUR OF POWER BOOK DISCUSSIONS. Newburg Public Library, every first Saturday at 2PM. Discuss books on personal efforts.

Feb 2 (Sat) » AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN. Newburg Public Library, 2:30PM. Hear students discuss Black History and share their favorite dish.

Feb 3 (Sun) » AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH FILM SERIES. Main Public Library, 2PM. Every Sunday this month.

Feb 4 (Mon) » BASIC SPANISH. South Central Public Library, 6:30PM. Every Monday. Learn to use the basic tools of the language.

Feb 4 (Mon) » REDLINING LOUISVILLE. Newburg Public Library, 6:30PM. Hear Joshua Pope explore structural discrimination in historic redlining maps.

Feb 6 (Wed) » MEETING OF THE MINDS. Crescent Hill Public Library, 7PM. Discuss current topics with your friends and neighbors.

Feb 7 (Thurs) » CITIZENSHIP CLASS. Iroquois Public Library, 11AM. Every Thursday. Instruction by Kentucky Refugee Ministries

Feb 7 (Thurs) » SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENTS. Main Public Library, 6:30PM. Take our short course on his historical and contemporary perspective. Also, Feb 14 & 21.

Feb 10 (Sat) » AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP. South Central Library, 3PM. Experience playing in an ensemble.

Feb 12 (Tues) » INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES OF THE AMERICAS. Main Library, 6:30PM. Practice word from Native American Languages.

Feb 19 (Tues) » ON THE EDGE BOOK GROUP. South Central Library, 6:30PM. Read and discuss our off-the-beaten-path selections.

Feb 20 (Wed) » BOOKS ON GLOBAL SOLIDARITY. Main Public Library, 12PM. Discuss contemporary books by authors from all over the world. (aka Mayor’s Book Club)

Feb 21 (Thurs) » WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB. South Central Public Library, 7PM. Join our discussion of books of interest to women.

Feb 23 (Sat) » THE MISEDUCATION OF THE NEGRO Bon Air Public Library, 2PM. Join or discussion of Carter G. Woodson’s insightful book.

Feb 26 (Tues) » CONVERSATIONS WITH A SUFFRRGIST. Main Public Library, 6:30PM. Enjoy this engaging one-woman performance about Mattie Griffith Browne.

Feb 28 (Thurs) » WOMEN MAKE FILMS SERIES. Main Public Library, 6:30PM. Enjoy films directed by women every Thursday.