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400 Years of Inequality (1619-2019)

By Gracie Lewis

August 2019 marked the 400th Commemoration of Black Enslavement in America.

In August 1619, more than 20 Africans landed at Point Comfort, the presentday Fort Monroe in Hampton, Virginia. According to the early documents, they had been acquired from a Portuguese slave ship,

put aboard the "White Lion," an English ship, and then traded for food and other provisions at Virginia's Point Comfort.

These enslaved Africans were reported to have been forcibly taken from Angola. This essentially was the beginning of the slave trade in English North America and inequality in America. No other group has been forced to endure what slaves did. Beginning in 1619, Africans were auctioned

off like cattle, kept in bondage, and forced to perform hard labor under the most wicked of institutions. This is an important lesson, because it forms the basis for reparations to redress the past wrongs of slavery.

The institution of slavery was constitutionally and statutorily sanctioned by the Government of the United States from 1789 through 1865. During this time, approximately 4,000,000 Africans and their descen-

dants were enslaved in the United States and colonies that became the United States. At the Federal, State and local level, this country continued to perpetuate, condone, and profit from practices that brutalized and disadvantaged the American Descendants of Slaves through slavery, sharecropping, convict leasing, Jim Crow, redlining, unequal education and disproportionate treatment at the hands of the criminal justice system. The current "State of Black America" today is the direct result of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

On August 20, 2019 and beyond, thousands of people across the country commemorated this historic event with a host of ceremonies,

education programs, musical performances, and exhibits. In 2017, Simmons College of Kentucky in conjunction with the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc., the Progressive National Baptist Convention, and the Cooperative Fellowship of Baptists presented "The Angela Project." The Angela Project has been a three-year journey revisiting the painful past and learning about efforts to win our freedom and equality. Throughout this journey, there has been a reflection on the past for the "Liberation of the American Descendants of Slaves" which included 40 days of prayer.

On Tuesday August 20, 2019, Simmons College of Kentucky's Angela Projects presented the 400th Year Commemoration Ceremony, which included over 20 pastors from many different denominations, who acknowledged the impact of slavery and laws that enforced racial discrimination in the United States. Approximately 2,000 people attended the event. The program covered the journey of American Descendants of Slaves and our hopes as a people, past and present, for racial equality and healing, each of which are consequential works in progress and important in moving forward beyond the 400 years.

The program began with remarks from Dr. Kevin W. Cosby, President of Simmons College of Kentucky. Dr. Cosby talked about, "the 20 plus Angolans who spent six weeks at the bottom of slave ship to be slaves of the Portuguese. The first woman who arrived here was given the name of Angela. That's where the name of the project originated." He went on to say, "The slaves labored and built tremendous wealth for this country, and we have gathered on this occasion to repair our history. We have gathered here to make the Angela Project whole."

The Opening Prayer was given by the Rev. Dr. Elijah Brown, the General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. He prayed that, "We as white Americans confess that we misused and abused human beings for centuries."

Then we heard Testimonies from our ancestors. They did a reading from the accounts of testimonies from the archives of the Underground Railroad which highlighted the injustice, cruelty, brutality and inhumanity of slavery. Some 20 pastors from across the country spoke about the inhumanity of slavery. Whites and Blacks together acknowledged the wrongs that had been done in hopes of moving forward toward repentance and reparations. The services concluded with a luncheon and a (see INEQUALITY, page 6)

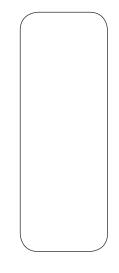


400th Year Commemoration Ceremony presented by Simmons College of Kentucky's "Angela Projects" at St Stephen Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, August 20, 2019 Photo by Allen Hill, Allen Hill Photography (allenhill2000@gmail.com)

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"Red Flag" Laws and Assault Weapons Bans Will Diminish Mass Shootings

By Jim Johnson

The August 24th, 2019 edition of the Community Forum section of the Courier-Journal published an article penned by U.S. Representatives Thomas Massie and Jim Jordan. Their article was entitled "Red flag laws, assault weapons ban won't stop mass shootings." They are wrong.

First, they claim background checks on all gun sales are unnecessary because attackers in recent mass shootings passed background checks and purchased firearms from a federally licensed firearm dealer. Even though there were over 188 mass shootings that occurred in 2018 alone, and the "United States has had more mass shootings than the next 10 nations combined," mass shootings are just a small part of total killings caused by gun violence.

"Gun violence is the leading cause of premature death in the U.S.—killing more than 38,000 people and causing 85,000 injuries each year" (Center for Health Progress in there article "USA Has A Gun Violence Problem | #1 Cause of Premature Death published July 24th 2018). Research conducted by Annals of Internal Medicine states "In a recent survey, [2018] nearly a quarter of Americans—22 percent—who had acquired a gun in the two years prior

to the survey did so without undergoing a background check." (Miller M, Hepburn L, Azrael D. Firearm acquisition without background checks: results of a national survey. Annals of Internal Medicine. 2017;166(4):233-239).

Purchasing weapons from gun shows and other private gun sales does not require background checks. New safety measures requiring background checks for all gunsales would require background checks whether from private sales or from a license firearms dealer. "In February 2014, researchers at the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research reported that after the 2007 repeal in Missouri of a long-standing law that required all handgun buyers to pass a background check there was a 23 percent increase in firearms homicides." (Webster, Daniel (February 18, 2014) "ID Check Repeal Prompts Spike In Murders, Study Finds". All Things Considered (Interview). Interviewed by Audie Cornish. NPR).

Massie and Jordan claim expanding background checks would rob millions of their right to self-defense. I ask, why should domestic abusers and people with violent criminal records be allowed to purchase guns?

Furthermore, research conducted by

the FBI documents that guns owned by the "good guys" rarely stop shooters from killing innocents. ("Breaking down the NRA-backed theory that a good guy with a gun stops a bad guy with a gun" Meghan Keneally Oct 29, 2018 ABC News) That fact coupled with the fact that 60% of all deaths resulting from gun violence are suicides begs the question: why would expanding background checks for all gun sales rob law-abiding citizens of the right to self-defense? Background checks for all gun sales will greatly diminish the gun violence we are now experiencing in this country and will not prevent law-abiding citizens from purchasing guns.

Second, Massie and Jordan claim Red Flag laws allow "anyone to refer someone [for gun confiscation] by first referring them to the police." No, the reality is that police and family members must go before a judge before the police can temporarily confiscate guns from gun owners. The person making the referral must prove the gun owner demonstrates psychological problems or criminal intent. The gun owner has the opportunity to state their case before a judge.

The 2015 San Bernardino shootings that took the lives of 14 people was perpetrated by Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik. The FBI knew about their radicalization. Red Flag laws would have allowed police to confiscate their guns and would have saved the lives of the 14 people massacred by Farook and Malik. (Baker, Al; Santora, Marc (December 16, 2015). "San Bernardino Attackers Discussed Jihad in Private Messages, F.B.I. Says". The New York Times.) The California Red Flag laws will save lives and they will not threaten competent law-abiding gun owners.

Massie and Jordan claim there is no reason to instate an assault weapon's ban because, they claim, most mass shootings are not carried out with assault weapons. The El Paso shooter was armed with an A-K 47 assault rifle. He killed 22 and injured 24 ("Everything We Know about the El Paso Walmart Shooting," nymag. com, intelligencer, Chas Danner, 08/2019). It took just 32 seconds for a 24-year-old gunman with an AR-15-style assault rifle and a 100-round drum magazine to kill 9

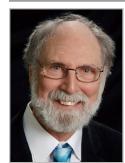
people and wound 27 others on a crowded street in Dayton, Ohio (Dayton Shooting" 9 Dead in 32 Seconds", Time Alejandro de la Garza and Michael Zennie, https:// time.com > U.S. > Crime)

Ioan Grillo, author of El Narco: Inside Mexico's Criminal Insurgency, explains the turf wars conducted by drug cartels in Mexico are fueled by hand guns and assault rifles purchased in Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico. Mexico has strict gun safety laws. Turf wars occurring in cities like Juarez, Nuevo Laredo, and other Mexican cities, are taking the lives of thousands of Mexicans. Advocating for legal sales of assault rifles and large capacity magazines begs the question: why do American civilians need assault rifles and weapons with large capacity magazines? Passing laws that make the sale of military style weapons illegal, will diminish the mass killings in the U.S. as well as the killings that occur as a result of drug wars in Mexico.

The facts concerning background checks, Red Flag laws, and assault rifle ban demonstrates that Massie and Jordan are not concerned about your safety. If Jordan and Massie can convince voters that gun safety is not the issue, they can continue to oppose gun safety bills and continue to fill their campaign coffers with revenue from the National Rifle Association. We need political leadership that demonstrates the professional courage it takes to support real gun safety reform instead of the callous, parsimonious, timorous politicians that now occupy the halls of the United States Senate.

House Bill 8 requires a background check for every firearm sale. HR 1112 extends the time the F.B.I. has to complete background checks.

Please contact Senator Rand Paul and Senator Mitch McConnell and tell them to support HR 8 and HR 1112.



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ERRATA

FORsooth apologizes for the confusing headline of the article about the Energy Innovation and Dividend Act (HR763) in the July/August 2019 issue of FORsooth. The headline was, "Another Kind of 'Green' New Deal: House Bill Would Create Equity with New Fuel Tax." That headline was confusing for some, because it mentioned the Green New Deal, even though the article was not about the Green New Deal.

The FORsooth editor regrets not letting the author of the article approve that headline before we added it to the article. We will let authors approve the headlines in future. (We also apologize for misspelling the author's name.) See the clarification by the author below.

Clarification by the author, RuthAnn Reteneller:

Here is a clarification about my article about the Energy Innovation and Dividend Act (HR763). Thanks to those who have responded to the article by contacting their House Representative asking for support of the bill.

We need to clarify that Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) and the Green New Deal are separate entities with different philosophies about initiating changes that will heal earth.

CCL applauds the Green New Deal for raising public awareness of the urgency of climate change and for introducing a non-binding resolution which envisions a much better world than what we have now.

Citizens Climate Lobby is an organization of citizens that exists to create political will for climate solutions. Solving climate issues must go beyond partisan politics. HR763 is a bi-partisan bill which will reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) within the guidelines of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The bill mandates concrete, well-studied solutions that will address CO2 levels, create jobs, and assist the disadvantaged through the revenue neutral monthly dividend.



Hurrah to all earthlings who care about this problem and try to solve it!

-- RuthAnn Reteneller

2019 School Board Candidates Respond to FOR Issues Questionnaire

The Aim Higher subcommittee of FOR is continuing to expand its advocacy work in the Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS). As part of that work, we have asked the eight school board candidates in the contested school district 4 race (to fill a vacated seat in southwest Jefferson County) to respond to 13 questions in six different issue areas equitable academic outcomes; benefitting from diversity; proactive behavior management; student privacy; equitable college/ readiness; and funding priorities. Despite busy schedules, four have responded by our publishing deadline.

Because of space limitations in FOR sooth, we are printing responses for only two of questions—1) how to reduce learning gaps and 2) whether to create more diverse schools. They highlight the candidates' differences in approaches. The complete questionnaire/background document itself, the complete answers from all the candidates responding, and their bios, pictures and campaign websites can be found at the FOR website, louisvillefor.org.

We developed this survey as--in part--an educational exercise. On the website, each question is preceded by background information and research data that we suspect many candidates, and most readers, might not know. Please look at that before you read all the responses and make your decisions on candidates.

You can find your school district number by going to: https://www.jefferson.

kyschools.us/about/leadership-and-organization/board-education/board-member-district-map and entering your street address. Only District 4 residents can vote in this school board election. We think the background and questions, though, are useful and important to all the county's residents. Let your board member know what you want for our students and community!

Aim Higher question background: **Equity in academic outcomes**

For our city and society to prosper, JCPS must help develop in its students the skills and commitment to create a just and peaceful community, one with dignity and opportunity for every human being—regardless of race, gender, economic status, ability, etc.

The current five-year plan adopted by the Board—Vision2020—explicitly calls for equity, i.e. that "all students receive an education that gives them what they need to thrive in school through differentiated supports focused on removing social factors as a predictor of success". However, average reading and math scores for students of color and all students from low-income households continue to lag significantly behind more privileged students on state and national achievement tests. In some groups, the combined math and reading % proficiency scores are half or less of those from more advantaged groups.

There are answers for this, if the community will is there.

Research demonstrates, for example, that early interventions--such as PreK-3rd grade literacy programs and intensive pre-school cognitive and socio-emotional learning--help eliminate learning gaps before they are entrenched. Smaller class sizes allow more personalized help for underperforming students. JCPS has such programs, but they are being piloted in a fraction of the schools or target populations.

There are other initiatives being piloted in JCPS schools around math skills, literacy and other content issues. Magnet programs and the new high school Academies approach also increase engagement and passion for learning in students—both of which are critical to their academic growth. Providing family resource supports also helps many students to be able to come to school emotionally and physically more ready to concentrate on learning.

Vision 2020 also places a great deal of JCPS' hopes for a major overall improvement as well as a reduction in outcome gaps on the student-centered "deep learning" approach. It focuses on combining the teaching and assessment of skills and dispositions for complex problem-solving tasks in a way tailored to an individual student's culture and learning modes.

These and other proven interventions can help students while saving JCPS and other government/college budget dollars in future years.

The 2019 JCPS Board candidate responses:

Q. What programs and/or other changes would you champion to close the persistent inter-group achievement/ learning gaps? How would you measure progress of those programs in a way that individual students who struggle are the focus of authentic remedial help, not just prepping for and re-taking high-stakes testing?

JOE GOODIN: Funneling JCPS's socioeconomic student population into a comprehensive plan or strategy finds academic achievement by our most disadvantaged students persistently below standard. Magnet and traditional programs, once thought to help alleviate performance shortcomings, succeed in widening the achievement gap; limiting enrollments in these exclusive schools will extremely unpopular as will suggesting opening enrollment to include local, neighborhood students. JCPS may be on the verge of something that will positively impact low performance metrics with the "schools of color" concept. The majority of stakeholders may mistrust them but I strongly believe they will work. We're responsible for doing what's right to save our disadvantaged kids in the system, not just our individual district, and that calls for a worldview that mirrors who we are today. Afro-centric schools and curriculum would be "magnet schools" like we have in place—and do we not accept them? Should we embrace new approaches and

(see SCHOOL BOARD, page 6)

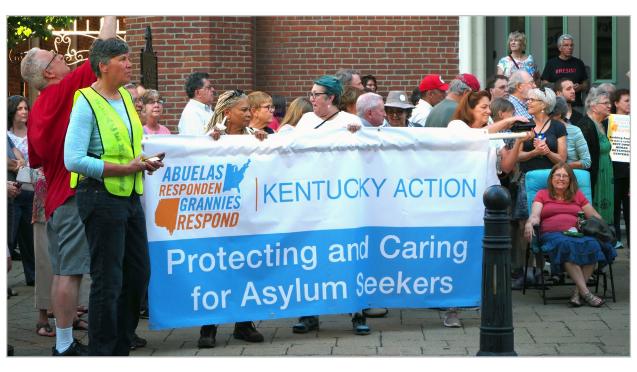
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FORward Radio is a grassroots, community-based, FM radio station operating as an educational arm of the Louisville Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) in pursuit of peace and social justice.

As an affiliate in the Pacifica Network, our broadcast schedule is a mix of nationally syndicated programming (black text below) and locally or regionally produced programs (white text).

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Vigil to End Detention Camps



Photo Above: Fred Nett and Rose Grenough, members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Louisville Chapter. (See the article, "We Remember Fred Nett," on page 7)

On July 12, 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky, hundreds gathered at the Cathedral of the Assumption to call for an end to the inhumane conditions at our southern border. The event was organized by the Archdiocese of Louisville in response to a call from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to express concern for and solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters.

Photos by Cathy Ford.







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Third Thursday Lunch

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"Kentucky's Renewable Energy Future"

David Brown Kinloch

Climate Change can only be stopped by moving away from fossil fuel and to Renewable Energy. The Renewable Energy revolution has begun, but not so much in Kentucky. Why has Kentucky been so slow to embrace Renewable Energy? David Brown Kinloch has been working in renewable energy development in Kentucky for the last 37 years, primarily in small hydropower development. Dave will share some of his successful projects and lay out a path to a clean energy future for Kentucky.

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Lunch at 11:30AM • Presentation at 12 noon Full Buffet \$7.00 at the Door

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who teaches at U Mass, Amherst, has studied and written extensively on the funding of single payer health care systems.

Come hear him speak on how we can cover everyone yet save billions by establishing an improved Medicare for All system.

The Economic Case for Medicare for All

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7:00 PM
First Unitarian Church
809 S. 4th Street, Louisville

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Kentuckians for Single Payer Health Care

Please help to spread the word by sharing the event on facebook.
Event on the KSPH website.

While in Louisville, Professor Friedman will also speak:
• with medical students on Wed. Oct. 23, 12 noon, Instructional Bldg (500 S. Preston)
• at Grand Rounds on Thu. Oct. 24, 8AM, Ambulatory Care Bldg (550 S. Preston)
• at Grand Rounds on Fri. Oct. 25, 8AM, Bottigheimer Aduitorium, Jewish Hospital (200 Abraham Flexner Way)

Israel's Brutality Increases; Support for Boycott Grows

By Russ Greenleaf

Israel is accelerating its program of confiscating Palestinian land and evicting Palestinians from their homes.

It is now demolishing Palestinian homes in areas like Sur Bahir that are officially under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority (according to the Oslo Accords, which Israel signed with the famous handshake on the White House Lawn in

The Oslo Accords offered hope of a "negotiated two-state solution" to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, promising an independent State of Palestine living side-byside with Israel.

A thousand Israeli soldiers and officials descended on Sur Bahir in the middle of the night on July 22, 2019 and forced people from their homes and demolished 70 apartments that were built on Palestinian land with permits issued by the Palestinian Authority.

See the article by Yumna Patel in Mondoweiss at https://mondoweiss.net/2019/07/ devastation-outrage-palestinian/

This demolition makes a mockery of the Oslo Accords and the notion that Israel would ever respect, or even allow, an independent Palestinian state.

Amnesty International called the demolition a "flagrant violation of international law and part of a systematic pattern by the Israeli authorities

to forcibly displace Palestinians in the occupied territories; such actions amount to war crimes."

Palestinian leaders called it "cruel and irreversible."

UN officials said that it sets a precedent that will result in more homes in Palestinian areas being demolished by Israel.

The Trump administration has given its blessing to Israel's plan to officially annex sections of Palestinian land in the West Bank and make them part of Israel.

All of this proves beyond a reasonable doubt that Israel has no intention of ever



Israeli soldiers evicting Palestinians from their home in Sur Bahir, Palestine before demolishing the home on July 22, 2019. Photo by: All that's Left Anti-occupation Collective.

allowing a two-state solution—which confirms what most experts have been saying for years

With unquestioning support from the U.S. government, Israel is implementing a one-state solution in which Israel already controls most of the land of Palestine and is forcing Palestinians from their homes and confining the Palestinian population to reservations, similar to what the United States did to the Native Americans.

As a result of all of this this, more Americans than ever before are supporting the movement to boycott Israel.

The New York Times acknowledged this in an article on July 27, 2019 by David M. Halbfinger, Michael Wines and Steven Erlanger, titled, "Is BDS Antisemitic? A Closer Look at the Boycott Israel Campaign." See https://www.nytimes. com/2019/07/27/world/middleeast/bdsisrael-boycott-antisemitic.html

The article notes that a December 2018 University of Maryland poll showed that 40 percent of Americans support boycotting Israel.

The Times notes that the boycott movement is, "modeled on the fight against the apartheid regime in South Africa." The movement, which is called "Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions" (BDS), urges people to boycott Israel until:

- -- Israel ends its military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza;
- Israel grants full equality to all Palestinian citizens of Israel. (They are 20 percent of the population of Israel and currently do not have equal civil rights);
- Israel lets all Palestinian refugees return to the homes from which their parents and grandparents were evicted by Israel in 1948 when Israel was created.

The New York Times article notes that the demand for, "full equality for Arab citizens of Israel would require overturning or amending Israeli laws that grant Jews automatic citizenship and define Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people."

The Times quotes Palestinian BDS leader Omar Barghouti, who said that those Israeli laws are racist and exclusionary. Barghouti added, "A Jewish state in Palestine in any shape or form cannot but contravene the basic rights of the indigenous Palestinian population and perpetuate a system of racial discrimination that ought to be opposed categorically."

The Times article acknowledges that Barghouti and all the leaders of the BDS movement explicitly reject antisemitism and insist the BDS movement is not antisemitic.

The Times adds that the movement to boycott Israel is supported by, "a significant number of politically liberal Jews, who are frustrated by the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, and [Israel's] blockade and frequent bloodshed in Gaza."

Equally frustrating is Israel's continued shooting of unarmed protesters and its routine arresting and torturing of children, all in a deliberate effort to terrorize the Palestinians into submission or into leaving their native land.

Israel's appalling behavior is causing more Americans, even Jewish Americans, to turn against it. In response, Israel is resorting to extreme measures. It has mobilized the powerful Israel Lobby in the U.S. to pressure our elected officials to pass laws to prohibit Americans from following our conscience and joining the boycott of Israel.

No other country, and no other lobby, has the power to do that. You will not see a single law passed to protect any other country from a boycott. But the Israel Lobby is so feared by American politicians that it is able to pressure them to pass laws that revoke our free speech rights—just to prevent us from objecting to the gross human rights violations committed by this one country: Israel.

At the urging of the Israel Lobby, 27 states (including Kentucky) have passed laws or executive orders that punish their citizens for boycotting Israel.

At the urging of the Israel Lobby, the U.S. Senate passed a law to punish all Americans for boycotting Israel.

For now, the U.S. House of Representatives has watered down that law to the status of a resolution, which lacks legal penalties. The resolution passed by the House strongly condemns (but stops short of punishing) Americans who boycott Israel. Nevertheless, it is expected to have a chilling effect on free speech, especially on college campuses.

To find out more about the BDS movement to boycott Israel, and how you can help, Google: "bds movement.net"



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discussion on, "Where We Go from Here."

On October 4, 2019, there was an American Descendants of Slaves (ADOS) Conference hosted by St. Stephens Baptist Church in Louisville. Approximately 2,000 people attended. The purpose of the conference was to pursue justice and reparations for our children and grandchildren for generations to come. The New York Times and CNN News covered the conference.

Currently before Congress, H.R. 40 and S. 1083 are now pending in the 116th Congress. They were introduced on June 24, 2019, establishing a Commission to Study the Effects of Slavery on African Americans, and to apologize for the injustice that has been perpetuated for the 400 years.

Before the abolishment of slavery, 400,000 enslaved Africans were sold in America. They labored from sunrise to sunset creating immense wealth for white people North and South. They built this country including the plantations of George

Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

These slaves and their descendants built the White House and the Capitol, where even today the residents do not experience home rule. The NAACP is urging the U. S. House of Representative to pass legislation to make Washington, DC the 51st state, because of "taxation without representation."

These slaves and their descendants built the railroads "that crisscrossed the South." It was the relentless buying, selling, and insuring of slaves that financed such institutions as the Southern Baptist Seminary and Georgetown University. They picked cotton from sunrise to sunset fueling the Industrial Revolution. Wall Street was built on the back of 246 years of "free labor."

Most importantly, we have been on the forefront fighting for freedom for everyone. The New York Times reported that, "The very first person to die for freedom was Crispus Attucks, a fugitive from slavery,

yet he gave his life for a nation in which his own people would not enjoy freedom."

Dr. Kevin Wayne Cosby stated in his sermon, "The Biblical Case for Reparations," "We fought in the Civil War, the Mexican War, the War of 1812, World Wars I & II, the Vietnam War, and the present wars." He concluded that "liberation without reparations" is over, and it's time that the American Descendants of Slaves get paid. America owes us.

Dr. Cosby concluded that the battle is now ours. Let's pursue justice and reparations for our children and grandchildren.



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- Excellent knowledge of English grammar, spelling, punctuation, and composition
- Ability to edit and proofread articles
- Ability to make schedules and meet deadlines
- Willingness to publish articles compatible with the views of the FOR
- Professional experience or training in journalism would be a plus.
- Ability to create and manage on-line publications, and to create an online version of our newspaper.

SCHOOL BOARD (continued from page 3)

unconventional means to an end, testing and measurement is archaic. The failure of corporate boards when problems arise is they don't listen to their stakeholders. Southwest Jefferson County isn't being heard because it hasn't had representation that demands the board to listen.

JOE MARSHALL: If we are going to begin to reverse the disenfranchisement of our students that has been done over the course of decades, it is going to take a bold approach to meet both short-term and long-term educational needs. I support a short-term plan focused on directing funding to Accelerated Learning Schools that increases support staff and classroom teachers through a message of autonomy, to meet the high demand of one-on-one instruction. With more qualified staff in a building, this will decrease the student to teacher ratio and provide for more intentional deeper learning instruction. By providing autonomy for these teachers and educators we will work together with them as we develop innovative ways to increase instruction for our most vulnerable populations. The long-term solution will be to continue to utilize our diverse population as an asset, screen children early for medical and social service needs, and grow the culture and climate of our central office to be more engaging and family friendly.

SHAMEKAPARRISH-WRIGHT: Closing the achievement gap needs to first be a district priority. I believe mentors and resources are critical to the success of students. I would be an advocate for early screening measures to identify students who are at risk, or who are already falling behind. I would want to equip our FRSKY officers with the tools to be able to provide families with wrap-around support and connect them with social service agencies in the community. Teachers would need to participate in enhanced cultural competency professional developments and we would need to look at how we assess our students as it should not be a one-size-fits-all standard.

CASSANDRA RYAN: My suggestion for this is to continue to hire minority Teachers and adequately train the Teachers already in the school system How ALL children do not learn the same way. As a Mom of four African American boys I would say they are all different but one thing they have in common is they are visual. The STEM/STEAM must be a true part of the school curriculum daily and not just one day a week as a special area. The Arts program needs to be used to bring out our children's

gifts and make it appealing in sounds and styles for all races. Lastly, have true after-school tutoring to assist our children's reading levels. We must make sure ALL schools welcome families in the school. Unfortunately, my experience had been the opposite and our kiddos need to know we are working together for their success. I would measure by their attendance, parental involvement with the programs, the collaboration between the schools and the families. Lastly, I would give them the test and see even the slightest improvement as a WIN!

Aim Higher question background: Experiencing and benefiting from diversity

U.S. Census projections indicate that today's JCPS students will live and work for most of their careers in an America where no ethnic group or race holds a majority. Current housing patterns and zoning restrictions, however, lead to most neighborhoods in Jefferson County being segregated by race and household income. We are by some estimates the fourth most segregated city in the country.

JCPS' student mix is already a "majority of minorities" (or, "Global Majority"). This diversity is actually an advantage for all JCPS students. FOR believes that preparing students—regardless of their race-- for a successful and fulfilling life in a more diverse society requires providing deeply integrated classrooms, with more integrated social and learning experiences to provide better understanding of different cultures.

Magnet, traditional and Academy of Louisville programs were instituted to provide opportunities to attract and engage students in focused career and academic areas. They are, along with school or cluster boundaries too great to walk, ~95% of the reason for the extensive transportation program of JCPS. However, they also were intended in part to help increase diversity in the school system. Their entrance and exit requirements, though, often result in segregation within an individual school on a classroom-by-classroom basis.

National and JCPS research data show that—all other factors being equal—learning and test scores suffer for low-income students when a school's low-income (identified by free/reduced lunch—FRL-- status) student population starts to exceed about 40% of the school's total demographic. More than 10% of our JCPS

schools are over 90% FRL. Our entire district student population is about two thirds FRL.

The 2019 JCPS Board candidate responses:

Q. To address this specific, well-researched learning impact, would you support revising the assignment plan criteria, boundaries, magnet locations and entrance requirements, etc. to keep from having any extreme high-poverty (e.g., >90% FRL) schools?

JOE GOODIN: No one in their right mind would oppose this; question is how are you going to get it done? I have alluded to how exceptions to the assignment plan empower parents and students to avoid schools with higher concentrations of poverty...quite common in District 4. So long as our high-performers are siphoned off to perceptually "better schools" outside the district, demanding the school raise the bar on academic achievement is to insist it be done without the fallback enrollment resources the best academic programs take great pride in having. Unless we stem the flow of our best students leaving the district, does anyone honestly believe we'll excel with a majority of Apprentice-level performers? It's time to tighten up and it won't be popular.

JOE MARSHALL: I believe the main issue for low income test achievement is built around bias accountability test in which low income students struggle to identify with. If a math question talks about taking a plane ride to California, and the only other state you've been to is Indiana in a car, you don't have the reference to put this question into context. Tests and exams aren't made for or by those who identify with the experiences of low socioeconomic families. I worked in a high FRL school, our students knew content, and when placed in the correct context, they achieved. I don't believe that a higher or lower number of students in poverty will make a difference. What will make a difference is when we acknowledge their struggle and utilize their experience in the way we teach and assess their achievement.

SHAMEKA PARRISH-WRIGHT: My short answer to this question is yes. I would work to achieve at least 50/50 free lunch and non free lunch at all JCPS schools. The youth would benefit a great deal. This also means all of our schools will need the resources to make this a reality. There should be no lack of quality, diversity or visual difference when you walk into any JCPS site. Zip codes should not determine if a child

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Tasks include:

- Attend the FOR Steering Committee meeting once a month (second Thursday of the month 7:30 9:30 pm).
- Contact people and ask them to write articles for FORsooth.
- Send reminders to writers about deadlines for articles.
- Make sure 7 articles are received each month.
- Edit and proofread the articles.
- Write the table of contents for the front page of the paper.
- Edit the Peace Calendar each month.
- Send all edited articles and the edited peace calendar to the graphic artist for layout.
- Review the layout and send corrections and changes to the graphic artist.
- Review and approve the finished layout.

Additional tasks include:

- Develop and create an online version of the FORsooth Newspaper
- Research a web-hosting service
- Design the web pages and interactive features (or find and supervise a designer to do these tasks)
- Manage the online newspaper on a regular basis

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receives top of the line education. Parents and families of all backgrounds should want to send their kids to schools in the west end of Louisville as well as the east end.

CASSANDRA RYAN: If we change the boundaries of the schools then I feel we are just moving people and numbers. If the idea is to make sure ALL kids no matter their race, family income and learning issues are going to be the same but in a different. The root of the problem is not fixed because no matter where the kids are sent the struggles are still there but in a different location. My answer is No.



Fred Nett and Rose Grenough

We Remember Fred Nett

By Fred's wife Rose, with great support from her sister-in-law, Claudia Grenough

Reprinted from the Courier-Journal

JOSEPH FREDERICK (FRED) NETT, J.D., died unexpectedly at home on August 5, 2019 of a heart attack. On May 15 of this year, he reached three quarters of a century on this planet.

There is no simple description to define Fred. He was loved and/or respected by many, even by those he could provoke. He was son, sibling, husband, uncle to many children whether related or not, and a good friend. He was a man of great personal integrity, and was kind, playful, curious, thoughtful, persistent, courageous, and (usually after intense research) amazingly correct most of the time.

He loved and respected nature as evidenced by beautiful gardens he designed and nurtured at home. He greatly enjoyed just being outdoors, as well as camping, hiking, white water rafting, caving and exploring whatever and wherever. Fred always wanted to find what was "just around the next bend..." He also appreciated much about the built environment, and music brought great joy to his life.

He was #3 of the twelve children of Agnita Bryan and Carl Raymond Nett. All of them graduated from Holy Family School, conveniently located directly across the street from the home their dad constructed. Fred completed high school at St X., as did nine of his brothers.

He and several brothers are graduates of Bellarmine where Fred majored in philosophy. His plan was to complete a doctorate in philosophy at Notre Dame. However, due to his conviction that the war in Vietnam was not a just war, he refused the draft, and was sentenced to time in jail and federal prison. Unable to fulfill that academic goal, the course of his life changed dramatically.

Fred was a passionate lifelong learner, always wanting to soak up more and more information. His appreciation of the value of books to civilization is legendary to

many. This desire for new knowledge led him, at the age of 44, to enroll in the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, primarily because he found the law "so interesting". He earned his law degree over four years (with the help of many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches) while working full time in challenging supervisory positions.

Fred worked in many departments in the City of Louisville, retiring in 2004 after 20 plus years. However, his commitment to neighborhood, city and the world led to decades of "work" in support of numerous organizations and causes. Those included but were not limited to: the Fellowship of Reconciliation; Old Louisville, Limerick, and Garvin Gate neighborhood groups; the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union; the Veritas Society for elder learning at Bellarmine (where some classes likely be more subdued, discussions shorter without him); the Louisville Historical League; and Kentucky Public Retirees.

Going before Fred were his parents, Agnita and Carl, and his brothers Paul, Ron, Tom, Bill and Pat. Left to carry on his memory are his wife of 46 years, Rose Grenough; his only sister, Mary Elizabeth Bloemer (#11) and brothers Carl Anthony (Barbara), Kenny (Mary Beth), Mike (Kathy), David (Martha), Danny; and numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

To honor this one-and-only Fred, contributions to a non-profit of your choice or to one of the following would be welcomed: the Louisville Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation; St. William Church, Peace and Justice Outreach; La Casita Center or another organization supporting immigrants.

In keeping with Fred's wishes, a celebration of his life will take place in the future.



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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL—Contact Sharon at 637-8951 APPAF [American Palestine Public Affairs Forum]—www.appaf.org, 664-2761

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

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CALENDAR FOR PEACEMAKERS - NOVEMBER 2019

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Please email us information about your peace and justice events to russgreenleaf@yahoo.com

- Nov 1 to Nov 10—**SHINING A LIGHT**—The Muhammad Ali Center. See photographs from countries all over the world on human rights and social justice. This year's focus is the daily lives of homeless women. http://alicenter.org
- Nov 1 to 30—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
- Nov 1 to 30—**TEA IN ASIA**—The Crane House. Discover the history and traditions of tea throughout Asia. Visit http://cranehouse.org
- Nov 1 to Dec 15—WORLDQUEST—The World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana. Register by Dec 15th. Local Competition on Feb 8th and National Competition in April. Our youth education program is a fun, fast-paced team competition for high school students. WorldQuest tests players' knowledge of current international politics, geography, global economics, history, and world cultures. Visit http://worldkentucky.org/
- Nov 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
- Nov 2 (Sat)—**LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE**—Every Saturday morning. Also, other days and times. 26 farmers' markets from California neighborhood to Norton Commons. Visit http://louisvilleky.gov/government/mayorshealthy-hometown-movement/services/healthy-eating
- Nov 2 (Sat)—**PRESERVE OUR URBAN FORESTS**—Olmsted Parks Conservancy. Almost every Saturday. Our tasks include invasive plant removal, mulching, painting and 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://olmstedparks.org
- Nov 2 (Sat)—**HELP BUILD A HOME**—Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville. Almost every Saturday. Work alongside "sweat-equity" families. Ask about our non-construction opportunities too. http://louisvillehabitat.org
- Nov 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. http://www.newrootsproduce.org
- Nov 3 (Sun)—**COMMUNITY COMPOSTING**—University of Louisville Belknap Campus. Every Sunday, Noon to 2PM. Help turn trash to treasure, and haul home some rich compost for your garden. Dress to get dirty. Tools provided. Visit http://louisville.edu/sustainability
- Nov 3 (Sun)—"AIM HIGHER"—Every first Sunday at 7PM. Focusing on military counter-recruitment, with discussions on conscientious objection, military recruitment and the possibility for high school students to "opt out" of having their names given to recruiters. Call Jim Johnson at 262-0148, or email FORnonviolence@gmail.com
- Nov 5 (Tues)—**CONSOLING PARENTS**—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.
- Nov 5 (Tues)—DANCE TO HELP VETERANS AND FAMILIES COPE WITH PTSD AND BRAIN INJURIES—Dancing Well. Every Tuesday this month at 6PM. Live music, small group interaction and a dance caller to lead participants through simple dances tailored to their needs. Learn more at http://dancingwell.org. Call 889-6584 to RSVP.

- Nov 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.
- Nov 6 (Wed)—KENTUCKY REFUGEE MINISTRIES LUNCH & LEARN—Noon. First Wednesday every month. Learn more about our refugee & immigration settlement program and citizenship tutoring classes. Visit http://kyrm.org
- Nov 7 (Thurs)—**KENTUCKY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE**—Every first & third Thursday, 5:30PM at Main Public Library. Call Kay Tillow 636-1551.
- Nov 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.
- Nov 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.
- Nov 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 e-mail rodwsm@gmail.com for more information.
- Nov 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.
- Nov 12 (Tues)—**AMERICANA COMMUNITY CENTER**—Volunteer orientation every 2nd Tuesday, 6PM. Help bridge the gap for our refugee and immigrant neighbors. Call 366-7813 to RSVP.
- Nov 12 (Tues)—**LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY GROCERY**—
 Joshua Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 2nd Tuesdays at
 5:30PM. Share your ideas on how to launch a cooperativelyowned urban grocery store. Visit https://loufoodcoop.com/
- Nov 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.
- Nov 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.
- Nov 14 (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
- Nov 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 http://louisville-astro.org
- Nov 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, and taste samples. http://15thousandfarmers.com
- Nov 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.

- Nov 20 (Wed)—**JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE**—Highlands-Shelby Park Public Library. Every third Wednesday. Video about Palestine. Call 553-6451 or email barbaraberman2@gmail.com
- Nov 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
- Nov 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 information.

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- Nov 21 (Thurs)—THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH—David Brown Kinloch will speak about "Kentucky's Renewable Energy Future." Hotel Louisville. Lunch at 11:30AM. Presentation at 12 noon. Reservations required by MONDAY before the lunch. RSVP to Pat Geier at (502)609-7985 or pgeier@fastmail.fm. More details on page 4
- Nov 21 (Thurs)—**KENTUCKY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE**—Every first & third Thursday, 5:30PM at Main Public Library. Call Kay Tillow 636-1551.
- Nov 21 (Thurs)—**HAND IN HAND MINISTRIES**—Work side by side with people who live and work in vulnerable communities. Visit http://myhandinhand.org
- Nov 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 http://namilouisville.org
- Nov 30 (Sat)—**VOLUNTEER FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES**—Catholic Charites, 8AM. Learn more about our refugee & immigration settlement program and our family assistance efforts. Call 637-9786 to RSVP.

OUT OF TOWN

- Nov 1 & 2—FOLLOWING JESUS ON THE PATH OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE—Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center near Owensboro. Reflect with us on the life of Jesus from the perspective of Gandhian/Kingian nonviolence. Call 270-229-0206 to register.
- Nov 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
- Nov 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://aclu-ky.org
- Nov 5 (Tues)—WATERSHED WATCH OF KENTUCKY— Learn about the data that has been collected throughout our region in 2019. Visit http://kywater.org/
- Nov 7 (Thurs)—INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE—Lexington, KY at West Main and Broadway, 5:30PM to 6:30PM. Every Thursday. For more information, call 859-327-5514.
- Nov 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. https://kysu.edu/academics/cafsss/organic-agriculture-working-group/about-organic-agriculture working-group/
- Nov 23 (Sat)—CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM DIALOGUE— Lexington, KY at 10AM. Meeting places rotate. Every 4th Saturday. Explore moral, cultural, and social issues together. For more information, call 859-2772-7891.

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

- Nov 2 (Sat)—**WARM YOUR HOME, NOT THE PLANET** Highlands/Shelby Park Public Library, 11AM. Consumer tips for replacing your furnace by Sarah Lynn Cunningham with the Louisville Climate Action Network.
- Nov 2 (Sat)—A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES—Iroquois Public Library, 1PM. The film A Journey of A Thousand Miles: Peacekeepers follows a unit of one hundred and sixty women who travel far from their families, friends and all that is familiar at home in Bangladesh to join the United Nations Stabilizing Mission in Haiti.
- Nov 19 (Tues)—WOMEN OF COLOR IN KENTUCKY POLITICS—Main Public Library, 6:30PM. A conversation between Rep. Attica Scott and Rep. Nima Kulkarni on ,their paths to politics, the hurdles women and people of color face.
- Nov 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)
- Nov 30 (Sat)—**PRAY THE DEVIL BACK TO HELL**—Iroquois Public Library, 1PM. The film *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* documents a peace movement called Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace Christian and Muslim women of Monrovia.

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