

FORsooth

Transit called a key to affordable housing

by Ike M. Thacker IV and Eustace Durrett

The affordability of housing in Louisville is getting worse compared to 15 regional cities - from first in 1990 to sixth now - and transportation policy has contributed to that decline, the fifth annual State of Metropolitan Housing Report said.

The report, released Oct. 17 by the Metropolitan Housing Coalition, included a Measures of Housing Conditions, which, with another section on transportation, concluded that affordable housing and good jobs need to be much closer to each other.

The MHC document also said 13,000 Louisville households are still on a waiting list for housing subsidies.

Currently, the report noted, most subsidized and affordable housing is downtown or in the West End, whereas most jobs that pay decently are to be found on the outer rim of more recent development, for example in Bluegrass Industrial Park or Commerce Crossing. At the very least, the MHC said, we should make it much easier for folks to get from one area to the other using public transportation.

This is especially so because failing to adequately and equitably fund transit is, as Karyn Rotker has noted in the September/October 2007 issue of *Poverty & Race*, "discriminatory." Rotker added: "The 2000 Census showed that (nationwide) nearly one in four African Americans, and large

percentages of Latinos and Asians, live in households without vehicles available, compared to only seven percent of non-Hispanic whites. Communities of color are far more likely than whites to depend on public transportation to get to work."

They are also significantly less likely to own homes, especially in the relatively green acres of the suburbs, in part, the MHC report said, because, "It wasn't until 1965 that African-Americans were given the opportunity to receive FHA-insured mortgages. Thus an entire generation of African-Americans were not only excluded from home ownership but were left geographically isolated as white America solidified an ownership class outside the urban core."

And even subsequent federal policy has tended to reinforce the disproportionate power of the richer, whiter suburbs. This is partly because federal regulations mandate that local transportation policy be set and coordinated by *Metropolitan Planning Organizations*, or MPO's, such as the Louisville area's Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA), on which (as Rotker shows to be the case in Milwaukee) the interests of the geographical regions within the MPO's jurisdiction tend to be better represented than the center city, which is generally the most populous area.

Another problem with MPO's, and particularly with KIPDA, is that they are neither very democratically selected nor

very open to public influence. Within KIPDA, it is *exclusively* the 18-member Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) that constitutes the MPO and sets transportation policy, the MHC report said.

KIPDA and the TPC hold their meetings in places easily accessible only by automobile and at hours when working people just can't attend, the MHC said. Across the country, and as nearby as Cincinnati, MPO's are more democratic, have their meetings in more accessible places, and implement more transit-friendly policies, the MHC said. [KIPDA on the other hand has recently, for example, removed some \$1.4 billion in advanced transit initiatives, including light rail and rapid bus transit, from its Horizon 2030 plan, despite some 540 public comments regarding this action, almost 100 percent of which were opposed to the removal.]

In fact, there is even a sort of nascent movement toward transit-oriented development (TOD) in the U.S. today.

TOD's like the ones in King County, Washington and Portland, Oregon, can serve as models for Louisville, the MHC report said.

The report said TOD's may consist of full-fledged "transit communities" with new, planned neighborhoods and employment centers; "mixed-use, urban infill" developments within older urban neighborhoods, into which are brought new employment opportunities and shopping areas accessible

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Kentucky's Jena case calls us to act quickly

by Gracie Lewis

Hate violence refers to acts of violence that are motivated by hatred toward persons in a targeted group. A key purpose of hate violence is to keep people "in their place."

We have all witnessed a major march on Jena, La. and a U.S. House Judiciary Com-

Hate has no limitations, and this case needs to be investigated.

mittee hearing on the Jena 6; but we have a similar case right here in our own backyard.

The case of Remy Okonkwo has not been highly publicized but is symbolic of the Jena 6 cases all over this country. There has been total *silence* concerning the events leading up to and following the so-called suicide death of Remy Okonkwo, a Nigerian student on the campus of Georgetown College, a religious school in Georgetown, Ky.

On March 31, following a date with a

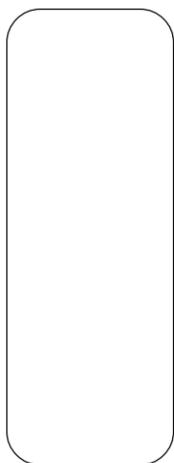
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Nikki Gaines answers call, becomes calendar editor

FORsooth Calendar for Peacemakers editor Jean Edwards will hand off the task of gathering news for the page eight calendar to Nikki Gaines of Louisville starting with the February 2008 issue.

Jean has collected and edited the information for the Calendar for Peacemakers since FORsooth began publishing in 1990 and did largely the same duty starting in the early 1980s for the FOR newsletter that preceded FORsooth.

Jean will still write "Jean's Journal," a column of news and comment, in each FORsooth.

Nikki, in an e-mail, said simply that she has been connected to the FOR for many years and agreed to help us continue the calendar. Nikki inquired about the volunteer position in November after reading the most recent of several pleas in advertisements and columns for someone to step up and replace Jean.

FORsooth editor George Morrison wrote in his "Just Ideas" column of the November issue that with Jean's hoped-for January date to discontinue doing the calendar looming,



Jean Edwards

someone simply must step forward.

Nikki did, and we hope she will discover what George also wrote, that while the calendar editor position is unpaid, "the spiritual dividends are vast."

You might be a peace activist if...

by George Morrison
(with inspiration by Jeff Foxworthy)

...You spend five minutes making your grocery list, then 30 minutes making your boycott list.

...The campus tour during your college reunion is highlighted by you pointing out the buildings you took over.

...You refer to the upcoming Thanksgiving dinner with your relatives as "the summit."

...You ask your child: "Where did I go wrong with you?" because she is 21 and has never been arrested.

...In the 1980s, you spent more time in El Salvador than Shively.

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Foe of executions sees progress even as dates loom

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

While as many as three executions loom next year in the state, progress against the death penalty is evident in Kentucky and nationally, Doug Stern told the Third Thursday Lunch Nov. 15.

Stern, a consultant to the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, spoke on "Organizing Faith Communities for Abolition of the Death Penalty in Kentucky."

Stern said the Roman Catholic and Episcopal denominations are among those which have taken strong stands against executions, but added that an encounter with a Baptist minister (whose denomination isn't unambiguously against the death penalty) shows that progress isn't limited to the churches on record for abolition.

Rev. Don Mantooth, pastor of First Baptist Church in Morehead, opened his doors to the abolitionist argument in 2006, Stern recalled.

"Dan Mantooth heard me talk to a meeting of the Rowan County Ministerial Association and without hesitation approached me at the end of that meeting and said 'I'd like to have a panel discussion. I'm with you. I'm against the death penalty. I'd like to foster discernment within my community.'" Stern said. "And (Father) Pat Delahanty, as a matter of fact, went there... and spoke."

Stern spoke of other victories in the struggle, some coming from the U.S. Supreme Court, which in 2005 banned executing people under age 17 and which in 2002 banned executing the mentally retarded, both times citing the U.S. Constitution's Eighth Amendment ban on cruel and unusual punishments.

Stern also was upbeat about the case of Larry Osborne — the youngest person on Kentucky's death row — who won a new trial and was acquitted in 2002 at age 22 in the 1997 murders of an elderly Whitley County couple.

He became the first person in Kentucky on death row to be found innocent since the state reinstated the death penalty in 1976. Lawyers working on Osborne's case said he was the 102nd person on death row nationwide to be acquitted since the U.S. Supreme Court in 1976 allowed use of the death penalty to be resumed.

Stern said he encounters doubt and resignation as he travels around Kentucky, some based on the idea that the death penalty is actually part of the state's culture.

"I hear 'Doug, we're just not going to do anything about the death penalty. We're too conservative.' The other statement is 'We're not going to do anything. We just have a culture of violence in Kentucky, particularly in the rural parts of the state.'"

Stern said those comments are so common, he has rehearsed a reply.

"Regarding conservative, I can't think of many places more conservative than Grayson, Ky., in Eastern Kentucky... poor hardworking, conservative people. And yet, somehow (state representative) Robin Webb finds the courage, session after session, year after year, to stand up to the death penalty."

Webb represents the 96th district, including Grayson. "Where does she find the courage to do that, despite the conservative leanings of her district?" Stern asked.

On the culture of violence, he frequently points out that Japan and Germany, whose governments committed some of the worst atrocities in history in the mid-1900s, have since banned the death penalty.

So has the European Union, to which Germany belongs, Stern added.

"We're fond of selling the Europeans... Bourbon, and whatever else we sell, auto parts. But if we were a European nation, we couldn't do that, because we have the death penalty," Stern told the lunch. "To get into the EU, you have to do away with the death penalty."

Turkey, he added, is in the process of abolishing executions to gain EU admission.

Among changes the KCADP backs in Kentucky, Stern said, is a "Juror's Bill of Rights," which would allow people to serve on a murder jury even if they answer that

they oppose the death penalty, by requiring a follow-up question to be asked.

In some states, prospective jurors are asked whether they could put those feelings aside and render a fair judgment, and can still be picked if they answer affirmatively, Stern explained. In Kentucky, prospective jurors will be routinely dismissed from capital murder cases if they say they oppose the death penalty because the second question is not asked, he said.

Stern said some of his toughest skepticism about using life without parole instead of the death penalty came without him even being on the road, mentioning an uncle who claimed the "life without" alternative would allow a lawyer to uncover mistakes that would free a convicted person.

"I said... 'I agree with you. You've just summarized my argument against the death penalty. Sooner or later we're going to make a mistake.'"

Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, associate professor of theology at Bellarmine University, will speak at the Jan. 17 Third Thursday Lunch on churches calling for economic justice in the 21st century. The \$7 lunch at the Rudyard Kipling restaurant, 422 W. Oak St. in Louisville, starts at 11:30 a.m.

Reservations are required by Jan. 15. Call Polly Johnson at (502) 473-8435 or Mary Ann Lambert at (502) 425-3844.



Group seeks paid trainees

An organization working on housing, educational equity and job training is looking for people interested in becoming organizers.

The Direct Action & Research Training (DART) Center is currently accepting resumes from people interested in social and economic justice issues for a paid, four-month community organizing training program known as the DART Organizers Institute.

The application deadline for this program is January 1. The institute starts June 17, 2008 and includes a seven-day classroom program and a 15-week field training.

DART said it has built non-partisan

community organizations throughout the country that have won important improvements on a broad set of issues affecting low-to-moderate income people. They include education reform in low-performing public schools, job training, drugs and violence, affordable housing, criminal recidivism and neighborhood revitalization.

DART's website said the center will pay for the travel to the training, will provide room and board and will pay a stipend for living expenses during the training.

For more information, visit the "Become an Organizer" section of DART's website: www.thedartcenter.org or call DART at: 785-841-2680.

About Labor Paeans

Labor Paeans columnist Ira Grupper was traveling last month, so he was unable to write his column for this issue. Look for Ira's usual forthright, colorful words in the February FORsooth.



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“Body and Soul”

First film starring Paul Robeson
Directed by Oscar Micheaux

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008

11:30 a.m.

Highlands-Shelby Park Branch,
LFPL, Mid-City Mall,
1250 Bardstown Road
1250 Bardstown Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008 (probable)

Time TBA

Elaine Chao Auditorium,
Ekstrom (Main) Library,
University of Louisville

“Proud Valley”

A story of Welsh
coal miners

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008

11:30 a.m.

Highlands-Shelby Park
Branch, LFPL,
Mid-City Mall,

Thursday, Feb. 14 (probable)

Time TBA

Elaine Chao Auditorium,
Ekstrom (Main) Library,
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SECOND ANNUAL **PAUL ROBESON FILM FESTIVAL** **To Help Celebrate Black History Month** ***Free Admission!!!***

“Big Fella”

On the docks of Marseilles

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008

11:30 a.m.

Highlands-Shelby Park Branch,
LFPL, Mid-City Mall,
1250 Bardstown Road
1250 Bardstown Road

Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 (probable)

Time TBA

Elaine Chao Auditorium,
Ekstrom (Main) Library,
University of Louisville

“The Emperor Jones”

Based on O’Neill’s play

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008

11:30 a.m.

Highlands-Shelby Park
Branch, LFPL,
Mid-City Mall,

Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008

(probable; time TBA)

Elaine Chao Auditorium,
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Paul Robeson (1898-1976) was one of the great Renaissance personalities of the 20th Century. He was a singer and actor, an athlete, an attorney, a writer, and an activist (both in labor and civil rights). In many ways he was the forerunner of the 1960s’ civil rights movement.

Sponsors

The Left Alternative and the Pan African Studies Department of the University of Louisville.

Micro-lending method helps poor, but it has its limits

by Ike M. Thacker IV
and Eustace Durrett

The most central economic and political fact of our time is this: every day in countries that are euphemistically called “developing,” 28,000 children die from easily preventable malnourishment and illness (the desperate but hopeful fact is that this is actually an unacceptably small decrease of about 32 percent since 1984).

That comes to about one every three seconds or, conversely, more than 10.2 million humans a year, one-fourth of whom cling to life for no more than one week. Most of these infants and children could have been saved for a pittance, were only such pittance available. But the logic of capital did not allow for it; it never will.

The failure to understand the last sentence of the above paragraph was the main problem with a presentation offered by Sam Daley-Harris — who founded the successful U.S. anti-poverty lobbying group RESULTS nearly thirty years ago — in a recruiting trip to Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church in Louisville July 29. About four-to-six people in the audience joined RESULTS as a result of the program.

Daley-Harris, who has spent most of the past 12 years focusing on his Microcredit Summit Campaign (structurally a part of RESULTS; more on the MSC later), seems to very clearly understand the rest of the paragraph, though, and has done a “world” of good persuading U.S. lawmakers to devote more than ten times as much to fighting this extreme poverty and its effects in 2007 as in 1984.

The economic gap between the developed world of the North on the one hand and the “developing” South on the other is, of course, nothing new. As early as 1916, Lenin (in *Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism*) proved that, “Capitalism has grown into a world system... of the financial strangulation of the overwhelming majority of the people of the world by a handful of ‘advanced’ countries.”

This division of the world into exploiting and exploited nations has only deepened since the early days of the 20th century about which Lenin wrote. Huge multinational corporations (MNC’s) have for many decades now scoured the globe in search of obscenely cheap and unregulated labor, for illustrative example in the western hemisphere’s “race to the bottom” after

the passage of NAFTA [note, though, that the search for the cheapest labor is not limited to this half of the Earth: Nikes are made in Southeast Asia]. Plainly, as *Commonweal* among others has noted, we have at least partially rethought East-West relations since the fall of the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact — but not the relationship between the global North and the global South.

In fact, the gap between rich and poor nations is generally getting bigger. A 1992 U.N. report has noted that the already huge difference in per capita income between developed and “developing” countries doubled from 1960 to 1990.

Despite some incremental improvements since then — such as George W. Bush’s anti-AIDS initiative, various attempts to relieve the poorest debtor nations of some of the most onerous burdens of repayment (especially those set by the IMF and the World Bank), and Bush’s \$5-billion-a-year Millennium Challenge Account designed partly to counter terrorism at its

federal budget and to the demonstrated need: even in 2007, federal aid to stop the mass foreign death documented here was only \$500 million in a U.S. federal budget of more than \$2 trillion, or less than one-quarter of one percent of the total!).

And an extremely hopeful development since the late 1980s has been the Grameen (“village”) Bank of 2006 Nobel Peace Laureate Muhammad Yunus and its many, many descendants in the “microcredit” revolution. The simple visionary idea that this native Bangladeshi had, was that many of the world’s very poor need only very small loans to get out of poverty (as reported by Sam Daley-Harris July 29, often the first thing the recipients of microloans, some 96 percent of whom in the case of Grameen Bank itself are women, do with the money is get their offspring back: sometimes children as young as six have been previously leased out for as little as \$20/year).

If Yunus started the microcredit revolution, perhaps Sam Daley-Harris was

the tiny loans needed. And even if he and Harris achieve their ambitious 175-million goal, that will mean that hundreds of millions of those in extreme poverty will not have been helped at all.

Again, we see that the logic of capital simply will not allow for the solution to the horror of world poverty.

Capitalists hear the chingling of coins more acutely than the cries of children. So, what to do, what to do? Ask any run-of-the-mill economist to provide you with a truly fundamental verity from his, the dismal science, and you are likely to get the following famous but ungrammatical sentence: “There ain’t no such thing as a free lunch” (TANSTAAFL, for short).

This, however, is nothing more or less than an outdated homily based essentially on the assumed permanence of scarcity. The modern industrial, agricultural, and information revolutions have rendered this presumed scarcity, and along with it the TANSTAAFL concept, things of the effectively distant past.

The incredible bounty that these revolutions have generated means that Adam Smith, David Ricardo, (of course) Thomas Malthus and the other bourgeois economists were simply time-limited and therefore wrong on this crucial point. These men were creatures of the 18th and 19th centuries; in 21st-century economics, trusting and caring can create a fundamental synergism amid plenty.

And, as Michael Harrington has shown, under socialism the bounty would be almost infinitely greater still! (see his *Socialism* [1970, 1972], especially Chapters V and XIV).

This is not the place to exhaustively recount how far-reaching the modern nonpolitical revolutions have been. That is well known. Our point is that in a world where *per capita* personal income in the U.S. easily exceeds \$30,000 and where the rest of the developed north is in the same ballpark, TANSTAAFL need no longer restrain us from bringing *everybody* up to a decent level of human existence.

The best way to do this (so many other things having already been tried) is for the long-awaited advent of democratic socialism (read “political and economic democracy”) to become reality. Then, capital’s plunder would end, and the world would be a haven for all.

*Capitalists hear the chingling of coins
more acutely than the cries of children.*

source: hunger — little has really changed; worldwide at least 1.1 billion people live in extreme poverty, on less than a dollar a day in per capita income.

Worse yet, this gap and the incredible suffering it begets are likely to increase still further unless something is done that is far more radical than capitalism is likely to allow.

World population has increased by a factor of about two and a half just since 1950, and now easily exceeds 6 billion (it is projected to be more than nine billion by 2050); the U.N. expects some 90 percent of all births through 2050 to be in the “developing” nations of the global south.

These babies cry. These children die. But they can be saved, in many cases for no more than a few U.S. cents. And it seems so easy.

Still, there have been many in the global north who have nobly fought for the lives of (especially) children in (mostly) the southern “developing” nations, and RESULTS’ results have been impressive (if almost negligible compared to the U.S.

even more responsible for its expansion. A decade of growth fostered by hundreds of independent microcredit banks resulted in “only” about 8 million microloans by 1997. That year, convinced that faster growth was essential, Daley-Harris established a RESULTS sister organization, referred to above, called the Microcredit Summit Campaign (MSC), devoted to convincing the world’s banking and political leaders to dish out 100 million microloans by 2005. By 2004, the number of borrowers globally in fact broke the 90 million barrier, and Yunus and Harris have now set their sights on 175 million by 2015.

Incidentally, as should not be surprising since microloan borrowers have proved their “creditworthiness” just by surviving without the loans, repayment rates are high, ranging mostly in the mid-to upper-nineties percent range.

But it is instructive that the whole reason Yunus was forced to start his own revolution was that even he, with a doctorate and much experience in economics, could not convince traditional banks to undertake

Case made for Department of Peace, calls then asked

by Eustace Durrett
and Ike M. Thacker IV

“I cannot tell you with what weapons mankind will fight World War III, but I can assure you that World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.” This haunting quotation of Albert Einstein, in a sense, fueled the community conversation of, “Is It Time for a U.S. Department of Peace?” Oct. 25 at the University of Louisville.

Before an audience of a little more than 100, WAVE-TV news anchor Dawne Gee, took an active role in the program, providing a skit, “The News I’d Like to Report” (such as that there were no murders or gang violence for a couple of weeks).

The role of a Department of Peace was defined by Dot Maver, Executive Director

of The Peace Alliance. A U.S. Department of Peace would work to:

- Research, articulate, and promote nonviolent solutions to domestic and international conflict.
- Provide much-needed assistance to efforts by city, county, and state governments in coordinating existing programs, as well as develop new programs based on best practices nationally.
- Teach violence prevention and mediation to U.S. school children and effectively treat and dismantle gang psychology.
- Rehabilitate the prison population.
- Build peace-making efforts among conflicting cultures both here and abroad.

- Support our military with complementary approaches to peace-building.

- Create and administer a U.S. Peace Academy.

A bill before the U.S. House of Representatives to establish a U.S. Department of Peace was introduced in February by Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) and has 67 co-sponsors.

The Department of Peace campaign, sponsored by The Peace Alliance, has citizen organizers working in more than 290 congressional districts and in all 50 states.

Maver emphasized the need to contact your congressional representative and U.S. Senators (the number is 202-224-3121) to make the U.S. Department of Peace a reality.

There are also similar movements in the governments of Costa Rica, Nepal, and the Solomon Islands.

Sponsors of the program at U of L were The Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice, Cultivating Connections, Ramsi’s Cafe on the World, Rainbow Blossom, Unity Church of Louisville, Unity Church of Middletown, Interfaith Paths

to Peace, and Doug Van Houten Design.

For more information contact the Kentucky Campaign for a U.S. Department of Peace: Kim Summers-Bates, Kentucky State Coordinator. E-mail Able2accomp@hotmail.com; phone 502-473-1772.

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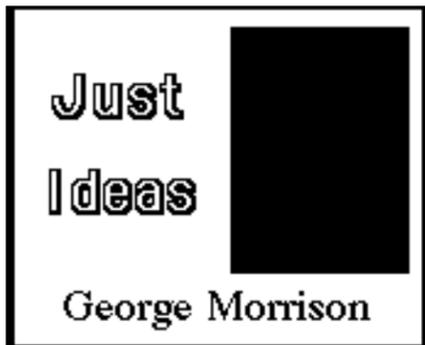
June 16—Oct 5 DART TRAINING. The Direct Action & Research Training (DART) Center, seeks applicants for paid training positions with a national network of congregation-based community organizations working toward social and economic justice. APPLY BY January 1. Graduates of the program have led sweeping changes across major metropolitan cities on issues such as affordable housing, accessible healthcare, equitable public education policies. To find out more, please visit the “Become an Organizer” section of our website: www.thedartcenter.org, or call DART at 785-841-2680.

Tis the season to spread a little cheer, and justice too

Here's how I'd fill a few stockings this Christmas.

To the White House Press Corps, who recently almost universally passed on, without comment or critique, former President George H.W. Bush's praise for his son's policy in Iraq, I would give copies of the elder Bush's 1993 book *A World Transformed*, in which Bush wrote:

"Trying to eliminate Saddam... would have incurred incalculable human and political costs. Apprehending him was probably impossible.... We would have been forced to occupy Bagdad and, in effect, rule Iraq.... There was no viable 'exit strategy' we could see, violating another of our principles. Furthermore, we had been self-consciously trying to set a pattern for handling aggression in the post-Cold War world. Going in and occupying Iraq, thus unilaterally exceeding the United Nations' mandate, would have destroyed the precedent of international response to aggression that we hoped to establish. Had we gone the invasion route, the United States could conceivably still be an occupying power in a bitterly hostile land."



Other than the statement about apprehending Saddam, all of George H.W. Walker's warnings have come tragically true and thousands of people have died.

To the nation's evangelicals, who are reportedly rethinking their allegiance to the Republican Party, keep rethinking, as you read what I put in your stockings — the statement of support for Rudolph Giuliani by Pat Robertson, the entrepreneur and televangelist.

In 1992, Robertson absolutely condemned the choice by the Democrats of

a candidate who had had extra-marital affairs, was pro-choice on abortion and was nominally pro gay rights.

This fall, he enthusiastically endorsed a Republican candidate who has had extra-marital affairs, is pro-choice on abortion and is nominally pro gay rights.

Is there anyone who still thinks there is anything to the "religious right" other than amoral power moves to benefit Robertson's agenda of wealth and influence for himself? (If you doubt this, see the book *The Most Dangerous Man in America: Pat Robertson and the Rise of the Christian Coalition*, by Robert Boston)

To the Jefferson County Board of Education, which recently passed a hollow gay rights policy - hollow because it did not include transgender people - I put in your stocking, a copy of an executive order signed recently by Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm. It barred discrimination against state workers based on their "gender identity or expression," which protects the rights of those who behave, dress or identify as members of the opposite sex.

To the legions of condescending, bombastic radio show hosts, who have taught an entire generation of listeners to confuse blather with steadfastness, I place in your stocking tapes of WDRB-TV general manager Bill Lamb's editorials.

He is a conservative, and, to be sure, his station failed the public in recent years by showing Bush administration "video news releases" disguised as news. However, since that episode (which resulted in the New York Times outing WDRB by name as a prime offender in using VNRs), Lamb has shown clear-headed thoughtfulness in his editorials, the only done by any local station in Louisville.

He is willing to criticize some of the excesses of business, as well as what he sees as those of labor, and he came down strongly in favor of the school system protecting lesbians, gays and transgender people.

He is the kind of conservative I used to enjoy hearing and reading before pushing hot buttons replaced intelligent discourse.

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Haiku

god's stillness—
the old monk's hands
large with prayer

(unpublished)

dusk—
coiling the hose
around a glowworm

(The Heron's Nest)

— S. R. Spanyer



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IN OUR NAME
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OUR MONEY**



**Enjoy Thunder!
But we can make it
family entertainment
for everyone
next year...**

Demilitarize Thunder – Say NO to the warplanes. Tell Derby Festival:

- Don't mistake fighters and nuclear-capable bombers flying overhead for "family entertainment".
- Respect and welcome Louisville's growing immigrant communities, some of whom relive the terror of warplanes bombing their towns
- Don't equate reveling in glamorized military might with patriotism.
- Take these symbols of the divisive war, and the recruiters that are a part of the air show deal, out of our celebration
- The Derby is about friendly competition. Bombers never will be.

Let's create alternatives for our children and friends – here, and around the world. How about peaceful skies, more aerobatics, more skydivers, more music, but no bombers over – or military recruiters on – the Great Lawn. Call KY Derby Festival President Mike Berry (584-6383), Mayor Abramson (574-2003), Metro Council (574-1100), or e-mail the sponsors (Caesars, Chase Bank, E-on, and UPS).

Sponsors: Louisville Friends Meeting (Quakers); Central Presbyterian Church; The Peace and Compassion Buddha Circle; Jeff Street Baptist Community at Liberty; First Unitarian Church Social Concerns committee; Interfaith Paths to Peace; Pax Christi; Fellowship of Reconciliation; Louisville Peace Action Community; Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression; Feminist Peace Network; St. Williams Catholic Church Peace and Social Justice committee; Fairness Campaign

Kentucky's Jena case

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white student, Remy was found hanging at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house. Mayor Karen Tingle Sames requested an investigation, but no significant findings have resulted.

This was a young man pursuing a college education with high expectations for his life. So, why would he want to end it?

Among campus administrators there has been complete *silence*. The president of the college has continually refused to meet with the Rev. Louis Coleman of the Justice Resource Center.

The state police, with few if any African Americans on the force, are not in a position to do a thorough investigation of this case. A maintenance employee, who discovered the body, has been fired. Currently, he has filed his case with the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

Ending hate violence requires the total cooperation of a college that has the courage to *act*. There appears to be no one who has the courage to conduct a full-scale investigation. So those of us in the social justice community must call on the House Judiciary Committee and the U.S. Justice Department to include this case with the other Jena 6 cases around the country.

Hate has no limitations, and this case needs to be investigated. Silence in the face of hate does not prevent violence. Hate violence is built upon a foundation of *silence*. Only one African American minister has taken a stand! So it is left to each of us to "do the right thing" and demand that the U.S. Justice Department intervene.

Write to the U.S. Justice Department, Civil Rights Division, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530.

Or call 202-514-2000 expressing your concern. Request that they include this case for investigation along with all the other Jena 6 cases around the country. You might provide the Justice Resource Center whatever assistance you can in keeping this case *alive* by calling (502) 562-6737.

The writer is the co-chairperson of the Black Caucus of the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression and an activist with REACT, a group fighting toxic pollution in Louisville.

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they
were
open.

Hiding
ourselves
we
block
the
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Ike M. Thacker IV



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Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Assistant Professor of Theology at Bellarmine University, will discuss the 21st Century Social Creed that is currently under review by member denominations of the National Council of Churches, highlighting significant issues that Christians of privilege should consider when calling for social and economic justice.

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Buffet Lunch at 11:30 • Presentations at Noon

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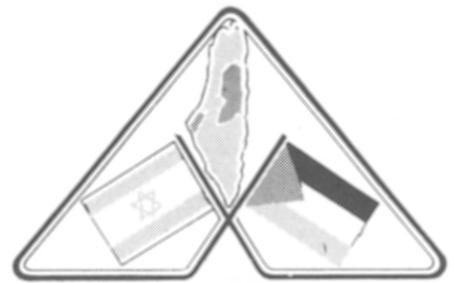
For reservations, call Polly Johnson (473-8435)
or Mary Ann Lambert (425-3844) by Tuesday before the Lunch

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LATE NEWS! A captain in the Colombian military has been charged with murder in the 2005 massacre at San Jose de Apartado where the Fellowship of Reconciliation has been carrying on a continuous accompanying campaign. The testimony of a disbanded military broke the case open. This information came to us through Stephen Bartlett and we await further details.



COURT MARTIAL CONTINUES FOR ARMY OFFICER

Lieutenant Ehren Watada was the first commissioned officer to refuse deployment to Iraq. He joined the military in March 2003. He believed President Bush's claims that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, connections to 9/11 and al-Qaida, and that Iraq was an imminent threat to the United States. However, his studies, and the daily news coming out of Iraq of civilian deaths and no WMD, led him to conclude that the war was not only immoral, but also illegal.

On June 6, 2006, Watada said: "My moral and legal obligation is to the Constitution and not to those who would issue unlawful orders. ... As the order to take part in an illegal act is ultimately unlawful as well, I must, as an officer of honor and integrity, refuse that order." He refused to deploy.

The Army charged Watada with missing the troop movement, contempt toward officials, and conduct unbecoming an officer. Watada had hoped that his court-martial would be a hearing on the legality of war. He was not claiming conscientious objection. He simply refused an illegal order. He offered to resign his commission. He offered to serve in Afghanistan. The Army refused his offers. A military judge ruled Watada could not present evidence challenging the war's legality nor explain what motivated him to resist his deployment order.

The court martial trial began last February, 2007. After the Army presented its case but before Watada and his attorney could present his, the military judge declared a mistrial despite Watada's objection. Now the army is pressing to conduct a second trial on the same charges. This raises several questions. First, is the Iraq war illegal and does Lt. Watada have a right to raise that question? Second, does the government have a right to try Watada twice on the same charges? Would that violate the prohibition in Article 5 of the constitution against double jeopardy?

Speaking at the Veterans for Peace convention in Seattle on August 12, 2006, Watada said, "The Nuremberg Trials showed America and the world that citizenry as well as soldiers have the unrelinquishable obligation to refuse complicity in war crimes perpetrated by their government. Widespread torture and inhumane treatment of detainees is a war crime. A war of aggression born through an unofficial policy of prevention is a crime against the peace. An occupation violating the very essence of international humanitarian

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other than by car; or just "projects with an affordable housing focus" that emphasize residents' access to "frequent, reliable public transportation" to get to jobs.

The undemocratic tendencies of transportation policies in Louisville are also reflected at the state level in Kentucky, where the governor and the Secretary of Transportation have great power by virtue of the fact that the legislature allocates money for only about one-third of the transportation projects that the legislature originally suggests. Thus the secretary, who is appointed by the governor, picks and chooses projects as he sees fit, presumably with an eye to what the governor wants. This was one of the key points made by State Rep. Jim Wayne in his remarks just before one of the Report's two main authors, Carol Norton, presented her summary.

At least, though, *some* federal funds now go to transit. "It was not until 1982 that the Highway Trust Fund [the only repository for all federal gas tax revenues] began to allocate a share of its revenues to federal mass transit programs," the MHC report said, adding that the split in that year was 80/20 between highway and transit, and it has consistently remained so since.

All of the foregoing serves to remind us that owning a car is *expensive*, and that transportation, for many in our community, is not an easy and assumed thing.

Other findings in the MHC's annual report include:

- Subsidized housing units continue to be concentrated in older centralized urban neighborhoods with few good jobs, and not in the prosperous suburbs.
- Housing in Louisville is still largely segregated by race, gender, and income, with black families and families headed by women being significantly poorer, per capita, than other families.
- Forty-seven percent of renters in Louisville had excessive cost burden, defined as 30 percent or more of household income going for rent and utilities.
- Homeownership affordability has seen no net change since 2003 (a proven affordability index was the same in

both years).

- The number of persons served by homeless shelters in Louisville Metro and southern Indiana increased by three percent in 2006, to 13,482 (57 percent of whom were disabled).
- Although Congress has recently shored up the Section 8 program, about 13,000 households are still on the waiting list for housing subsidies, and the city's housing stock contains 742 fewer public housing dwelling units and Section 8 dwelling units than it did in 2004.
- Homeownership rates both in Metro Louisville and in the MSA as a whole increased by one percent between 2000 and 2006.
- There was almost no change in Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding levels for Louisville Metro or New Albany between 2006 and 2007, but there has been a significant decrease in both levels since 2003, to a total of just under \$13 million per year. Similarly, no significant increase is expected in the more targeted federal HOME program, through which local governments join to form a consortium in order to receive money for affordable housing.

In short, HUD and other federal, state, and local agencies and departments are falling miserably short of HUD's stated goal to ensure "a decent, safe, and sanitary home and suitable living environment for every American."

Persons of color and women, particularly, are simply not being provided with such. And one aspect of a "suitable" living environment in today's Louisville (and one that is most emphatically not being provided) is that it be located so that residents have some reasonable means of public or private transportation to get to good jobs.

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law and sovereignty is a crime against humanity. These crimes are funded by our tax dollars. Should citizens choose to remain silent through self imposed ignorance or choice, it makes them as culpable as the soldier in these crimes."

On October 5, US District Court Judge Benjamin Settle delayed the Army's attempt to try Watada for a second time. He acted after the Court of Appeals declared at the last minute it would not delay the court martial trial scheduled to begin on October 9. The Court of Appeals issued its notice without even consenting to listen to Watada.

Judge Benjamin ruled that since the Court of Appeals had rejected Watada's request to appear and explain his position, civilian judge Benjamin now has jurisdiction to consider whether a second court martial trial is allowable. On October 19, Judge Benjamin extended the delay of the trial to at least November 9. Check www.thankyoult.org for updates.

(Ed.note. Information for this summary came from an article by Amy Goodman printed in the Louisville Courier-Journal on February 6, 2007, and from the newsletter published by Western Washington FOR in Seattle, March-April 2007.)

RANDALL FORSBERG GAVE US HOPE

Many of us remember how much Randall Forsberg meant to the peace movement. Therefore we know what a dreadful loss we experience in losing her. She died on October 14 after a battle with cancer. She was considered the "Mother of the Freeze movement." The details of her life are fascinating since she knew nothing about efforts for peace and disarmament until she married a Swedish student, Gunnar Forsberg and moved to Sweden. It so happened that the Stockholm International Peace Institute had just been established, and her background as an English teacher was helpful in landing her a job as a typist.

She began reading what she was typing. She learned about the nuclear arms race and wondered why the US and USSR could not compromise. Despite the limited test ban treaty of 1963, arms control experts had given up on complete disarmament, deciding on a "managed equalized arms race."

Her idea was to reduce nuclear test piles and bring a halt to the development of more lethal nuclear weapons. And thus the freeze movement began, with actions throughout the US and around the world. Advocates went to Congress to lobby their representatives, but the support in Congress was not enough to pass the legislation.

Excitement and concern in Louisville peaked. Two bus loads were organized in 1982 joining the 800,000 participants from all over the country in New York City to call for a "halt" to the nuclear arms race. Hopes were high! At the rally, Randall Forsberg said, **"We've done it. The nuclear freeze campaign has mobilized the biggest peacetime peace movement in US history. The politicians don't believe it yet."** And she continued, **"Until the arms race stops, until we have a world with peace and justice, we will not go home and be quiet. We will go home and organize."**

This they did. Louisville followed the example of many cities and towns in having the aldermanic board declare Louisville a **NUCLEAR FREE ZONE**. Signs are still scattered around.

It was after her divorce in Sweden in 1974 that she came to the US with her 5-year old daughter, enrolled at MIT where she received a "genius grant" from the McArthur Foundation and devoted her time to the Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies (IDD). In 1995 President Clinton appointed her to the Director's Advisory Committee of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Senator Kennedy said that she showed that "one person can make a difference." Professor Joshua Cohen of Stanford and on the board of IDD said, "She never lost sight of what the larger issue was. She felt that war, like cannibalism or slavery or human sacrifice was something you just don't do.

In 2006 she was appointed to the first Anne and Bernard Spitzer chair in political science at City College of New York. In 2002 she ran a last minute write-in campaign for Senator Kerry when she felt he had changed his position on war. He said, after her death, **"Randy was a passionate advocate who cared deeply about peace. She lived out her values in every single thing she did."**

(Ed.note. Some parts taken from the Cape Cod FOR newsletter, November 2007. Juliet Bernstein, editor.)



Calendar for peacemakers

Dec 9 (Sun) **“AIM HIGHER”** focusing on military counter recruitment. Every 2nd Sunday at 7:00 pm, 2236 Kaelin Avenue at the FOR office. This group would welcome invitations to speak about conscientious objection, military recruitment, and the possibility for highschool students to “opt out” of having their names given to recruiters. Call Chris Harmer, 893-2334. colonel221@yahoo.com

Dec 9 (Sun) **CONCERT FOR CONTEMPLATION** with **HARRY PICKENS**, internationally known pianist. Experience the power of music to help you slow down, relax and deepen your conscious connection with the Source of peace within. 7:30 pm at James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave. Donations welcome.

Dec 10 (Mon) **HUMAN RIGHTS DAY.** The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations on Dec 10, 1948. Learn more about human rights through the campaign, **Trade for People, Not People for Trade.** Check out the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, a network of over 90 churches and Christian organizations. Go to www.e-alliance.ch/trade_resources.jsp#worship

Dec 12 (Wed) **KITLAC** (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean). Every second Wednesday at the Presbyterian Seminary. 7:30 pm. Call David Horvath, 479-9262, or Pat Geier, 456-6586.

Dec 13 (Thu) **APPAP** (American Palestine Public Affairs Forum). **The Rev. Arch Taylor** will review the book by President Jimmy Carter, *Palestine: Peace or Apartheid*. League of Women Voters Bldg, 115 S Ewing (off Frankfort Ave). 7:30 pm. Call Bashar Masri, 773-1836.

Dec 13 (Thu) **CITIZENS AGAINST POLICE ABUSE (CAPA)**, every second Thursday at the office of the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, 3208 W Broadway. 7:00 pm. Call K. A. Owens, 778-8130.

Dec 14 (Fri) **NOON VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**, including a news update. **EVERY FRIDAY AT SIXTH AND BROADWAY**, in front of the Federal Court House (where Senator McConnell's office is located). We vigil for a two state solution in solidarity with the **“Women in Black”** who vigil every Friday at noon in Israel. Sponsored by the Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Dec 14 (Fri) **YOUNG DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS**, every Friday afternoon, 2:30-4:00 pm. Louisville Free Public Library, Mezzanine, Fourth & York Streets. Call Edward Elam, 502/712-2338.

Dec 14 (Fri) **FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT: Celtic, Folk and World Music.** Concert to benefit *The Center for Faith and Action*. www.Faith-Action.org at James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave, 8:00 to 10:30 pm. Tickets \$25 through Brown Paper Tickets, 800-838-3006

Dec 16 (Sun) **LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES.** (Every third Sunday) First Unitarian Church, 4th & York Streets, 3:00 pm. Call Beverley Mamion, 451-5658.

Dec 20 (Thu) **SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE**, every first and third Thursday, 5:30pm. Main library, 4th & York Sts, Board Room, Mezzanine. Call Kay Tillow, 636-1551.

Dec 20 (Thu) **LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community)** every third Thursday evening. Douglass Blvd Christian Church, 7:00pm. Call Judy Munro-Leighton, 456-6914. Also go to www.louisvillepeace.org E-mail: pcunity@yahoo.com

Dec 28 (Fri) **PIZZA and A MOVIE: “JOYEUX NOEL”** sponsored by the Center for Faith & Action and Interfaith Paths to Peace. (every fourth Friday) Pizza at 6:00pm. Film at 6:30pm. Christ Church Cathedral, 425 S 2nd St. Free. Donations welcome for pizza. Call 896-0172.

Dec 29 (Sat) **VIPASSANA MEDITATION DAYLONG RETREAT** offered by **Glenda Hodges-Cook**. Open to beginners as well as to persons with meditation experience. Passionist Monastery, Earth Spirit Center, 1924 Newburg Rd. 9:00 - 4:00. Call 896-0172.

Jan 5 (Sat) **SATURDAY ACADEMY.** 11:00-2:00. Dr. Blaine Hudson begins with Black and African World History. At 12:30, the Race and Reality Series resumes. DuValle Education Center Cafeteria, 3610 Bohne Avenue, at 35th St just north of Algonquin Parkway. Call Bani Hines-Hudson, 295-7531

Jan 6 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE** every first Sunday evening remembering all those suffering from conflicts

in the Middle East. Bring a sign. Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. 7:00-8:00pm, sponsored by LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community). Call Judy Munro-Leighton, 456-691.

Jan 7 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE** (every 4th Monday). Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Visitors encouraged. Call cochairs Phil Schervish, 451-6638, or Dennis Bricking, 298-0590. (Note change of date for this month only because of the holidays).

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Jan 12 (Sat) **PEAK OIL** Every 2nd Saturday, main library 4th & York, Mezzanine, board room. 9:00am. Call George Perkins, 425-6645.

Jan 14 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE February issue of FORsooth.** Contact **George Morrison, editor**, 944-6460, E-mail: klm86@att.net **Note: For calendar listings, contact Nikki Gaines, 426-3402.** E-mail: ngaines@aph.org

Jan 17 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH** sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, featuring **Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty**, Assistant Professor of Theology at Bellarmine University. She will address the 21st Century Social Creed that is currently under review by member denominations of the National Council of Churches: *“Churches Calling for Economic Justice in the 21st Century: That All Shall Enjoy the Work of Their Own Hands.”* Ruyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 W Oak St. Buffet lunch, \$7, begins at 11:30am. Presentation at noon. Reservations required. Call Polly Johnson, 473-8435 or Mary Ann Lambert, 425-3844.

Jan 18-19 (FS) **“CHRISTIANITY FOR THE REST OF US”** with **Diana Butler Bass, Ph.D** author, speaker, independent scholar and expert in American religion. Sponsored by Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. Lecture series begins Friday night at 7:00 focusing on her book, *The Practicing Congregation*. Continuing on Saturday at 8:30 am at the Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Focus on “Christianity for the Rest of Us.” Register online: www.episcopalky.org/events/366 Call 502-584-7148 or 1-800-222-DIOC (3462)

Jan 24 (Thu) **TWELFTH ANNUAL RACE RELATIONS CONFERENCE: “Civil Rights in the 21st Century,”** featuring **Dr. Wayne Wickham**, syndicated columnist for 130 daily newspapers, and director of the Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Sponsored by the Metro Human Relations Commission, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, at The Marriott, 280 W. Jefferson St. Prior registration necessary. Call 574-3631. Fax: 574-1216. Fax: 502-5878123.

Jan 24 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING**, at Beverley Marmion's, 6:30pm. **BOUQUETS to those who carry on this essential work every month.** Call 451-5658.

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

Feb 14 ((Thu) **FAITH LEADERS' FORUM, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.** **Save the date! Invitation is forthcoming.** Contact the Center for Interfaith Relations. www.interfaithrelations.org

Feb 16 (Sat) **COMMUNITY FARM ALLIANCE, 23rd annual meeting**, Capital Plaza Hotel, Frankfort, KY. **REGISTER NOW!** \$55. Some scholarships available. Call 502-223-0804. E-mail: cfarma@bellsouth.net

Feb 28, 2008 (Thu) **“Thomas Merton and Racial Reconciliation,”** by **Albert Raboteau**. Bellarmine University, Frazier Hall, 7:00 pm. Contact Dr. Paul Pearson, 502/452-8177.

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Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

- ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) – (568-1918)
- AD HOC COALITION FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION – (778-8130)
- ADDICTION RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF KENTUCKIANA – 2nd Thursday (585-3375)
- AMERICA 2000 DEMOCRATIC CLUB – 4th Tuesday (459-0616)
- AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (637-8951)
- APPAP (American Palestine Public Affairs Forum) – 2nd Thursday (895-8155)
- BREAD FOR THE WORLD – 1st Tuesday (239-4317)
- CAPA (Citizens Against Police Abuse) – 2nd Thursday (778-8130)
- C.E.A.S.E. [Citizens for Equitable Assignment to School Environments] – (778-9427)
- CLARK & FLOYD COUNTIES AIDS COALITION – (288-2706)
- CLOUT [Citizens of Louisville Organized and Working Together] – (583-1267)
- COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST – 2nd Monday (456-6586)
- COMMON CAUSE – 1st Tuesday, every other month (454-7797)
- COMMUNIST PARTY USA – First Sunday at 5:00 PM (384-3875)
- COMMUNITY FARM ALLIANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY – 2nd Tuesday (775-4041)
- CONVERSATION CAFE – Wednesday evenings (454-4820)
- COUNTER RECRUITMENT, “Aim Higher” – Second Sunday (893-2334)
- EARTH SAVE LOUISVILLE – 2nd Sunday (569-1876)
- FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN – Quarterly community dialogues and volunteer opportunities (893-0788)
- FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION – 4th Monday (451-6638 or 895-8516)
- FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF LOUISVILLE – 2nd Tuesday (893-8436)
- GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB – 3rd Tuesday (897-3335)
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays (637-6265)
- HATE FREE SCHOOLS COALITION – 3rd Thursday (454-3300)
- INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE – 1st Tuesday (214-7322)
- JOBS WITH JUSTICE KENTUCKY (582-5454)
- JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER – 3rd Saturday (562-6737)
- KFTC [KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH] – 2nd Monday, jointly with POWER (589-3188)
- KY AIDS LIFE ALLIANCE (KALA) – Every Thursday (479-7884)
- KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION – 3rd Monday (778-8130)
- KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY – Last Tuesday (541-9998)
- KITLAC (KY INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN) – 2nd Wednesday (479-9262)
- KY RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION – (774-4305)
- LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES – 3rd Sunday (451-5658)
- LOUISVILLE MEDIA REFORM COMMUNITY – 3rd Wednesday (584-4811)
- LOUISVILLE PEAK OIL GROUP – 2nd Saturday (425-6645)
- LPAC (LOUISVILLE PEACE ACTION COMMUNITY) – 3rd Thursday (558-9124)
- LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH – Meditation 1st & 3rd Sundays (473-8435)
- LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP – Friday nights (893-0788), www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org
- METRO SWEEP FOR ACCESS – 3rd Tuesday (895-0866 or 899-9261)
- METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION – 4th Wednesday (584-6858)
- MUHAMMAD ALI INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, at UL (852-6372)
- NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) – 3rd Monday (776-7608)
- NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) – 2nd Monday (245-5287)
- PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG) – 3rd Sunday (329-0229)
- PEACE & COMPASSION BUDDHA CIRCLE/CML – (451-2193, brozier@bellsouth.net)
- POWER [PEOPLE ORGANIZED AND WORKING FOR ENERGY REFORM] – 2nd Monday, jointly with KFTC (778-2687)
- RCRC [Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice] – (866-606-0988)
- RESULTS (a hunger lobby) – 2nd Saturday (451-4907)
- SHADHULIYYAH SUFI SPIRITUALITY GROUP – (637-5010)
- SINGLE WOMEN'S GROUP – 3rd Sunday (812-866-1667)
- 911 TRUTH LOUISVILLE (502-609-6020)
- YOUNG DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS – every Friday at 2:30 PM (712-2338)

Note: If your group would like to be added to this list or if information needs to be updated, please let us know by calling 458-8056.