

# FORsooth

## Called to serve: an inaugural project for the rest of us

by Gracie Lewis

When President Barack Obama was campaigning to become the chief executive, African-American businessman Earl Stafford of Virginia decided that he would be the host of "The People's Inaugural Project," which unfolded Jan. 18 and lasted three days.

Although there were many festivities surrounding the inauguration of President Obama, this was one of the most memorable.

In February, I had an interview with Stafford who felt that "to whom much is given, much is required."

Our Bible tells us that whatever we do for the "least of us" we do it unto God! This is what Earl Stafford did—yes he did! Stafford contributed \$1 million to an inaugural package at the J. W. Marriott Hotel. The package was for the terminally ill, wounded veterans, the homeless, victims of Hurricane Katrina, the elderly and troubled teens—all of whom were called the "underserved."

Stafford felt that everybody should be a part of this historic celebration, the inauguration of our first black president, Barack Hussein Obama!

I felt that this act of kindness was like unto Jesus when he noticed the man who had been sitting by the pool of Bethesda for 38 years, waiting for the troubling of the waters. Jesus came by and asked the man, "Wilt thou be made whole?" Then Jesus said, "Take up thy bed and walk." (John 3:1-5).

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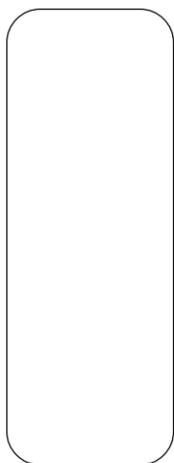
Survivors of Hurricane Katrina gather at a "People's Inaugural Project," a three-day series of events in January surrounding the swearing in of President Barack Obama. They were guests of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, one of many groups backing the inaugural project, which was organized by Virginia businessman Earl Stafford.

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## Bourgeois: promote peace by eliminating gender bias

FORsooth staff report

The Maryknoll priest who has risked his life and ordination to challenge church and secular establishments told an overflow Third Thursday Lunch crowd March 19 that peace and women's equality are linked.

Father Roy Bourgeois, who is facing possible excommunication from the Roman Catholic Church for participating in and delivering the homily during an attempted ordination of a woman at a Unitarian Universalist church in Lexington in August, drew thunderous applause at the monthly lunch for tying the issues.

After decrying the "silence" of many church leaders over the mass murder and torture in Latin America he has aggressively opposed, Father Bourgeois said: "If the Catholic Church had women priests and women bishops in those positions of authority, there would not be all this silence."

"I have come to the conclusion that excluding women from the priesthood is a grave injustice, a grave injustice against women and against the God who calls them to be priests."

Roman Catholic Magisterium, the teaching authority of the church, states that the church has no authority to ordain women and that this judgment is to be held by all Catholic faithful.

Father Bourgeois, however, told the lunch that excluding women from the clergy is "theologically unsound," adding: "God created men and women as equals.... The call to priesthood comes from God. Who are we, men, to say to women: 'Our call to the priesthood is valid, but your is not?'"

The status of the Vatican's move to excommunicate Father Bourgeois, a priest for 36 years, Vietnam veteran and agitator for the poor, is uncertain; The National Catholic Reporter quoted a Maryknoll spokeswoman in December saying: "We



— photo courtesy ACLU  
Father Roy Bourgeois

believe that he has been excommunicated," but adding that the Maryknoll order, which takes no stance on the question of women's ordination, still considers Father Bourgeois a Maryknoll and a Catholic.

The spokeswoman, Betsey Guest, said excommunication only prohibits Father Bourgeois from receiving or administering the sacraments.

Regarding Father Bourgeois' almost 20-year struggle to close the U.S. terror training base now called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (former the School of the Americas), he said progress has been accelerating since two consecutive elections have boosted reform-minded Democrats' strength in Congress and placed Barack Obama in the White House.

He noted that the U.S. House came within six votes last year of cutting off funding for the school, whose graduates have used torture techniques the U.S. admits were

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# Book examines mending via spirituality

by George Morrison  
FORsooth editor

Terry Taylor had spoken at workshops and via the internet about what he calls "Spirituality for Brokenness," when a book publisher told the Louisville resident that the printed page might be the best way to spread the word.

Two and one-half years later, Taylor, an FOR member and executive director of Interfaith Paths to Peace, has authored "A Spirituality for Brokenness," a 176-page, seven-chapter non-fiction book published by Vermont-based Skylight Paths Publishing.

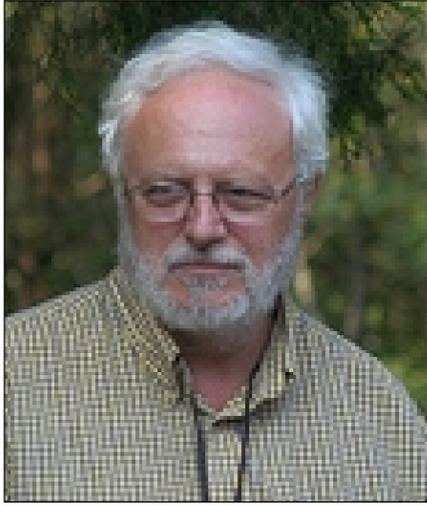
"The book is designed for people who feel for one reason or another that their lives have been shattered and they feel broken," Taylor said. "It dips into the world's greatest religious traditions for tools people can use to, what I say, mend."

That word is crucial, Taylor explained, because mending differs from *healing*.

"Healing implies that you will return to the way you were before you were broken," he said. "Mending, to me, implies that in some sense you are whole but you have been put back together... but the scars show, the stitches show."

The troubles that might produce a feeling of brokenness include abuse in childhood, losing a loved one or physical injury, Taylor said. The last one became real to Taylor in 2007 when he suffered a fall due to a misstep while at a retreat in New Mexico on another topic.

The recovery is still in progress, but the bulk of it took about a year, he said, adding: "It's one of those odd coincides that you're writing a book about brokenness and you are broken."

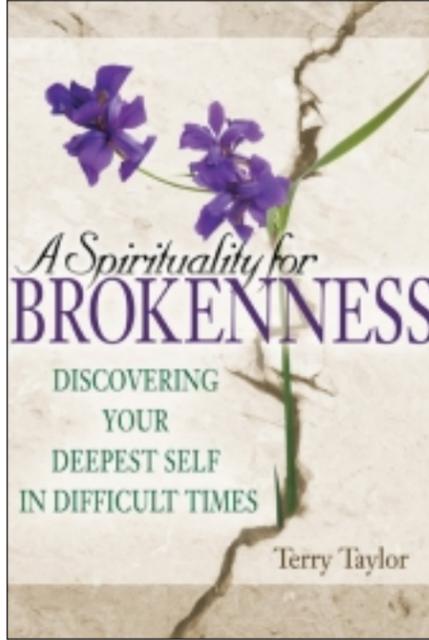


**Interfaith Paths to Peace executive director Terry Taylor, above, has written a book to help those experiencing brokenness to mend.**

Aside from that mishap, Taylor said wider life experiences by himself and others prompted him to seek such a spirituality.

"My own life contained a lot of brokenness," he said. "I found more and more people who felt the same way."

The diverse religious traditions Taylor's book illuminates include Jewish and Christian honoring of the Sabbath, Tibetan Buddhist meditations, Islamic and Hindu spirituality and *Lectio Divina* or "divine reading," a method of prayer and scriptural reading intended to promote communion with God and to provide spiritual insights. The method was first practiced by Catholic monks around A.D. 220.



Another method "A Spirituality for Brokenness," describes that, literally, requires nothing of readers is—just that—pausing from doing anything.

"I do it one-half a day once a week," Taylor said. "I say I do nothing that counts as a task."

Taylor will hold book signings Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. at Carmichael's Bookstore, 2720 Frankfort Ave. and Saturday, April 25 at 3 p.m. Destinations Booksellers, 604 E. Spring St. in New Albany, Ind.

The book, Taylor's first, will be distributed nationally by Amazon, Borders and Barnes & Noble. For more about the book, go to [www.helpforbrokenness.com](http://www.helpforbrokenness.com).

## Others by area authors

**One Hundred Miles from Home: Nuclear Contamination in the Communities of the Ohio River Valley**, by Cincinnati peace activist Carol Rainey, with a foreword by Wendell Berry, documents damage to people and the environment by nuclear production, enrichment and research sites in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Rainey shows how citizens, workers and journalists exposed the sites' dangers and sparked a cleanup. Historian Staughton Lynd said: "The central paradox of the book is that the bucolic Ohio River valley, a heartland of United States history and culture, is now revealed as an axis of evil which may persist through nuclear waste deposits beyond any length of time any of us can imagine."

The book, released last year, is available from **Cyndell Press, 1497 Beacon St., Cincinnati, Oh. 45230. Email [cyndellpress@fuse.net](mailto:cyndellpress@fuse.net) or go to [www.cyndellpress.com/100Miles](http://www.cyndellpress.com/100Miles).**

Gay rights, feminism and science fiction come together in **Out From It All, Revolutions in a Lesbian Life** by FORsooth editor George Morrison. The fiction work published in February by iUniverse of Bloomington, Ind. follows a working class woman from Louisville as she explores (with varying degrees of fulfillment) radical philosophies, serves onboard an international space station and begins a gradual reconciliation with her largely unsupportive family.

Go to [www.outfromitall.com](http://www.outfromitall.com) for more information or to purchase the book. It is also on sale at Carmichael's Bookstores, 2720 Frankfort Ave. and 1295 Bardstown Rd. in Louisville and Destinations Booksellers, 604 E. Spring St. in New Albany, Ind.

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# Civil obedience to conscience

## Thousands press Congress to fight pollution in its back yard

by Margaret Stewart

Following the trail blazed by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, I joined about 2,500 caring and committed people of all ages who gathered March 2 in Washington, D.C. in a successful effort to shut down the coal-fired plant that supplies heating and cooling for Congress.

We blocked entrances to the plant—risking arrest, although no one was arrested.

The knowledge of our planned action spurred congressional leaders to announce a plan to convert the dirty, polluting plant to cleaner (but still not ideal) natural gas, rather than coal.

But our goal was and is far greater. The Capitol Power Plant was a symbol chosen to send a clear, unmistakable signal to Congress, to our president, and to the world that we are committed to a dramatic shift away from polluting fuels that poison our people and compromise our planet.

The thousands of protestors included Kentucky poet and farmer Wendell Berry, 350.org mastermind Bill McKibben, NASA climate scientist Dr. James Hansen, Yale Forestry and Environmental Dean Gus Speth, environmental lawyer Bobby Kennedy, Grammy award winner Kathy Mattea, actress and activist Daryl Hannah, a host of other notables.

We streamed in from all parts of the U.S. and beyond to engage in an act of mass civil disobedience. We were willing in an orderly and civil way to disobey the law of the land in order to obey the mandates of our consciences. Frigid temperatures, chilling winds

and deep snow did not stop us. Why did we come from such great distances, and why were we willing to go to such lengths?

Climate experts such as Dr. Hansen warn us that the level of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere—currently 379 parts per million (ppm) and rising—is already so dangerously high that life as we know it on Earth cannot be expected to continue unless we act immediately to reduce the level in our atmosphere to 350 ppm or less. Coal is the world's single greatest source of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Therefore we cannot afford to let the political power and

that we did so not just to exert pressure for a shift from coal power to renewable energy—not even just to call for a shift from special interest power and political influence in Congress to “we the people” power.

I have the clear sense that our rising up on that day was tangible evidence of the desire and demand of the people to rise up to a higher way of living on earth—to move beyond our current paradigm of extracting and expending resources from the earth and contending with the wastes we create in the process. It is a desire to move beyond a paradigm that allows some

living in harmony with the Earth. We the people—the non-indigenous together with the indigenous—are now rising up to reclaim that ancient wisdom even as we have new technologies available to us. As the wise ones have always known, we must carefully weigh all that we do in order to determine the impact of our actions not only on ourselves, but also on those who come after us. As Terry Tempest Williams, who was also among our number March 2, so eloquently wrote: “The eyes of the future are looking back on us, and they are praying for us to see beyond our own time.”

I believe that one day we will look back—we will look back on today and wonder how we could have ever polluted and poisoned our Earth and our people. One day we and those after us will look back and recognize that the recent event in Washington was a small part of an uprising which is itself one more step in our civilization's awkward and glorious journey toward justice—toward Justice and Fullness of Life—for All. So I invite everyone to join together to creatively, thoughtfully take whatever risks we may be required to take as we rise up—and we will rise up, wave after wave of us, we will rise up—into a new tomorrow—a tomorrow in which we live as if we truly cherish this precious planet and all who live and move and have their being hereon.

*The writer, of Louisville, is a poet and activist focusing on peace and opposition to extracting coal by mountain top removal.*

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entrenched interests of the coal industry deter or delay us. It is imperative that the world quickly move beyond coal into a new age of renewable power, and the U.S. needs to be a leader in this crucial shift.

But as real and dangerous as the climate crisis is, as urgent as the need to act now is, I sense that the hundreds and thousands of us who rose up and streamed into Washington March 2, who stood outside for hours and hours in the freezing cold, who were willing to risk arrest—I sense

groups of people to suffer excessively from the ill effects of such choices—to move beyond our current economy-based, growth-driven, resource-consuming, waste-generating, insensitive paradigm to a new paradigm. That is a new way of life which can be sustained by all people everywhere without harm to our earth and without harm to ourselves.

For centuries indigenous people around the world have recognized the sacredness of the Earth and have practiced



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# An inaugural project for the rest of us (continued from page 1)

Earl Stafford knew that if he stepped out on faith, God would surely finish what he started. So he called on others to help him carry out this tremendous mission: The Congressional Black Caucus; the National Urban League; the Baptist World Alliance; Cathy Hughes, founder and owner of Radio One and the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies; the DCI Group and the Department of Defense. These participating partners selected 450 people from throughout the United States to attend.

Stafford was CEO of Universal Systems & Technology (Unitech) which provided weapons simulation systems to the military. He paid for 300 rooms, four suites, \$200,000 worth of food and drink, and a prime site to watch the Inaugural Parade! The guests started to arrive on Sunday, January 18. They checked into their rooms, were given a box lunch, and then were on their way to selecting their gowns and tuxedos. Volunteers from the Northern Virginia Chapter of the National Urban League had contacted men and women who wanted to donate the gowns and tuxedos. Stafford had brought in a seamstress and a tailor.

The following day, January 19, was the Martin Luther King Day Celebration. Stafford's partners organized the Inaugural People's Prayer Breakfast and a luncheon in their inaugural celebrations. What a day of rejoicing this must have been! There were approximately 1,250 people who attended the prayer breakfast. Guests

included Stafford's pastor, Rev. Dr. Howard John Wesley, who replaced his former pastor of 42 years, the Rev. Dr. John D. Peterson. Stafford attends Alexandria's Alfred Street Baptist Church.

Other guests were Lee Tai-sik, South Korean Ambassador to the United States; Marc Morial, National Urban League President and CEO; and 11-time Grammy Award-winner gospel singer and evangelist

Greater Washington Ensemble and violinist Ken Ford. The keynote speaker was the Rev. Dr. David McCallister-Wilson, Wesley Theological Seminary.

On Inauguration Day, the guests could attend the inauguration on the National Mall or watch the swearing-in ceremonies on a big screen while dining on macaroni and cheese with lobster and crab cakes!

They also had the best seats in town

Rachel "Mama" Tucker who at 106 lives independently in an independent-living facility in Alexandria. Stafford said she was the last one on the dance floor! I am certain she was rejoicing because she had lived through Jim Crow, the depression, the deaths of Emmett Till, Malcolm X and Dr. King, and now to the inauguration of the first African-American president, Barack Obama!

I asked Stafford how he intended to follow up with his guests. He stated he would call on his project partners to assist him. He would connect them with resources to assure that these people will have a brighter future and lead a productive life. Stafford, one of 12 children, stated that once they have benefited, they were to "help somebody else" along the way. God is calling on all of us to use what God has given us "for such a time as this!"

Stafford said that anyone who wants to contribute in any amount should contact the Stafford Foundation, a faith-based, nonprofit organization at [www.thestaffordfoundation.org](http://www.thestaffordfoundation.org). The foundation's website includes pictures of the events.

My prayer is that the Stafford Foundation will have continued success. Its mission is a wonderful testimony of "God's Grace."

*The writer, of Louisville, is an activist for racial and economic equality and a clean environment.*

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Shirley Caesar. There was a 60-voice choir led by Dr. Joyce Garrett, minister of music.

At the luncheon Jan. 19, which was in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his son Martin Luther King III stated that we will not get to the "Promised Land" until we address the issues of poverty, homelessness, public education and health care. Those attending were entertained by the Friendship Public Charter Color Guard; the Patrick Lundy Gospel Choir; the Boys and Girls Clubs of

for the Inaugural Parade. They were staying on the top floor of the J. W. Marriott, a luxury hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue overlooking everything!

After a long day of celebration, there were two inaugural balls held—one for youth ages 13 to 18, and the People's Inaugural Ball, where guests included the disabled, wounded military veterans, the homeless, battered women and the terminally ill.

The oldest woman there was Ms.



## Bourgeois

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in the school's curriculum and murdered Salvadoran archbishop Oscar Romero and the four U.S. church women in 1980 and the Jesuit priests about a decade later.

"We think this could be our year to shut it down, but we need your help," Father Bourgeois told the crowd.

Louisville attorney and peace activist Dennis Bricking, who introduced Father Bourgeois at the lunch, said U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth of Louisville (Third District) is a co-sponsor of the bill to cut off funding, but that he and other area representatives, including Indiana's centrist 9<sup>th</sup> District Democrat Rep. Baron Hill, need letters and calls on closing the school.

"Anyone who is from Indiana or outside (the 3<sup>rd</sup> District), please be in touch with your House member and let them know what is going on," Bricking said.

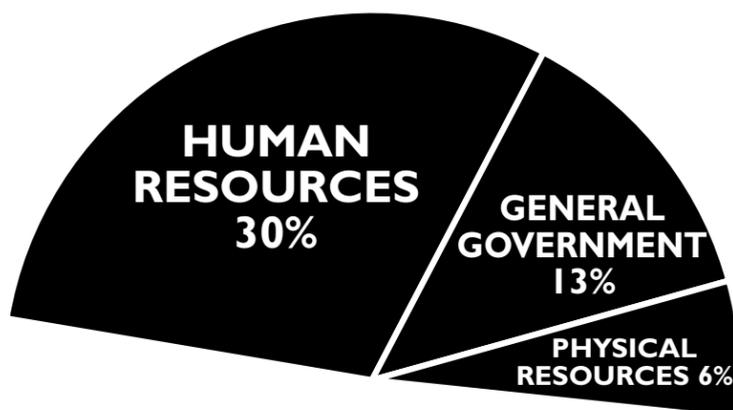
Father Bourgeois has never wavered in standing up to seemingly all-powerful authorities. His five years in the 1970s in Bolivia advocating for the poor and criticizing SOA graduate dictator General Hugo Banzer resulted in his being arrested and deported.

At the Fort Benning, Ga.-based SOA, he and others donned military uniforms to gain access to the base at night to shout to the trainees encouragement to give up their weapons and refuse to fight.

"Bishop Romero gave us the courage we needed to go onto Fort Benning," Father Bourgeois said. "When the last lights went out, we said 'Bishop Romero, this is for you, bother.'... It was really for us a very sacred moment."

*United Nations Association Louisville chapter president Matt Hanka and Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky peace and justice activist Mary Abrams will talk at the April 16 Third Thursday Lunch about the U.N. work for human rights and Millennium Development Goals. See ad page two.*

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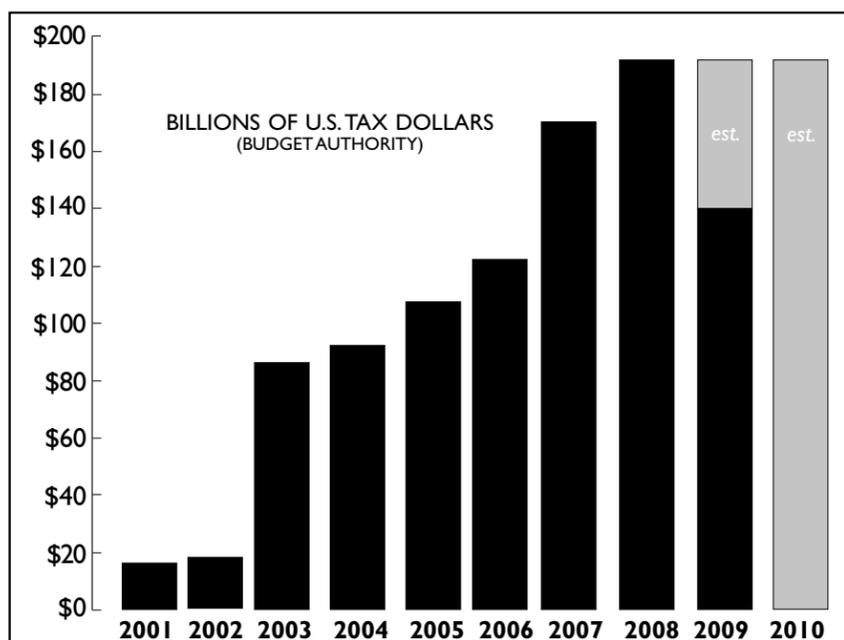
The pie chart here highlights **51% average annual military spending** based on our research over 20 years. The Obama administration is releasing the 2010 budget in late March and the new analysis will be posted on our website in April 2009. Over the summer Congress will debate the budget details and is mandated to pass a final budget by October 1, 2009.

While we do not expect the military percentage to change much, Obama's 2010 budget presentation should include funding for the bank bailout, takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the stimulus package. The Bush administration (with little Congressional opposition) refused to budget for the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the wider war on terror, intentionally hiding the full monetary costs of their criminal activities. We must demand that all future administration present a more complete and honest budget than we have seen in recent years.

See [www.warresisters.org/piechart.htm](http://www.warresisters.org/piechart.htm) for an analysis of the 2010 budget after it is released in March. There are also more details on our methodology and the assumptions behind it.

The largest spending bill in history is going to turn out to be the war in Iraq. . . . I don't understand why . . . building a road, building a school, helping somebody get health care, that's wasteful spending, but that war in Iraq . . . is going to cost us over \$1 trillion before we're through. . . .

**Congressman Barney Frank**  
This Week with George Stephanopoulos, ABC, 2/1/09



2001 to 2008: Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, [armscontrolcenter.org](http://armscontrolcenter.org). 2009: \$69B was approved in June 2008; \$70B is expected to be requested and approved early in 2009. WRL has chosen to hold the funding at 2008 levels for 2009-10 because there is no clarity on troops withdrawals from Iraq, the build-up in Afghanistan, or the ability to make solid estimates from incomplete DoD figures. A key source is the Congressional Research Service report to Congress, "The Cost of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Global War on Terror Operations Since 9/11," updated October 15, 2008, by Amy Belasco.

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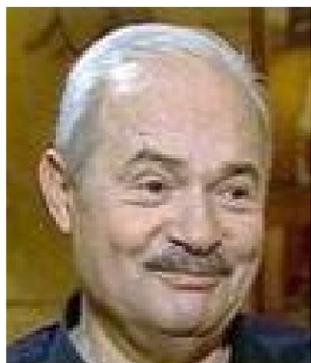
## The American Palestine Public Affairs Forum

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# Ambassador Adnan Abu-Odeh

speaking about

## “The International Crisis Group and the Arab/Israeli Conflict”



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His career has brought him to the United States as a fellow at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University (1975-1976) and a senior fellow at the U.S. Institute for Peace (1995-96), and as a visiting scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Studies and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (both in 1997).

The ambassador is the author of *Jordanians, Palestinians and the Hashemite Kingdom in the Middle East Peace Process* (1999) and numerous journal articles. He is a frequent guest commentator on Al-Jazeera TV. Elected to the Board of Trustees of the International Crisis Group in 2004, Ambassador Abu-Odeh comes to Louisville directly from a meeting of the ICG in Washington.

### Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

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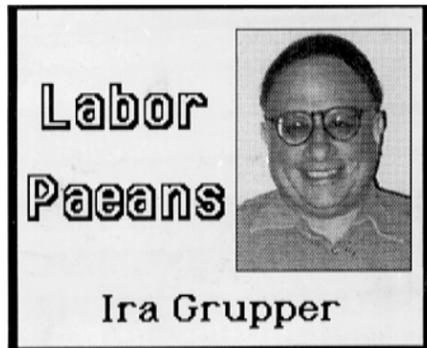
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## Odd Couple

The dinner parties didn't begin  
Until you arrived.  
You, sir, with your glibness  
Flowing like the wine,  
You, madam, with your  
Doe-eyed civility radiating  
Like the glow from the fondue flame.  
Beneath Picassos on the walls,  
Above Atlantics under the coffee table,  
You would artfully set  
The agenda for the evening.  
And we'd ridicule  
The jargon-based mediocrity  
And finally venerate the enduring.  
Your children were splendid,  
Your occupations replete with creativity.  
You gave us hope  
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Are in the court records.  
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What it appears?

— George Morrison

# 'New beginnings' arrive for labor and fairer tax policy



According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (U.S. Dept. of Labor), in 2008 union members accounted for 12.4 percent of employed wage and salary workers: 16.1 million. Twenty five years earlier, in 1983, the first year for which comparable union data were available, the union membership rate was 20.1 percent, and there were 17.7 million union workers.

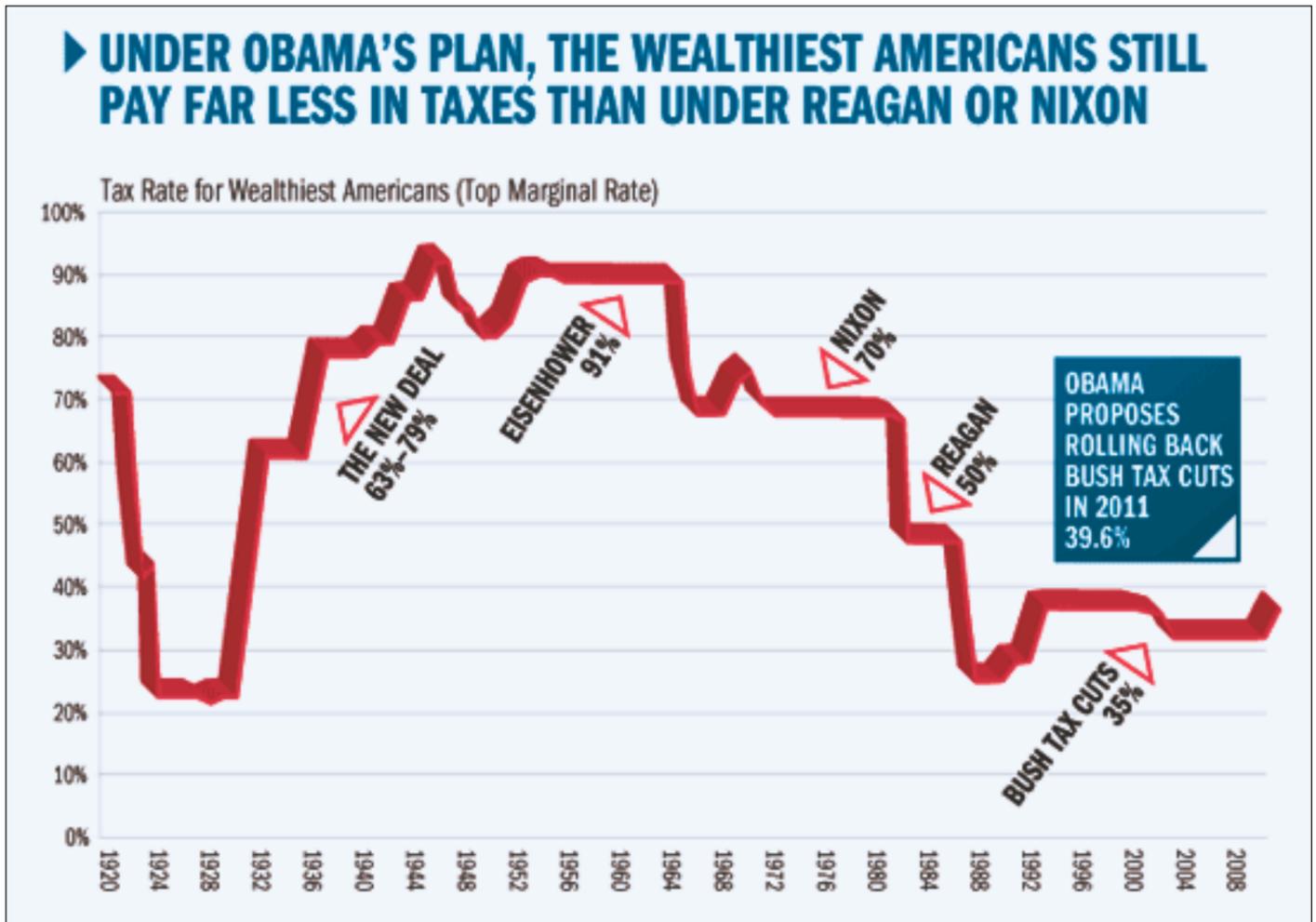
In 2008, government workers were nearly five times more likely to belong to a union than were private sector employees. Black workers were more likely to be union members than any other group. The union membership rate for public sector workers (36.8 percent) was substantially higher than the rate for private industry workers (7.6 percent).

Compared with the struggle to organize the unorganized, starting during the Great Depression and continuing into the 1950s, organized labor was/is in retreat. We were battered by the strength of capital, and by our own divisions: racism, sexism, fear of being labeled "red."

There were, of course, significant victories. A 1999 AFSCME (American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees) press release headlined "CIO (Congress of Industrial Organizations) Founding Tops List of Labor's Triumphs in 20th Century" continues: "There was no other century like it. Previously silent, subservient and totally dependent on employer whims, American workers, in the 20th century, made strides never before dreamed possible." It listed them: "CIO founded (1938); Social Security Act (1935); National Labor Relations Act (1935); GM Sit Down Strikes (1936-37); Civil Rights Act/Title VII (1964); Public Sector Organizing (1962-1980); Fair Labor Standards Act (1938); "Bread and Roses" Strike (1912); World War II Support; Occupational Safety & Health Act (1970).

We are now in a new century. Splits in the labor movement show signs of our weakness. Yet, from some splits come new beginnings, as when many trade unionists broke away from the narrow craft-union mentality of the AFL (American Federation of Labor) to form the industry-wide CIO, in the depression.

One of the most bitter recent disputes in the house of labor concerns the two-million-member SEIU (Service Employees Intl. Union) and the 85,000-member CNA



(California Nurses Assoc.) and the latter's affiliated NNOC (Nat'l. Nurses Organizing Committee). The CNA is merging with the United American Nurses (150,000 members) and the Massachusetts Nurses Union (23,000 members).

Sources inform your columnist that pressure to settle this rift came from the highest quarters of the Obama administration, perhaps President Obama himself. Under this agreement CNA's turf will be nurses and SEIU's will be everyone else, except in Florida, where both unions will continue nurse representation. Additionally, SEIU will continue to represent their current R.N. members in collective bargaining.

This cooperation, if it lasts, will enable a joint effort to support the Employee Free Choice Act, which will make it easier for workers to form unions. This became necessary when it was determined the old way of voting for/against union representation, a victory by labor in the 1930s (the Wagner Act), has become so subverted by the owners of capital and the acquiescence of U.S. Department of Labor hacks as to make it just about useless. Additionally, both camps will, one hopes, work for "single-payer" healthcare and, failing the former, expanded Medicare.

Both Andy Stern (SEIU) and Rose Ann DeMoro (CNA/NNOC) have spoken glowingly of the agreement, agreeing to

begin their joint venture by first targeting the largest hospital conglomerates across the U.S. To your correspondent, if both sides keep their joint pledge not to "raid" each other—that will signal an intention to abide by the pact.

This is far more complex than has been described, with another group, National Union of Hospital Workers, part of the fray, and an issue of organizing Puerto Rican teachers, and more, in the background. Let's hope for the best.

President Obama's move to put more of a burden on the wealthy has gotten him attacked as a "socialist." The organization MoveOn, on March 13, responded: "The media has been obsessing about President Obama's plan to roll back the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans—from 35 percent to 39.6 percent—even asking if that makes him a socialist.

"But do you know what tax rate the wealthiest Americans paid on the top portion of their earnings at the end of Ronald Reagan's first term? 50 percent. Under Richard Nixon? 70 percent. Under Dwight Eisenhower? 91 percent!

"Shocking, right? And for all the whining about rolling back Bush's irresponsible tax cuts, the truth is that Obama's plan cuts taxes for 95 percent of working Americans. Further, it closes huge

tax loopholes for oil companies, hedge funds and corporations that ship jobs overseas (which will enable U.S.) to invest in the priorities that will get our economy back on track" MoveOn included a chart from the *Washington Monthly*, reproduced with this column, that shows just how absurd Republican complaints about Obama's budget are.

I have been sent a question by a faithful reader to which I don't have a ready answer, and so I will turn to my readers. "A couple each has a small business, with a combined total of at least 25 employees. This couple expanded their businesses before President Obama's plan was announced.

"They have each borrowed money to expand their businesses. With the tax hike on families earning \$250,000 or more, the money they are paying back the loans with is taxed so heavily that they are not going to break even. The only way they can make money is to cut back and lay people off. Since most Americans work for small businesses, how can this aspect of the tax plan be beneficial for our economy?"

"Further, why would anyone take the risk of expanding a business, i.e. hiring more employees, knowing that the tax burden would leave them worse off than they would have been had they not expanded?"

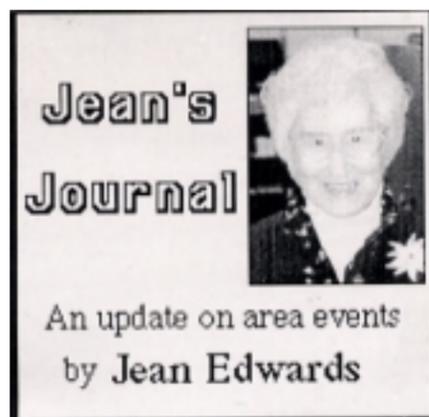
Contact Ira Grupper at [irag@iglou.com](mailto:irag@iglou.com),

## BACK TO THE SOURCE The Pentagon and the War Profiteers

We did what we could. We drove the Bushites out. We used our power through the ballot box. It was glorious when we accomplished a nonviolent regime change. During that long campaign we remained completely focused on that one goal. To do so was necessary, but actually we did not talk about the real source of the problem that concerns us today, the pentagon and the war profiteers.

This is the major cause of our present economic distress. The military still requires 54 cents of every tax dollar (according to the "pie" chart from the War Resisters League [www.warresisters.org](http://www.warresisters.org)). We continue to hand it over rather than tell the government that we do not want our money spent for war and weapons.

This message was made strong and clear on March 22, 2009 when more than 10,000 war protesters marched across the Memorial Bridge on their way to the Pentagon. The predominantly young crowd continued to grow as the day proceeded. They marched through the Pentagon north parking lot into downtown Crystal City where the leading war corporations' headquarters are located. They then proceeded with a dramatic direct action at *Boeing, Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics and KBR* — corporations labeled "merchants of death."



The march was led by a contingent of Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans observing the sixth anniversary of the Iraq invasion. It was organized by the ANSWER coalition (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism). [ANSWER@InternationalANSWER.org](mailto:ANSWER@InternationalANSWER.org)

Across the nation, we see our youth marching and speaking out as they realize how this recession is affecting them directly. *Frida Berrigan\** writes about this misdirected use of our tax dollars. Her article "How Much Is Enough?" was printed in *Foreign Policy in Focus* in November, 2007. She reminded us of the hope we had in the Cold War period when anything seemed possible. Even cutting the military budget was not unthinkable. Scholarship turned itself to the work of dismantling the war machine. This was just 15 years ago! Now in 2008, total military spending was close to \$647 billion. "The Bush administration," Frida wrote, "has presided over one of the largest military buildups in the history of the United States. \$647 billion is a lot of money. After adjusting for inflation, it represents the highest level of military spending since World War II."

TAX DAY (April 15) is the day when the Internal Revenue service will demand once again that we pay up. Locally the members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and friends will be leafleting in order to help people understand how the budget is out of control and how this uncontrolled military expenditure is the cause of our massive unemployment, our housing bankruptcies and business failures.

Please join us for leafleting at noon at Fifth and Market on April 15. For more details call Jean Edwards at 458-8056.

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“Honey, let’s not invite the bombers to the Thunder party this year!”



## The Killing Machines of Thunder: On April 18<sup>th</sup>, It’s Time for a Change

“When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered.”—M.L.King Jr. (April 4, 1967)

The Louisville chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and, more recently, its Aim Higher subcommittee are among the earliest and most active members of the 23-member (and growing) Silence over Thunder coalition. This group of churches, peace and justice organizations, and refugee advocates opposes the military aircraft flyovers and the related recruiter presence on Louisville’s Great Lawn on the Ohio River shore during the Thunder air show at Kentucky Derby time.

The coalition was started a decade ago by a lone, middle-aged Quaker woman who went to a public meeting at the Kentucky Derby Festival, Inc. (KDF) offices. She was physically—and unceremoniously—escorted out of the meeting after speaking out against the literally overpowering presence of the weapons of war in a major, county-wide family celebration. From that day forward, we have witnessed, demonstrated, and leafleted for the elimination of this militarization of a family event.

**Please come out and join U.S. Thunder Day—Saturday April 18**—for an alternative picnic, and for leafleting and silent witness near and on the Great Lawn against the presence of the weaponry and recruiters. Details on times and locations are in this month’s FORsooth calendar. If you can’t come to the picnic or the downtown events, we hope you’ll talk with your neighbors, write a letter to the editor earlier in that week, call KDF at 584-6383 (KDF is an ongoing nonprofit corporation and they, not the city, control all of Thunder), and/or call a TV or radio station. Here are the core ideas we’re raising, and hope you can share with neighbors, media, and KDF:

**Cheering glamorized military might does not equate to patriotism, or what is great about America.**

It seems to some as more reminiscent of Red Square on May Day in the 1950s.

The air show was not inserted for patriotism; it was for crowd control. The show producer believes that it is a patriotic display, and has relabeled it as such over the years. We cannot agree. We agree with Martin Luther King, Jr. about the danger to our values and country of literally putting the machines before the people. We have veterans in our coalition. We show respect for men and women in uniform, support their presence in the Pegasus parade and the cheers they receive there for their commitment and risk. The TV announcers covering the air show, however, talk about the speed, the payloads and the armaments capability of the aircraft. That is not the core of pride in America. The producer does not speak for us, nor for much of Louisville in calling this patriotic. In a time of an unpopular war, especially, it is divisive and does not represent the whole city.

**Respect both Louisville’s growing immigrant communities and the thousands of veterans suffering from PTSD, don’t force them to relive for three days the past terrors of warplanes bombing towns and villages.**

KDF has a survey done every few years to see who comes to Thunder, what they like, and—most importantly for KDF’s seven fundraising efforts—where and how they spend their money. Of course, some particularly like the air show, of which the military planes are currently the largest part.

We have asked KDF to also look at those who do not come to Thunder, and why. Some may just not like the crowds and racket, but there are others who are deeply afraid and troubled by the memories the war plane flyovers bring back. Some have PTSD. Refugees from war-torn countries—like many countries in Africa and most recently, like Palestinians from the Gaza Strip—may often be in this group. There are also U.S. veterans of many wars who suffer from PTSD. The estimates hover around 20 percent of all soldiers who have been in combat zones. These refugees and vets may choose not to go down to the

Great Lawn, but there is no relief, no “no-fly” zone anywhere in the area. Up to this year, three days of flights across all of Kentuckiana are imposed on all of U.S. at home. We have heard the stories:

- A teacher shared how refugee students in her middle-school classes cannot pay attention during the fly-overs, and some even get under their desks because of terrors they experienced in their home country;
- A Presbyterian minister working with refugee families has a similar story of a new refugee family, unable to leave their home during the days of the flyovers, and indeed climbing under their beds out of old fears; and
- A World War II veteran pilot tells U.S. he cannot go anywhere downtown for those three days because he knows what the planes are capable of when the bomb bays open, and can’t face reliving what he went through more than 50 years ago.

Tell KDF, and your neighbors, that we are actively supporting the troops still recovering from their wars. For refugees and vets who want to avoid the memories and fears, “Get over it” is not a compassionate response. We are asking for the elimination of the military flyovers, but have also advocated to KDF and the corporate sponsors for at least limiting the flyovers to Thunder Day, and to the river corridor, as a first step. KDF has apparently responded by agreeing to eliminate Thursday practice flyovers, and to “try” to keep the flyovers out of the southern part of the county where most new refugees live. They should be thanked for this step, and encouraged to further limit the flyovers to the river corridor along Jefferson County, with the turns made out over the less-populated countryside.

**Fighters, attack helicopters and nuclear-capable bombers flying overhead are fascinating—but deadly—technology, not “family entertainment” as the festival committee advertised.**

If the air show were a movie, it should not even be R rated. It should be M. Mature audiences only.

The sanitized display of weapons technology is a part of military recruitment. Just like the vans on the Great Lawn. Last spring, the Human Rights project of the national ACLU issued a report (“Soldiers of Misfortune”) to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, commenting on U.S. compliance with the U.N. Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict. This Protocol was ratified by the U.S. Senate in 2002, and is a binding declaration by the U.S. that it will not recruit children 16 years or younger. The ACLU says

“In practice, however, the U.S. armed services regularly target children under 17 for military recruitment, heavily recruiting on high school campuses, in school lunchrooms, and in classes. Department of Defense instructions to recruiters, the U.S. military’s collections of information on hundreds of thousands of 16-year-olds, and military training corps for children as young as 11 reveal that students are targeted for recruitment as early as possible. By exposing children younger than 17 to military recruitment,

the United States military violates the terms of the Optional Protocol.”

**Take the symbols of a divisive war, and the recruiters that are a part of the air show deal, out of our celebration.**

The air show itself was not a part of the earliest Thunder Days. The fireworks are the principal attraction. KDF notes on its Thunder website that the air show was added for crowd control as more and more people came down during the day to get prime locations for the evening fireworks. Then the military portion of the air show was added to the air show because it was free (almost—just aviation fuel, and flight and maintenance crew expenses). And finally, vanloads of recruiters were added; they were not a *quid pro quo* when the military aircraft first appeared in Thunder. It’s about the money, not patriotism.

At an annual festival in Milwaukee, Wisconsin Peace Action urged the city’s SummerFest celebration organizing committee to eliminate the violent video war “games” in the Army recruiters’ areas. After reviewing the videos, the organizers worked with the Army, and the video vans were removed. KDF claims to have reviewed all of the material in the recruiting vans on the Great Lawn Thunder Day. As another step in demilitarizing Thunder, we want KDF to take these first steps that SummerFest has to remove the military recruiter presence.

**Let’s create alternatives for our children and friends—here, and around the world.**

We have a vision to share about a better Thunder afternoon. How about peaceful skies, more aerobatics, more skydivers, more music, but no bombers over-or military recruiters on—the Great Lawn? The Silence over Thunder and particularly, the sister Peaceful Skies coalition has already tried to provide a model of more “Peaceful Skies” on Thunder Day. We’ve had a Thunder Day picnic with arts, crafts, and local music down in the south end of town. We intentionally selected that area because it is farther away from the jets, and closer to where many new immigrants to Louisville live. We’ve even flown kites, which are apparently illegal on the Great Lawn Thunder Day because of the aircraft. We wish we could do it all on the Great Lawn.

Urge the KDF—which is having trouble raising funds for Thunder—to scale back to still be able to have Thunder fireworks in the future. Tell them we want to help them create an afternoon with more local and, as the pro-independent arts slogan says, “weird” entertainment. That means smaller-scale entertainment for the whole family. We’ve offered to help organize local musicians to play on the Great Lawn as an alternative for the crowds to the screaming jets. There would be more tangible advertising for the corporate sponsors on the stages. There could even be some relatively small prizes for musical competitions.

After all, Derby is all about friendly competition. Bombers never will be.

## GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

Phone calls are an important part of our lives in maintaining the office of the Louisville chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. However I was really taken by surprise recently by a particular phone call which stays on my mind.

The caller was Virginia Hutsell, a long-time member of the F.O.R. She joined at age 15 when she was living in Berea, Kentucky. Shortly after the Louisville chapter was formed, the national office sent us Virginia’s name to contact. She was now a librarian at the main library in downtown Louisville. She became active right away along with her husband, Tom, a medical doctor. In 1982 we were preparing to send two bus loads to New York for a huge disarmament rally sponsored by the United Nations. Virginia pitched in to help. She served as treasurer for the 80 reservations and used her artistic expertise to help decorate the buses.

Back to Virginia’s phone call. She expressed her suggestion of a way to keep the Louisville FOR chapter from becoming extinct in the future. Virginia announced that she and Tom have been negotiating with their lawyer to include the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Louisville Chapter, in their will. This came as a complete surprise to us, and we were quite overcome.

This is the first time that anyone has approached us about including the FOR in their will. We greatly admire the Hutsells for setting this example, as they have hopes that others may be encouraged to follow suit. George and I have also taken this step, since FOR is high on our list of priorities. So that makes four of us.

Are their others out there who could provide support for the Louisville chapter in this way far into the future? If so, please let us know. Call 458-8056.



# Calendar for peacemakers

Apr 1 (Wed) **THE LOUISVILLE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM.** Meets the first Wednesday of each month. The forum's purpose is to hold and promote the intention of sustainability for Louisville; establish and nourish relationships that strengthen community and create change; and create a space for discussion that inspires, motivates and deepens our ability to catalyze social change. Bring your lunch and enjoy the company of like-minded community members. Noon to 1:45 PM, Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, The Barn at 1924 Newburg Road.

Apr 4 (Sat) **SATURDAY ACADEMY.** Black and African World History with Dr. Blaine Hudson (11 AM to 12:30 PM). Followed by Anthony Henderson of the Muhammad Ali Museum and Madeleine Burnside of the Frazier Historical Museum. (12:45 PM to 2 PM). DuValle Education Center Cafeteria, 3610 Bohne Avenue. Call Bani Hines-Hudson, 295-7531.

April 4 (Sat) **ARBOR DAY "PLANT FOR THE PLANET."** Volunteers will give away 1,300 trees from the Kentucky Division of Forestry to anyone who pledges to plant and nurse them to adulthood. Choices include both canopy and understory species. 9 AM to 3 PM. Warheim Park, 1832 Overlook Terrace (four blocks from the Douglass Loop). For more information, contact Stephen Spanyer at 459-1405 or [srs@iglou.com](mailto:srs@iglou.com).

Apr 5 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE** every first Sunday evening, remembering all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a sign. 7-8 PM, Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. Sponsored by LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community). For more information, call Judy Munro-Leighton at 456-6914.

Apr 5 (Sun) **SUSTAINABLE LOCAL PUBLIC POLICY.** Every Sunday at 2 PM at the Legal Aid Society, 416 W. Muhammad Ali. Become a part of this grassroots movement bringing principles of sustainability into local public policy. For details, contact: [j@bikecourier.org](mailto:j@bikecourier.org).

Apr 6 (Mon) **SUSTAINABLE LOCAL PUBLIC POLICY.** Every Monday at 6 PM at the Center for Neighborhoods, 610 South Fourth Street, #701. Become a part of this grassroots movement bringing principles of sustainability into local public policy. For details, contact: [j@bikecourier.org](mailto:j@bikecourier.org).

Apr 7 (Tues) **RASHID KHALIDI** will explore themes from his recent book, *Sowing Crisis: The Cold War and American Hegemony in the Middle East*. Khalidi is the Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies at Columbia University. Free and open to the public. 4 PM, UofL Ekstrom Library, Chao Auditorium. For more details, call John Morrison, 741-0690.

Apr 8 (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.

April 9 (Thu) **THE FDR/LINCOLN LEGACY CLUB.** Meets the second Thursday of the month, for those interested in learning about fair trade and the American system of economics of Hamilton and Clay. 6:30 PM, 1838 Frankfort Ave. For more information, contact John Miller at [papajohn15@bellsouth.net](mailto:papajohn15@bellsouth.net).

Apr 9 (Thurs) **APPAF (American Palestine Public Affairs Forum).** Every second Thursday. This month's film will be "End Game: A Future Scenario for Israel." 7:30 PM, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, Room 118. For more information, call Bashar Masri, 773-1836.

Apr 10 (Fri) **WAY OF THE CROSS: A WALK FOR JUSTICE.** The event is a justice-oriented Stations of the Cross, focusing on the suffering of Jesus as reflected in situations of oppression and suffering today. The walk covers about one and a half miles, beginning at Martin Luther King Park in front of the Mazzoli Federal Building (on Chestnut between Sixth and Seventh Streets) and ending at Founders' Square Park at Fifth and Muhammad Ali. 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. For more information, contact David Horvath at 479-9262.

Apr 11 (Sat) **PEAK OIL.** Every 2nd Saturday, Main Library, 4th & York, Mezzanine, Boardroom. 9:00 AM. Call George Perkins, 425-6645.

Apr 11 (Sat) **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ANNUAL ASSEMBLY LUNCHEON.** This year's speaker will be Sarah Lynn Cunningham of the Louisville Climate Action Network (L.CAN). She will discuss ways we can clean up our environment and keep it more environmentally safe. Beginning at 10 AM, Masterson's Restaurant, 1830 South Third St. \$16. For tickets, please call Doris Yochim, 425-5927, by March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Apr 11 (Sat) **SATURDAY ACADEMY.** Black and African World History with Dr. Blaine Hudson (11 AM to 12:30 PM). Followed by a presentation by Dr. Joy Carew of UofL on "Blacks in Russia." (12:45 PM to 2 PM). DuValle Education Center Cafeteria, 3610 Bohne Avenue. Call Bani Hines-Hudson, 295-7531.

Apr 11 (Sat) **A. PHILIP RANDOLPH INSTITUTE ANNUAL BANQUET** will be held at Hotel Louisville (formerly Holiday Inn) at 120 West Broadway. Rev. Wayne Steele, Pastor, Peace Presbyterian Church will receive the Community Service Award. 6 PM. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 for a table of 8. Proceeds go to voter registration, voter education and the get-out-the-vote fund. For reservations, call Cylister Williams at 778-7885.

Apr 15 (Wed) **HOME SWEET HOME: UNDERSTANDING HOUSING BASICS.** This three-hour workshop will cover topics such as understanding credit, tenants' rights, utilities costs and weatherization, foreclosure prevention, and how to evaluate whether home ownership is right for you. 5 PM to 8 PM, Main Library, Fourth and York Streets. For more information, contact the Metropolitan Housing Coalition at 584-6858.

Apr 16 (Thurs) **PEACE EDUCATION GAMES DAY II.** Learn our latest cooperative games during this fun and energizing workshop. 10 AM to 2 PM at 318 West Kentucky St. \$55 fee includes written materials, boxed lunch and loads of fun. Limited to 40 participants—registration required. For more information, contact the Peace Education Program at 589-6583.

Apr 16 (Thurs) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH.** "Facing the World's Enormous Challenges: The United Nations," a joint presentation featuring Matt Hanka, President of the Louisville chapter United Nations Association, and Dr. Mary Abrams of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky, Peace and Justice Division. Matt will focus on the relevance today of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights while Mary will present the UN's Millennium Development Goals. The Lunch is sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation in cooperation with Interfaith Paths to Peace. Ruyard Kipling, 422 West Oak. Buffet lunch at 11:30; presentation begins at noon. \$6. For reservations, call Jean Edwards at 458-8056 or email [edwardsfor@bellsouth.net](mailto:edwardsfor@bellsouth.net).

Apr 16 (Thurs) **KENTUCKY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE.** Every third Thursday, 5:30 PM. Main Library, 4th & York Streets, Mezzanine Board Room. Call Kay Tillow, 636-1551.

Apr 16 (Thurs) **A SPIRITUALITY FOR BROKENNESS.** Terry Taylor will read from and sign copies of his book, *A Spirituality for Brokenness*, at Carmichael's Bookstore at 7 PM. 2720 Frankfort Avenue. For more information, contact Terry at 214-7322 or [tatduende2@yahoo.com](mailto:tatduende2@yahoo.com).

Apr 18 (Sat) **SATURDAY ACADEMY.** Black and African World History with Dr. Blaine Hudson (11 AM to 12:30 PM). Followed by a guest presentation to be announced (12:45 PM to 2 PM). DuValle Education Center Cafeteria, 3610 Bohne Avenue. Call Bani Hines-Hudson, 295-7531.

April 18 (Sat) **"PEACEFUL SKIES PICNIC" AT AMERICANA CENTER.** The Silence Over Thunder Coalition works toward an end to military aircraft in the air show and recruiters on the Great Lawn. We invite you to help with and enjoy a family-friendly alternative picnic at Americana Center 10 AM - 2 PM. Meet at 3 PM at Christ Church Cathedral for leafleting and a silent witness walk on the Great Lawn. For details, contact Chris Harmer at [colonel221@yahoo.com](mailto:colonel221@yahoo.com).

Apr 19 (Sun) **LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES.** Every third Sunday. First Unitarian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & York Streets, 3:00 PM. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Apr 19 (Sun) **"AIM HIGHER"** focusing on military counter-recruitment. Usually meets every 2nd Sunday at 7:00 PM, but is meeting a week later this month due to Easter. 2236 Kaelin Avenue at the FOR office. This group welcomes invitations to speak about conscientious objection, military recruitment, and the possibility for high school students to "opt out" of having their names given to recruiters. Call Chris Harmer, 893-2334. [colonel221@yahoo.com](mailto:colonel221@yahoo.com).

Apr 20 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF FORsooth.** Contact **George Morrison, editor, at 454-2752, or [klm86@att.net](mailto:klm86@att.net). Note: Please email new or updated calendar listings to [calendar.peace@gmail.com](mailto:calendar.peace@gmail.com), or call Nikki at 451-3402.**

Apr 23 (Thurs) **AMBASSADOR ADNAN ABU-ODEH OF JORDAN** will speak about "The International Crisis Group and the Arab/Israeli Conflict" following a dinner at St. Michael Antiochean Orthodox Church, Hikes Lane at Furman Blvd. Dinner at 7 PM and program at 8:15 PM. \$10.00. For reservations, please call Beth Clark: 426-3505. Sponsored by the American Palestine Public Affairs Forum. (The program at 8:15 is free of charge and open to the public.)

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Apr 27 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE.** Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Meets every fourth Monday. Visitors encouraged. Call Dennis Bricking, 298-0590, or Phil Schervish, 558-7175.

Apr 27 (Mon) **SHARON WALLACE REPORTS ON GAZA.** Sharon will share her experiences of delivering humanitarian aid to Gaza at the Fourth Monday Forum at the Braden Center, 3208 West Broadway, 7 to 9 PM. For more details, call 778-8130.

April 30 (Thurs) **FORsooth LABELING** at Beverley Marmion's, 6:30 pm. We need you for one hour! Please stop by and socialize while your fingers do the work. Bouquets to those who do this important work every month! Call 451-5658.

**Please email new or updated calendar listings to [calendar.peace@gmail.com](mailto:calendar.peace@gmail.com), or call Nikki at 451-3402. Deadline for the May issue is April 23.**

## Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

ADDICTION RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF KENTUCKIANA – 2nd Thursday (585-3375)

AIDS INTERFAITH MINISTRIES (AIM) OF KENTUCKIANA, INC. – 1st Tuesday (574-6085 or 574-6086)

AMERICA 2000 DEMOCRATIC CLUB – 4th Tuesday (459-0616)

AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE – 3rd Thursday, every other month at noon (608-7517)

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (637-8951)

APPAF (American Palestine Public Affairs Forum) – 2nd Thursday (895-8155)

BREAD FOR THE WORLD – Last Monday (239-4317)

CAPA (Citizens Against Police Abuse) – 2nd Thursday (778-8130)

CART (Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation) – 3rd Wednesday, 1578 Bardstown Road (895-5172)

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 (560-0085)

COUNTER RECRUITMENT, "Aim Higher" – Second Sunday (893-2334)

EARTH SAVE LOUISVILLE – 2nd Saturday (299-9520) [www.LouisvilleEarthSave.org](http://www.LouisvilleEarthSave.org)

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

FDR/Lincoln Legacy Club – 1st Thursday, [papajohn15@bellsouth.net](mailto:papajohn15@bellsouth.net)

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION – 4th Monday (558-7175 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)

INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE – 1st Tuesday (214-7322)

IRFI (Islamic Research Foundation International, Inc.) – Sundays at 6:00 PM (502-423-1988)

JOBS WITH JUSTICE KENTUCKY (582-5454)

JURISDICTIONARY CLUB OF LOUISVILLE – Know the law and how to use it (500-8161)

JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER – 3rd Saturday (562-6737)

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

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 – (245-2272)

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

LOUISVILLE PEAK OIL GROUP – 2nd Saturday (425-6645)

LPAC (LOUISVILLE PEACE ACTION COMMUNITY) – (558-9124)

LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH – Meditation 1st & 3rd Sundays (473-8435)

LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP – Friday nights (893-0788), [www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org](http://www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org)

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

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

MIGHTY KINDNESS – [mightykindness@gmail.com](mailto:mightykindness@gmail.com) (235-0711)

MUHAMMAD ALI INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, at UL (852-6372)

NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) – 3rd Monday (776-7608)

NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) – 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](mailto:brozier@bellsouth.net))

RCRC [Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice] – (866-606-0988)

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

911 TRUTH LOUISVILLE (502-609-6020)

US DEPARTMENT OF PEACE CAMPAIGN OF KY – 3rd Sunday (472-1772)

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.*