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Green economics: Fair Trade and a clean environment

by Sandra Crismon

Every day, untold environmental damage is done in the developing world by the production of products we consume in the developed world. It is one of the reasons why companies choose to set up shop in developing nations; environmental regulations, if they exist, are often not enforced.

Reduced regulation and cost savings from paying low wages mean that companies are able to make products more cheaply, meaning more profit for the company. Environmental damage is another externality in classic business models that shifts the burden to developing countries and the people who live there. It takes a major incident (such as the Bhopal disaster in India) for the world to take any notice.

Why many people in developing countries participate in this system is no mystery. They have little choice, and in their daily quest to feed themselves and their families, issues such as environmental protection naturally fall to the background. This has been the experience of Kristin Johnson (one of the founders of the Fair Trade organization Global Mamas) in her years in Ghana; people choose to eat, even if that means cutting down a forest to do so.

With companies doing as they wish and impoverished people doing what they must, what can we do? For one, we can use our power as consumers to change the way business is done. We can also support a different kind of system that considers both social and environmental justice - Fair

Trade. One of the major principles of Fair Trade is that all products be produced in a way that is environmentally sustainable.

In the production of Fair Trade agricultural products such as coffee and chocolate, this means that farmers have to meet a number of Fair Trade standards, including that plants be shade-grown and interspersed with other crops and that agrochemical use be minimized. Growers are also encouraged to move toward organic production, reflected in the fact that 60 percent of Fair Trade coffee sold in the U.S. is also organic.

Agricultural products are fairly straightforward - there are only so many ways to grow a coffee bean. But what about sustainability in Fair Trade craft production? Here we are talking about a huge variety of products made with different materials and using different processes in many developing countries. How does this work?

Global Mamas is a non-profit Fair Trade organization committed to providing economic opportunities for small women-owned businesses in Ghana, where options for women are scarce. Their products include batik clothing, recycled glass beads and jewelry, and shea butter products.

Kristin said that when Global Mamas began they didn't really have any stated environmental objectives - their first priority was getting high-quality products to market and getting the money back to the women who made the products. The real push began when Global Mamas began the process of applying for membership in



How to know it's Fair Trade

Fair Trade Labeling Organizations International (FLO) certifies agricultural products internationally, and Transfair certifies these products in the U.S.

Look for their logos (shown above) on product packaging.

Because of the myriad differences in the production of craft products, each product does not currently have a certification logo on it. Instead, businesses and organizations are admitted to membership in trade associations that have specific Fair Trade standards that must be met. The World Fair Trade Organization does this internationally, and the Fair Trade Federation does this in the U.S.

When in doubt about whether a product is really Fair Trade, ask questions!

the Fair Trade Federation, a trade association that requires organizations to meet certain Fair Trade standards.

While Global Mamas already met many of the requirements for membership, they also started a systematic evaluation of everything they did in terms of environmental impact, including the sourcing of raw materials, production processes, packaging, and waste disposal.

One outgrowth of this environmental re-examination has been the production of Trashy Bags. Water and other products in

Ghana often come in plastic packets, which are then discarded and become a major part of Ghana's litter problem. The business Trashy Bags was started to provide an outlet for the reuse of these bags. Artisans collect the bags, sanitize them, and then sew them into tote bags and purses.

In an interesting comparison to some developing countries where nothing goes to waste, Kristin says that the artisans at Trashy Bags are absolutely fascinated with the fact that we in the developed world want products

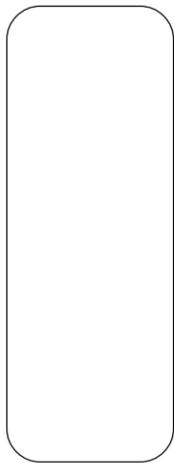
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— photo courtesy Polly Johnson

Volunteers plant olive trees in Palestine in February in an effort organized by two YMCAs in the occupied territories.

One olive at a time, hope for Mideast peace planted

by Polly Johnson

My husband David Johnson and I returned to Louisville February 18 after 16 days in Israel /Palestine where we participated in the Olive Tree Planting Program sponsored by the Joint Advocacy Initiative of the East Jerusalem YMCA and the YWCA of Palestine.

We joined 45 people from eight European countries—from Finland to Greece—as well as Palestinians in planting nearly 1,600 olive trees around Bethlehem in the West Bank. After mornings of planting, the group was provided lunch by the Palestinian farm families. One day the meal was served on a roof top in the village of Beit Ummar. Another day the planters were the guests at an extended families'

home where the men of the family grilled chicken on a large outdoor grill.

The first day of planting was held near Jab'a village on a field that belongs to farmers from the town. The field was near where the Israeli's have built part of the Apartheid Wall. That day helicopters from the Israeli Defense Forces circled overhead and IDF troops crossed the barbed wire fence to challenge the group. The farmers had papers from the time of the Ottoman, British and Israeli governments' rule showing that they owned the land and the troops eventually left. The incident was videoed by the Al Arabiyya Network which had sent a reporter and videographer to cover our trip. Later as we moved to a level

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Project's focus is halting, recovering from torture

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

Anti-torture activist Marcy Allman of Louisville said people determined to stop the practice should first be aware that torture isn't a rare event practiced in only the worst dictatorships.

Studies indicate 138 nations use torture, Allman said. To heighten awareness of that chilling statistic and add momentum to efforts to stop torture, Allman said her Torture Abolition Project and other groups are organizing Torture Survivors Week, the last week of June.

"Torture is forever," Allman said. "I mean you don't just put it behind you and move on." She learned that by the example of Ursuline Sister Dianna Ortiz, the Ownesboro-area nun tortured in Guatemala in 1989 by the U.S.-supported terror government that rules the Central American nation.

The week's activities are to include a program at Brescia Hall on the Ursuline Campus, 3105 Lexington Rd., Thursday, June 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. A vigil against torture will be held June 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (possibly longer depending on turnout) at Thomas Merton Square at Fourth Street and Muhammad Ali Boulevard downtown. Other activities may be added to the schedule, Allman said.

Allman said her project works informally with the Torture Abolition and Survivors' Support Coalition, which she said works to stop the practice and help victims recover, and the multi-faith National Religious Coalition Against Torture.

Although she praised the Obama

Administration for signing an executive order ending the use of torture by the U.S., Allman said Washington still indirectly gives the nod to torture by sending undocumented immigrants back to nations whose leaders use the method.

"So they do the dirty work for us," she said. "We are supporting these practices."

Further, Allman said the including of torture techniques in curriculum used at the U.S. Schools of the Americas, where Latin American regimes sent soldiers for training, speaks to our nation's complicity.

"We basically wrote the manuals that are used around the world for techniques on torture," she said. "That is a horrible thought.... We set the standard."

Allman also would like to see accountability from Washington and the Guatemalan regime for the horrific abuse suffered by Sister Ortiz, who 21 years later speaks and writes against torture and oppression.

"Why are they not following the trail and seeking to prosecute people who would torture a Kindergarten teacher?" Allman asked. "She had evidence that the leader of the ring who abducted her was an American.... Twenty years later she is still recovering and not satisfied that steps are being taken."

For more information on Torture Survivors Week, contact Marcy Allman at (502) 384-5813 or (502) 396-7970. To learn about the issue of torture go to websites of the Torture Abolition and Survivors' Support Coalition at www.tassc.org, or the National Religious Coalition Against Torture at www.nrcat.org.



Jungle John, Junk Genius await Earth Day visitors

The struggle for a clean and safe environment will be the focus of an Earth Day event Saturday, May 8 from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. on the grounds of the interpretive center of the Falls of the Ohio State Park, 201 W. Riverside Drive near the riverfront in Clarksville, Ind., just across from downtown Louisville.

The yearly observation will include food, games, face-painting, music by jazz icon Jamey Abersold, and "lots of eco-friendly products on display," said Myra Craig, president of the Southern Indiana group Trash Force, one of the group's organizing Earth Day.

She said exhibits will include:

- Jungle John, who represents a pro-environmental animal show called Silly Safari.
- Junk Genius, which uses old batteries, machine parts, and other miscellaneous objects to make robots and other fun items.
- Recycling grocery bags by nuns from Ferdinand, Ind. and a company called Hilex Poly.

- Demonstrations on solar energy, air and water purification, and computer recycling.

Craig said the 40 years since the first Earth Day gives pause to reflect on progress and the stubborn persistence of environmental damage.

"Wow! 40 years and so much has happened," Craig said in an e-mail. "The EPA began, clean air and water acts passed, but there is still much to do! As prosperity takes hold with a growing middle class in China, India, and other parts of the world, conservation is crucial more than ever. This is not a problem for one region or country!"

"All humankind *must* strive to conserve and protect our natural resources, especially potable water! Let's all resolve to do more and be examples to our children, neighbors, and friends and family."

For more information, call the Falls of the Ohio State Park at (812) 280-9970.



Two errors corrected

Due to an editing error, a headline in the April FORsooth with a story on the Feb. 18 Third Thursday Lunch talk incorrectly described the position of Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services representative Anne Achico. She is an associate director of the agency.

Due to a computer error, an umlaut was dropped in a word in Ira Grupper's Labor Paeans column in the April FORsooth. The word should have been spelled "nicaragüneses." A question mark in the word was incorrectly inserted by a computer.

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Churches given key role, many ideas for saving planet

by Ike M. Thacker IV
and Eustace Durrett

Louisville and Kentucky are among the very worst polluters of our air and environment, Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light executive director Tim Darst said, but he told the Third Thursday Lunch March 18 solutions are at hand, ranging from florescent light bulbs to church congregations bicycling to worship.

Darst told the lunch, organized by the Louisville FOR and Interfaith Paths to Peace, that a 2008 Brookings Institution investigation found that of the largest 100 U.S. cities, Louisville and Lexington ranked 96th and 100th best, respectively, in carbon dioxide emissions. This is largely, said Darst, the result of the fact that 95 percent of Kentucky's electricity comes from coal, the burning of which emits very high concentrations of that primary global warming gas.

It was such statistics as these that Darst said drove him to found KIPL in 2007 as part of a national organization of which Kentucky became the 28th state member. He said he had grown up in the Highlands, gone to St. Francis of Assissi school, and learned early on through paper drives and the like to simply view concern for the environment as "natural."

Then at two different churches he attended, Darst became involved with environmental concern committees and began to focus even more on "caring for God's creation." Darst said that he perceived a true worldwide movement of churches advocating for what are now known as "green" ideas: including popes and Episcopal bishops.

Asserting that global warming is not just a left-wing issue in churches, Darst cited the examples of "mega-preacher" Rick Warren, our last two popes, the Koran, and Billy Graham as conservative entities with "green" ideas. He spoke of his personal odyssey at some length: he and his family went one year, then three years, on a single tank of gasoline by reducing their driving to a minimum both times (they finally ditched their car altogether, he added).

They also reduced electricity use at their home through the use of solar panels and several other means by 70 percent and then 90 percent, ultimately even producing more electricity than they used, Darst said.

Then came the jump from family to church and from church to state and nation, and Darst created KIPL, even though he explicitly admitted at the lunch that there are scriptures on both sides of the "environment" issue. To buttress his own interpretation, Darst used scriptures from Psalms 24 ("The Earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it."), from Leviticus, and from Numbers 35 ("You shall not pollute the land in which you live"), among others.

Darst said the U.S. has done a quite poor job of following this last scripture. Focusing largely on Kentucky, he said the strip mining of coal has destroyed 450 mountains and ruined more than 1,000 streams. This is especially tragic in Darst's view because of the fact that the people of the Appalachians, especially the poor among them, need pure mountain water, not water polluted by mercury and arsenic that were safely buried before coal mining disturbed them. Not only that, though: mining (especially

mountaintop removal) eliminates entire species from geographic areas.

"So what?" one may ask. After all, many mine company talking heads claim that reclaimed land is actually better because it is flat. But in that newly flat, "improved" land there may be only three or four species, whereas before there had been thousands, Darst explained. This incredible variety, which coal executives call "overburden," he added, is potentially of limitless value. As an example, Darst said the "rosy periwinkle," was once thought to be so worthless that we *tried* to eliminate it. Only then did we learn that it cures some forms of cancer, he explained.

The general societal costs of air pollution are absolutely abhorrent, too, said Darst, noting that 5 million children in the U.S. now have asthma, a 58 percent increase since the 1970s, to the point that it is now the number one cause of school absences in the U.S.

So, what to do? Darst had many answers for his listeners, both as individuals and as religious congregations; and he cited an impressive litany of churches which have saved money and cut carbon-dioxide emissions by taking such actions as:

- Replacing incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent LED's (which are 90 percent more efficient), or where that is not practicable with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's), which are 70 percent more efficient and last up to 10 times longer.
- Encouraging parishioners to ride bicycles to church.
- Collecting styrofoam and CD's for recycling.

- Giving out CFL's during Advent.
- Installing solar panels.

Some of the churches which have taken the lead locally in this movement, Darst said, are St. William Church, Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Universalist, St. Francis of Assissi, and Jefferson Street Baptist.

Of course, we can do even more as individuals, especially if we focus on electricity use and transportation, said Darst. Some things he suggested were programmable thermostats, foam outlet insulators, weatherstripping, occupancy sensors (which turn off lights when no one is in a room), water-saving toilets and faucets, driving less and in more efficient cars and using bikes, buses and carpools.

Darst also suggested avoiding "phantom loads," devices which keep drawing energy when they are off, such as anything with a remote control and any power strip unless the switch is turned off.

Darst, with his PowerPoint presentation, was a very convincing advocate for the now old adage, "Reduce, re-use, recycle."

Or perhaps we should use "pre-cycle"—a term Darst defined as: just don't buy or use it at all.

Ike M. Thacker IV and Eustace Durrett, both of Louisville, are advocates for political, social and economic democracy. Thacker focuses on housing and Durrett on transportation issues.

The April Third Thursday Lunch will be covered in the June FORsooth.

On Griffin's credibility



Letters to FORsooth

I'm surprised to see FORsooth run an ad for David Ray Griffin, unless it was a paid ad. At least FOR didn't sponsor his quackery. Why need we engage in wild conspiracy theories when there are rock solid war crimes and crimes against humanity that the Bush regime is responsible for, including the war of aggression on Iraq, torture, illegal wiretapping, never mind Katrina. Frankly I think these 9/11 conspiracy theorists are more harmful to the struggle for peace and justice than they are helpful.

Peace,
Tracy Phillip McLellan
Chicago

Editor's note: We acknowledge that Griffin's contention that the 9/11 attacks may have been an inside job has been widely criticized, even in a review published in *The Nation*. Furthermore, I completely agree with the letter writer that 9/11 conspiracy theoreticians do more harm than good to the cause of exposing the crimes of U.S. foreign policy. However, the ad we ran in the April FORsooth was for a talk by Griffin which was not to be focused on his 9/11 theories, but which was to be a much broader look at U.S. foreign policy, a topic on which he is well qualified to speak.

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Dorothy Height, leader in feminism, civil rights, dies

by Gracie Lewis

Dr. Dorothy Height, trained as a social worker, grew up in a time when segregation was the rule and law of the land! Black people were not permitted to attend public schools with white people, eat in the same restaurants or use the same water fountains. Nonetheless, Dr. Height's family instilled in her an awareness of the family's historical excellence and helped develop her strong desire for learning, achievement, and independence.

She died April 20 at 98. Dr. Height graduated from New York University with a bachelor's degree in education in 1933, and a master's degree in psychology in 1935. Height was forced to confront the problems that plagued low-income areas. She became actively involved in municipal politics and found a job with the New York City Welfare Department as a caseworker in 1935. She met some of the leading African-Americans of her day.

Dr. Height began to awaken the conscience of the nation so the political leadership of the early 1960s could begin what I call the march to progress, that of knock-

ing down walls of discrimination on race, religion, ethnicity, gender, and disability.

She worked to ensure that women were at the table when vital decisions were made pertaining to the "Unity, Survival and Progress of Black People," as Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy called his report. She worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, and others witnessing and participating in every march of significance. She was one of the women who spoke during the Million Man March in October 1995.

Dr. Height led the National Council of Negro Women for 40 years. She was a compassionate, caring yet firm matriarch of the movement for justice. She was kind and gentle with impeccable grace and dignity, yet firm and strong and immovable on issues of equality, voting rights, poverty and, in later years, AIDS. She worked hard to fight black female invisibility and she championed the needs of their families when mainstream media demonized them. Her commitment to women's groups was immeasurable!

I lived in Washington, D.C. for 20 years. Around 1975, I had the unique privilege of meeting Dr. Dorothy Height,

when she was the guest speaker for the D.C. Hook-Up of Black Women, of which I was a member.

She was a profound speaker offering words of hope and encouragement for a new generation of young women on the move! We loved her and she truly helped shape our lives for the better. I wanted so much to be like her when I grew up!

Our group picked up the torch with renewed enthusiasm. We got involved with issues pertaining to health, such as cancer. We raised funds and helped educate our communities on the need for early detection.

The DC Hook-Up of Black Women, adhering to Dr. Height's tremendous wisdom and advice, held health fairs, church programs community festivals and went on radio programs such as The Cathy Hughes Community Affairs Show. We participated in professional conferences, particularly the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Weekend. We raised money for college scholarships and for the House of Ruth which helped homeless women take their rightful place in society.

In 1999, the National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc., held a brunch

honoring several women of excellence. Dr. Delores Tucker who is now deceased, was the president. The theme of this stellar event was: "Passing the Torch and Charting the Course to the Next Millennium."

Dr. Height sat at the head table next to Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King. Some of the honorees for that year were: Mrs. Christine King Farris, the sister of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis; and Minneapolis mayor Sharon Sayles Belton.

The Congress of Black Women had adopted the Thompson sextuplets and family who also attended the brunch. They were born May 8, 1997 in the District of Columbia. The Thompson sextuplets (one was stillborn) were: Emily Elizabeth; Richard Linden, Octavia Daniels, Stella Kimberly and Anne Marie Amanda. They received a photo with then First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at their first birthday celebration.

We will miss Dr. Dorothy Height, but God knew her work was finished.

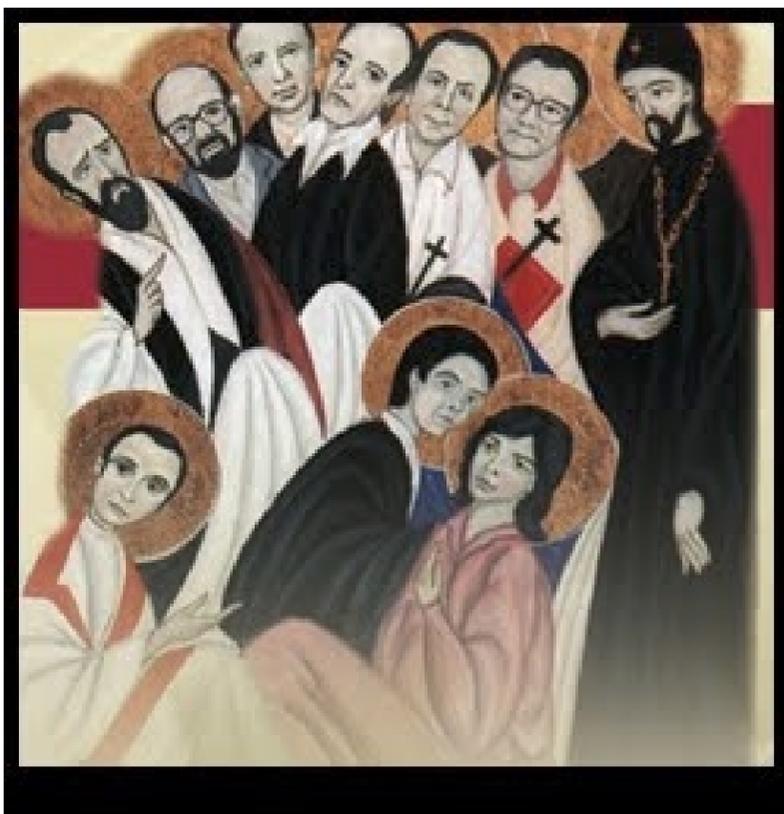
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For more information contact Jim Flynn: jflynn502@aol.com

Truly golden 50-year reunion recalls songs and sit-ins

How beautiful were all those gray-headed, and white-headed and balding activists (I among the last group, though maybe not as beautiful). These, veterans of the 1960s civil rights group, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee—abbreviated “SNCC,” and pronounced “Snick.”

How magnificent-looking were all the young students—elementary, middle school, high school and college; Black, white, Latino, Asian, Native American—gathered from all over the country to observe our celebration, our continuing in the struggle for a just world. These young folk had much to inform us veterans about how they are progressing today, just as we wanted to let them know our history. They were, to be sure, our teachers.

One of the members of the conference organizing committee, Joyce Ladner, emailed me: “We hoped that we’d be lucky (and get) 400, but we went over 1,100 registrants.” The conferees gathered together April 15 to 18, where SNCC began in 1960, at the historically black Shaw University campus in Raleigh, N.C. How generous of the university, in financial trouble itself, to give us use of its facilities for free.

There was a song sung by these (civil rights) movement veterans back in the 1960s: *This May Be the Last Time*. Originally a black spiritual, popularized by the Staple Singers, and, later, the Rolling Stones, when SNCC and a second group, the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), sang it, there was a bit of a tremolo in the throat. The made-in-the-U.S.A. apartheid system of racial segregation and fascist terror could mean that this may well be the last time you see the civil rights workers before they are murdered.

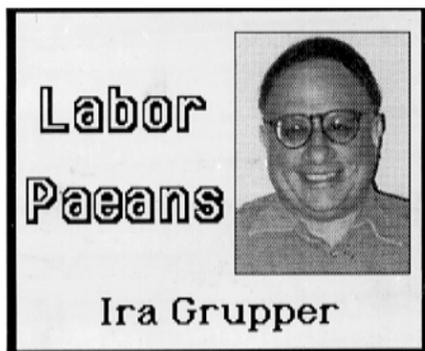
This was not hyperbole. So many murders were committed. There was often not enough time to consecrate a tombstone, to properly grieve. The movement was moving on.

SNCC, that *band of brothers and sisters and a circle of trust*, went into the rural areas, as well as cities and towns, to speak to the local people, went into all the Deep South states, and Cambridge, Md., and Missouri, and more. SNCC was encouraged in its formation and activism by the legendary Ella Baker, who urged the young SNCC workers to separately take the strategic and organizational controls. It took its inspiration from the first lunch-counter sit-in by African-American college students at the Woolworth’s store in Greensboro, N.C., on February 1, 1960.

As the sit-ins began to spread like wildfire, SNCC acted as coordinator. With never more than 200 students, SNCC nonetheless had a deep impact on race relations in the deep south, validating Margaret Mead: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world...”

SNCC formed alliances with other civil rights organizations such as CORE to conduct freedom rides in 1961 and was later active in voter registration drives and Freedom Summer of 1964. SNCC helped to establish the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), an alternative to the official all-white racist Democratic Party, and the Lowndes County Freedom Organization in Alabama.

When SNCC declared its opposition to the U.S. war against the Vietnamese people, and later began close cooperation



with the Black Panthers in the late 1960s, federal and state agencies targeted it for extinction, and it was essentially defunct by 1970. Some of the leaders of SNCC from its early integrationist phase became prominent office holders: U.S. Congressman John Lewis of Georgia and the former Mayor of Washington, D.C., Marion Barry. Both were at this conference.

Julian Bond, former SNCC communications director, Georgia state representative, and national chairman of the NAACP, commented, in his plenary remarks to our gathering: “As former President Jimmy Carter told Mary King, ‘If you wanted to scare white people in Southwest Georgia, Martin Luther

Julian Bond told us: “Unlike mainstream civil rights groups, which merely sought integration of blacks into the existing order, SNCC sought structural changes in American society itself.”

King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference [SCLC] wouldn’t do it. You only had to say one word — SNCC!”

“John F. Kennedy said that compared to Martin Luther King’s SCLC, SNCC workers were ‘real sons of bitches.’” Bond also told us: “Unlike mainstream civil rights groups, which merely sought integration of blacks into the existing order, SNCC sought structural changes in American society itself.”

There were many concurrent workshops over three days. In one, “Moving on Mississippi,” Lawrence Guyot, former chairman of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, listed many books young people (and others) can use as resources. Activist Willie Blue said: “People were chopping cotton for three dollars a day. Our young people don’t know who (these people) are...”

In another panel, on the “Impact of SNCC,” historian Taylor Branch spoke about the “broad democratization of... politics” and “high emotion with deep thought.” Tom Hayden told us, “We have to stand with the demonized until the demonizing ends.” Your reporter, during the question period, reminded the audience that it was ordinary people, maids and janitors, who were the base of the civil rights movement, that a joint force of the informally and formally educated was what built the movement.

A moving and poignant session was titled “SNCC veterans introduce their children.” The children and grandchildren took to the stage to explain what they were doing to make the world a better place. All were highly educated and articulate. Would that some were also involved in labor organizing as well.



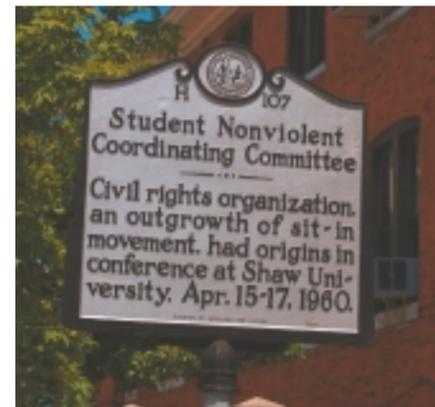
— photos by Patrick Jones

Julian Bond, Harry Belafonte and Bond’s son, Michael, hoist a street sign showing change in the south, which a plaque at Shaw University, right photo, also underscores.

CORE veteran Dave Dennis spoke about quality education as a constitutional right.

Bernice Johnson Reagon, former Freedom Singer, founder of Sweet Honey in the Rock, spoke about the significance of Black spirituals, and directed her remarks to the young folk present: “You will not know how to get through your life if you (dismiss) the ground you are standing on.”

I immediately thought of Paul Robeson, and his expounding on this theme in the 1940s and 1950s.



SNCC Freedom Singers, Guy and Candy Carawan, and so many others, sent me soaring. The line in one movement song stands out: “And before I’ll be a slave I’ll be buried in my grave, and go home to my Lord and be free.”

Please permit me a point of personal privilege. I first got involved in the movement in the New York City housing project in which I lived, around 1959. Active in rent strikes, anti-racist activities, NYC school boycott (my first arrest), and sometimes in the New York SNCC office in support of the work in the south, I learned early on to recognize that racism spanned the U.S.; it was not just a southern phenomenon.

Yet the main focus of activity, the fulcrum of struggle, the point where the pimple was most visibly bursting and bleeding, was in the deep south. Hired by the legendary Ruby Doris Smith (Robinson) to join SNCC in Atlanta, I came to see that the work SNCC was doing in the years before I got involved was truly heroic, very much transformative, and that the movement was a continuum.

The song we sang is more eloquent: “They say that freedom is a constant struggle.”

SNCC, and the civil rights movement in general, enabled me to meet, and learn from some of the most dedicated freedom fighters to have ever walked the face of our part of this earth, helped me understand the nature of racism, and how racism, sexism, age-ism, disability discrimination and homophobia are means to divide poor and working class people, all in the service of big money. One cannot understand racism without studying its relation to class oppression, and the international aspects of capital accumulation.

SNCC, and the civil rights movement, provided a purpose to life, the building of the “beloved community.” For this, I will always be grateful.

Contact Ira Grupper at irag@iglou.com.

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Deaths of Afghans, Americans are tragic

by the Reverend
Mr. Greg Moore

Let me begin by expression my gratitude to Jean Edwards for asking me to write a column in *FORsooth*. It is a particular honor for me, and I am happy to help Jean at this time.

I write today in concordance with Mr. Eugene Robinson's column printed in the *Courier-Journal* on April 19, 2010. Mr. Robinson is a columnist for the *Washington Post*. His subject in this column is the American war in Afghanistan. His focus is concerned with the removal of American troops from a small mountainous area called the Korengal Valley. Only six miles long, the U.S. forces have spent the last five years in capturing half of that length. During these five years, forty-two American soldiers have been killed while subduing the three miles. Has that endeavor ended in vain? Mr. Robinson is sufficiently circumspect not to ask. I am not.

My last pastorate began on October 1, 2001. Yes, it followed 9/11 by nineteen days. One month later, U.S. air force bombers were dropping weapons of mass destruction on the civilian population of Afghanistan. It was a rapid deployment of retaliation after our own civilian targets were destroyed.

The Sunday following the announcement that our country had gone to war and had destroyed the first of many sites within that poor country, I preached against the very retaliatory action taken by our government. I explained that retaliation is not justice. It is not God's plan. God does not perceive any difference between bombing women and children in Afghanistan or crashing planes into the towers of the World Trade Center.

After worship, one of the elders of the church called me aside and told me I was wrong. "It is correct for our side to bomb 'their' side." This is not to say that all elders in that Presbyterian Church took his view. But I heard in his comment my calling that I would need to take up Elijah's mantle and wear it for a long time in Illinois, and now in Kentucky.

Mr. Robinson views the abandonment of the Korengal Valley in eastern Afghanistan as the template for the eventual withdrawal of U.S. forces from the country. The military commanders now view the Valley as a tactical error that needs adjustment. Will the same generals summarize the entire war (ten years long? Longer than that?) as a strategic error?

After years of tepid success, the U.S. military has not been able to win the hearts and minds of the civilian population: its declared battle plan. Rather, it has solidified the resistance of Taliban and al-Qaida fighters not in Afghanistan only, but also, to this point, in Pakistan. Mr. Robinson concludes his article with these two sentences: "How many more will die before we leave the country? And what will we have accomplished?"

With my own prophetic voice, I would answer, "hundreds of Americans will die; many thousands of Afghan citizens, crying to be left alone, will die." Our government will admit that we accomplished nothing more than the forces of the USSR did in their sortie into that country. Those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it. It seems that President Obama ignores history.

Rev. Moore wrote this in place of Jean's Journal, Jean Edwards' column, from which Jean is taking a month off. Jean's Journal will resume next month.

A SOLDIER'S WAR

"Support our troops" and do not think to question what or why.

"Support our troops" the slogan goes, who cares for what or why?

They said that we were old enough to fight and win a war.

They said with smirks "Support our troops" but meant "Support the war."

Our elders made up that motto, their judgment pretty poor.

How could they think and say that we were up to win a war?

The president proclaimed and said: "This is our righteous cause,"

But since that time we doubt and squirm and ponder at our pause.

We trained and sweated for a few months then shipped off to attack.

God knows if we'll be safe and sound or never coming back.

While we are here we are in deep doubt, death upon our mind.

We have become the victims here while others are so blind.

And now the folks at home are singing a different song.

The words like spears are sharp and true helping us right the wrong.

As we muddle through, feel death's sting, we hear them loud and clear:

"Not in our name! Not one more death!" Their words to us are dear.

"Support our troops" and do not think to question what or why.

"Support our troops" the slogan goes, who cares for what or why?

— Anthony P. Hasson



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*Together Our Own Way:
A Multicultural Autonomous Community*

Dr. Tom Hansen

Director, Mexico Solidarity Network

Thursday, May 13, 2010

6:30-8:30 Central Presbyterian Church

4th and Kentucky, Louisville

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About the speaker:

Tom Hansen is the founding director of the Mexico Solidarity Network (MSN), an organization which has developed a wide range of education and solidarity programs since its beginning in 1998.

Come and hear Tom speak about the work of the MSN in Mexico and in the U.S. He will focus on building community through education and sustainable economic alternatives in the MSN Autonomous Community, located in Albany Park, Chicago, one of the nation's most diverse urban neighborhoods. The Autonomous Center is an experiment in community building among largely Spanish speaking immigrants. English classes, a computer center, a literacy program, movie nights, and cultural events are all

organized by and for members of the community. Small work groups are developing domestic worker and construction cooperatives, an alternative health program, and a legal clinic.

MSN's work is powerful and growing every day, developing innovative new models literally from scratch, because no one else is doing this kind of work in the US context.

For more information, please contact Nancy Jakubiak at nancyjack@fastmail.fm, phone 939-3698, David Horvath at dhorvath@fastmail.fm, phone 479-9262 Pat Geier at pgeier@fastmail.fm, phone 456-6586.



Hope for Mideast peace planted (continued from page 1)

field to eat lunch, the soldiers returned and the Palestinian hosts kindly offered to serve them the food they were serving us.

On Wednesday, February 10, the group planted in three fields near the Beit Ummar. In one field the planting was interrupted by a sound/smoke bomb thrown by the Israeli Army. The planting continued despite the threats from the troops.

On February 12, the planting took place in Beit Sahour where many other volunteers joined us, including participants in The Elderly Club, a day center for people over 60 where we had volunteered for three weeks in the summer of 2007.

The last day of planting was at Beit Eskaria. Farmers and families joined us in three fields, one of which is located near an Israeli outpost close to the settlement of Efrata. Settlers from the settlement often dump sewage water onto part of one of the fields we planted that day.

On the first Sunday we were in Beit Sahour, the group toured Bethlehem. The first stop we made was at Aida Camp, where we saw a video, heard a talk and were led on a tour of the camp by Abed Abusour of Alrowwad Cultural Center, who sent his greetings to all of his Louisville friends.

Other trips taken by the group were to Ramallah, Hebron and Jerusalem to learn the effects of the occupation on those areas. The group visited the village of Bil'in on the day

after the High Court ruled that the Israeli government must start moving back the separation fence from the agricultural lands which had been annexed illegally from the village. They were expecting a large group of demonstrators at their upcoming weekly vigil to celebrate this victory.

In the afternoons and evenings of the days spent planting, the group visited with various human rights groups, viewed videos of the Occupation and heard talks by Jewish and Palestinian peace activists. A complete summary of the 2010 olive tree planting program can be found on the website of the Joint Advocacy Initiative (www.jai-pal.org).

For six days before and after the planting project, my husband and I led a group of 10 Presbyterians from the U.S. This portion of the trip was sponsored by the Keep Hope Alive Olive Tree Campaign (www.KeepHopeAlive-theolivetreecampaign.org), which is a project of the Bay Area Presbyterian Peacemakers.

This smaller group stayed in Nazareth and Jerusalem during that time. Three of the most important talks they heard were by Jonathan Cook, a British journalist who lives in Nazareth, a visit to the home of Hannah Barag of the Israeli women's group Machsom Watch and a luncheon meeting with members of Wounded Crossings, a group of Muslim and Jewish citizens who have been wounded in some way by the occupation.



— photo courtesy Polly Johnson

Polly Johnson, left, and her husband Tom, center, with a family in Beit Ummar, Palestine.

The Joint Advocacy Initiative and Keep Hope Alive will sponsor its seventh olive tree picking trip in October 2010 and its fourth

olive tree planting trip in February 2011.

For more information, please contact David and me at phj5@insightbb.com.

Fair Trade and a clean environment (continued from page 1)

made out of garbage. Despite explanations of why reusing these bags is important, the artisans still don't quite understand why they have to collect discarded packets and why Global Mamas doesn't just go buy new sheets of plastic. As Kristin notes, it isn't logical in a place where most people live hand to mouth, and the extra time and effort required to make an environmentally-friendly product doesn't make practical sense to most Ghanaians.

Global Mamas has also been continuously working on environmental issues associated with the production of batik clothing. One major change they have made is the increase in the number of products that use waste dyes, so that the dyes are used as many times as possible before they are disposed of. They also do workshops with the artisans to show them how to properly dispose of dyes, and they have a certification process for business owners. Also, seamstresses once threw away or even burned scrap fabric from

clothing production. In response, Global Mamas has developed a line of products made from scrap fabric, including its popular Urban Explorer bag. The products have become so popular that sometimes they run out of scraps.

With companies doing as they wish and impoverished people doing what they must, what can we do? For one, we can use our power as consumers to change the way business is done.

These are just some of the ways that Global Mamas has increased its commitment to environmental sustainability in recent years, and that work continues. They are currently looking at the cost issues of using lower impact clothing dyes rather than conventional.

Of course, opportunities are always limited by where you are, and there's always a bit of balancing. Global Mamas recently had to make the tough decision of changing their shea butter packaging from gourds to plastic containers, due to the problem of

gourd containers breaking during shipping.

Global Mamas is also hoping that as sales of their recycled products increase and demand for waste materials increases, that this will raise people's awareness of the potential value of the garbage Global Mamas collects for their products: glass

bottles for the making of recycled glass beads, empty flour sacks and water packets for tote bags, and fabric scraps for purses.

For our part as people (and consumers) who have the luxury of seeing beyond the short-term, it is so important that we make choices that promote not only social justice but also environmental sustainability. Fair Trade does both, recognizing that the welfare of people and the health of the planet are inextricably linked.

We can also hope that someday in a world where people have enough to eat on a regular basis, turning trash into products will make perfect sense.

The writer is the education coordinator at Just Creations, a not-for-profit Fair Trade store in Louisville which carries a large number of products made from natural and recycled materials, including Trashy Bags from Global Mamas.



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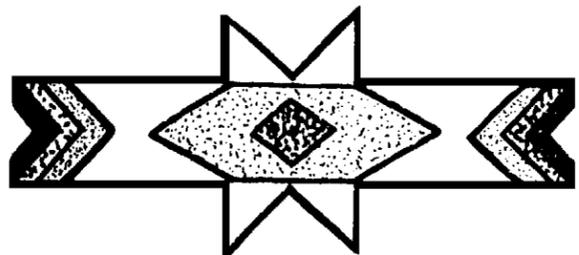
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Calendar for peacemakers

May 2 (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.

May 2 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE** every first Sunday evening, remembering all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a candle. 5-6 PM, Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. Sponsored by LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community). For more information, call Harold Trainer at 387-9490.

May 3 (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.

May 5 (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.

May 8 (Sat) **LIVING THE VISION MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY.** Sponsored by Church Women United. Registration 10:00am. Worship 10:30am Beuchel United Methodist Church 2817 Hikes Ln 239-5931.

May 8 (Sat) **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION.** Environmentally-minded businesses and organizations from all over the region will gather at the Falls of the Ohio to share information, show off their accomplishments, and provide fun for the whole family. Special programs include live animals. Sponsored by Jamey Aebersold Jazz, Kentuckiana Air Education, The Trash Force, Vectren, and The Falls of the Ohio Foundation. For more information, visit www.fallsoftheohio.org or call Myra at (812) 225-1433.

May 8 (Sat) **PEAK OIL.** Every 2nd Saturday, Main Library, 4th & York, Mezzanine, Boardroom. 9 AM. Call George Perkins, 425-6645.

May 9 (Sun) **"AIM HIGHER"** focusing on military counter-recruitment. Every 2nd Sunday at 7 PM, 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 Jim Johnson, 262-0148.

May 13 (Thur) **DR. TOM HANSEN, Director, Mexico Solidarity Network.** Speaking about "A Multicultural Autonomous Community". Central Presbyterian Church. 6:30 to 8:30 pm. 4th and Ky Streets. Light refreshments. Sponsored by KITLAC. Call Nancy Jakubiak 939-3698, David Horvath 479-9262 or Pat Geier 456-6586

May 13 (Thurs) **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.

May 13 (Thurs) **APPAP (American Palestine Public Affairs Forum).** Every second Thursday. A documentary film exploring the situation in Middle East will be presented. 6:30 PM, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, Room 119. For more information, call Bashar Masri, 773-1836.

May 15 (Sat) **ARTSREACH PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE** A performance of achievements by youth from community centers. 3:00pm. At the Kentucky Center for the Arts, 501 W Main St. Free Admission. 562-0754 www.kentuckycenter.org

May 16 (Sun) **LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES.** Every third Sunday. First Unitarian Church, 4th & York Streets, 3 PM. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

May 17 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE OF FORsooth.** Contact **George Morrison, editor, at 454-2752, or klm86@att.net.**

Note: Please email new or updated calendar listings to calendar.peace@gmail.com, or call Nikki at 451-3402.

May 24 (Mon) **FOURTH MONDAY FORUM** sponsored by the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. For details, call Katrina Byrnes at 778-8130 or email kyall@insightbb.com.

May 24 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE.** Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Every fourth Monday. Visitors encouraged. Call Dennis Bricking, 298-0590, or Phil Schervish, 558-7175.

May 27 (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.

May 27 (Thur) **LOUISVILLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTERS ANNUAL MEETING AND THE DR. LYMAN T. JOHNSON DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD,** Kentucky Center for the Arts, 501 W. Main St., 11:00am, Free admission. 583-8821 www.lccnews.org

May 29 (Sat) **SAVE THE DATE! NEW FILM: Soldiers of Conscience, Powerful documentary about the COs of today.** Currently showing in theatres and made available to us by Bill Galvin of the Center on Conscience and War who served as a consultant on the film. St Matthews Episcopal Church, 330 N. Hubbards Ln. 6:00pm. Sponsored by Interfaith Paths for Peace. Call Terry Taylor at 299-7591

May 31 (Mon) **ANNUAL INTERFAITH MEMORIAL SERVICE AND RECEPTION, including prayers, music, readings, dance art, and the traditional "Litany of Battles", featuring representatives of the world's great religions, this year with an emphasis on youth.** Sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace. Christ Church Cathedral, 421 S. 2nd St., 11:00am. Call 214-7322

June 2 (Wed) **METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION, Annual Meeting featuring John Yarmuth, Congressman.** Louisville Hyatt Downtown, 320 W. Jefferson St. Addressing federal housing policies and other federal issues that affect housing here in Louisville. Individual tickets are \$50, a table of 8 seats is \$500. A Groundbreaking Sponsorship with a table of 8 and a program ad space is \$1000. Call 584-6858 to RSVP, then pay at the event itself.

June 11 (Wed) **SECOND ANNUAL SCRAMBLE FOR PEACE.** Get your foursome together! Join us at 12 noon at the Shawnee Golf Course, 460 Northwestern Pkwy. Registration Required. \$240 for a team of 4, or \$60 per person. Rain or Shine. Download a registration form @ www.PeaceEducationProgram.org. Tee, hole and event sponsorships are available, SIGN UP TODAY!

June 13-26 (Sun-Fri) **HEAVEN ON EARTH AGRARIAN ROAD TRIP TO THE U.S. SOCIAL FORUM.** This road trip will include college students, farmers, musicians, bloggers and other adventurous souls. Starting in Louisville, we will make stops in six other states along the way to Detroit, Michigan, visiting with congregations and community groups who are participating in the grassroots sustainable and just food revolution that is sprouting up everywhere! Sponsored by the Presbyterian Hunger Program, PC(USA). If interested, call Andrew Kang Bartlett at 569-5388 as soon as possible.

July 20,21, & 22 (Tue, Wed, Thur) **TRAINING OF EDUCATORS IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEER MEDIATION.** This is a 3 day training for school personnel and youth workers interested in creating a youth mediation program in their schools or community centers. Participants will learn to: *Address basic conflict resolution theory, *Create a site based mediation program, *Train youth mediators through hands-on activities, *Involve other staff members in programming. Workshop is \$350 per person or \$650 for two person teams. Training includes a manual, daily continental breakfast and boxed lunch. Registration deadline is July 9th. Only 25 seats. Call Peace Ed 589-6583.

OUT OF TOWN

May 21 (Friday Morning) Bill **GALVIN, COUNSELOR COORDINATOR, CENTER ON CONSCIENCE AND WAR,** will speak at Transylvania University as the guest of Professor Peter Ford, 291-2506

June 22-26 (Tues-Sat) **U.S. SOCIAL FORUM 2010.** Join the U.S. Social Forum process for transformative social change. This forum in Detroit will provide an open space for people and groups to blend their ideas and energy regarding alternatives to corporate power. For more information, visit www.ussf2010.org.

Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

911 TRUTH LOUISVILLE (502-609-6020)
 ADDICTION RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF KENTUCKIANA – 2nd Thursday (485-1248)
 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 – Ad hoc discussions. Continuous engagement. (454-7797)
 COMMUNIST PARTY USA – 1st & 3rd Sundays at 3:30 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
 FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN – Quarterly community dialogues and volunteer opportunities (893-0788)
 FDR/LINCOLN LEGACY CLUB – 1st Thursday, papajohn15@bellsouth.net
 FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION – 4th Monday (558-7175 or 895-8516)
 FRIENDS FOR HOPE (Support Group for Adult Cancer Survivors) – 1st Thursday (451-9600)
 FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF LOUISVILLE – 2nd Tuesday (893-8436)
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 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 – (345-5386)
 KFTC [KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH] – 2nd Monday (589-3188)
 KITOD [KENTUCKIANA INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON DARFUR] – (553-6172)
 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] – (456-6914)
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 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)
 MIGHTY KINDNESS – 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)
 RCRC [RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE] – (866-606-0988)
 RESULTS (a hunger lobby) – 2nd Saturday (451-4907)
 SIERRA CLUB INNER CITY OUTINGS – 2nd Thursday, 7:30 PM (558-0073)
 WOMEN IN TRANSITION (WIT) – every Wednesday, 6-8 PM (636-0160)

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

May 20 (Thurs) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH** The Lunch is sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation in cooperation with Interfaith Paths to Peace. Rudyard 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. See flyer elsewhere in this issue.

May 20 (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.