

Third Thursday Lunches

presented by the

Fellowship of Reconciliation & Interfaith Paths to Peace

September to November 2017

Full Buffet
For \$7.00

September 21 Judi Jennings, “How Jail Incarceration Affects Us All”

In 2008, inspired by a mother visiting her incarcerated son, Judi Jennings began directing artmaking activities for children and families waiting in the visitors’ lobby of the Louisville Metro Jail. Then and now, families often endure long waits in an overcrowded lobby for a 20-minute visitation over a video link with their incarcerated family member. Upon her retirement as director of the Kentucky Foundation for Women, Judi and others formed the **“Special Project,” a network supporting families affected by incarceration.** The Project also advocates for criminal justice reform at the local level. Judi will discuss **1) how jail incarceration affects everyone in Metro Louisville, 2) why art matters, and 3) how you can make a difference!**

October 19 Rashaad Abdur-Rahman, “Building a Strong Village in Louisville”

Rashaad Abdur-Rahman is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has worked for years in the field of child/family mental health services. He currently serves as **Director of Mayor Fischer’s Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods**, formed to help create a city of safe neighborhoods, where everyone is supported, free of violence, and prepared for lifelong success. Rashaad believes deeply in the power of community and that, in order to foster a safe, healthy, and transformative society, we must work tirelessly to secure racial, economic, and social justice. Rashaad will talk about **how we in Louisville can build a strong “village” and a safe and healthy community.**

November 16 Rev. Joe Phelps, Highland Baptist Church, “Empower West Louisville”

Joe Phelps has been pastor at Highland Baptist Church for the past 20 years. In 2006, he founded “No Murders Metro,” an inter-denominational, inter-racial group holding prayer vigils at murder sites across Louisville. When he was a national spokesman exposing Walmart’s record of child labor, gender discrimination, and poor health care plans, he was labeled a “wacko” by Rush Limbaugh. He is currently co-chair of **Empower West Louisville (“EmpowerWest”), a coalition of pastors and churches seeking to unleash the educational, economic, and spiritual power of West Louisville residents (empowerwest.com).** Joe will talk about EmpowerWest’s journey toward working together as black and white progressive churches.

Hotel Louisville • 120 West Broadway

Corner of Second & Broadway – Free Off-Street Parking

Buffet Lunch at 11:30 • Presentation at Noon • \$7.00 at the Door

Reservations required by MONDAY before the lunch

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