

# ISRAEL SHOOTS GANDHI

by Russ Greenleaf

What if the British had shot Gandhi? And all his followers? What if the British had taken the attitude, "We have enough bullets for them all."

In May 2018, Palestinians used Gandhi's method of nonviolent resistance to stage peaceful protests in Gaza next to the border with Israel. In response, Israeli snipers shot across the border with live ammunition, killing more than 50 unarmed protesters and wounding 2,700, including women and children.

Despite continuing gunfire from the Israeli side, the nonviolent protests by the Palestinians, which were called the "March of Return," continued for weeks. The purpose of the protests was to call attention to the fact that Israel is violating international law by refusing to let the Palestinian refugees in Gaza return to their homes.

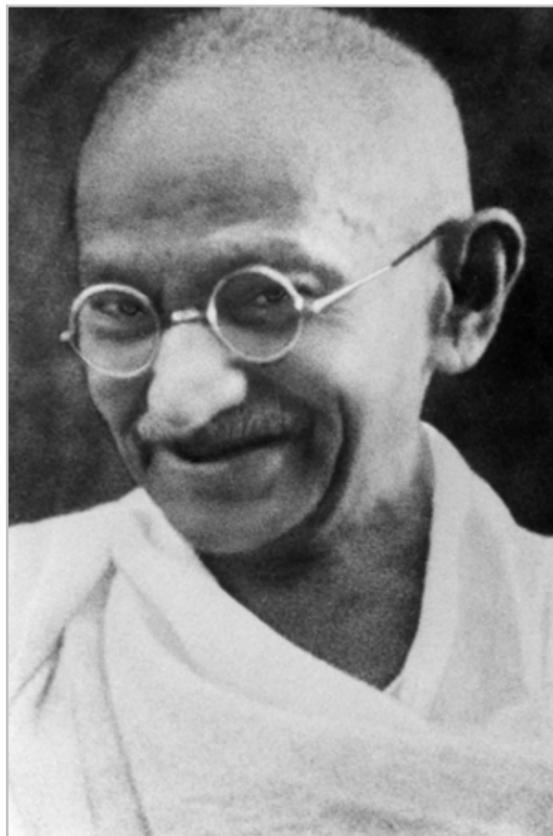
It's important to know the background of these protests. The Palestinians in Gaza became refugees in 1948 when Jewish militants used massacres to expel three quarters of a million Palestinians from their homes to create the state of Israel. "Plan Dalet" called for expelling most of the native Palestinian population, so the newly created state of Israel would have a Jewish majority.

The March of Return highlights the fact that the ethnic cleansing in 1948 was a violation of international law, as is Israel's continuing refusal to let the Palestinian refugees return to their home villages, most of which are still vacant just across the border inside Israel.

Using Gandhi's example of the "Salt March," and the U.S. civil rights activists' example of marching across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the Palestinian protesters in Gaza decided to go where their oppressor was forbidding them to go. They marched toward the fence on the Israeli border that separates them from their vacant villages inside Israel. And Israeli snipers gunned them down. Unarmed men, women, and children.

A senior member of the Israeli parliament (Avi Dichter) went on live television in Israel and said there's nothing to worry about, because the Israeli army "has enough bullets for everyone." He accurately stated that Israel is willing to shoot everyone in Gaza to prevent them from returning to their homes inside Israel. That was Israel's attitude in 1948, and it is the same attitude today. It is a genocidal attitude.

Israel has once again answered the old bogus question, "Where is the Palestinian Gandhi?" They are in Israeli prisons or graves.



**Mahatma Gandhi**  
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were 100 feet away behind earthen mounds and razor-wire fences while firing at the marchers.

Pro-Israel propagandists complain, "Some protesters tried to break through the fence."

Yes, that was the point of the protest. It was a symbolic act of resistance by oppressed people trying to go home. Like sitting at a lunch counter where you aren't allowed to sit. We didn't shoot them for it in the United States. But Israel does. Israel "has enough bullets for everyone."

Warsaw Ghetto victims did more than the Palestinians. They engaged in armed resistance against the people who were trying to exterminate them. But we don't condemn them for it.

Wait a minute, you say. "Trying to exterminate them?" "Genocidal attitude?" Those are unfair accusations against Israel.

But no. Actually, they're not.

Few nonviolent movements have been entirely nonviolent, including those led by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. The March of Return was overwhelmingly nonviolent. The relatively few people who ignored the organizers' rules and fought back were no threat to Israeli soldiers who

Saree Makdisi pointed out, in an article in the May 16, 2018 issue of Counterpunch, that, "The [Israeli] demographer Arnon Soffer of Haifa University is the architect of the current isolation of Gaza. In 2004, he advised the government of Ariel Sharon (see ISRAEL SHOOTS GHANDI, page 7)

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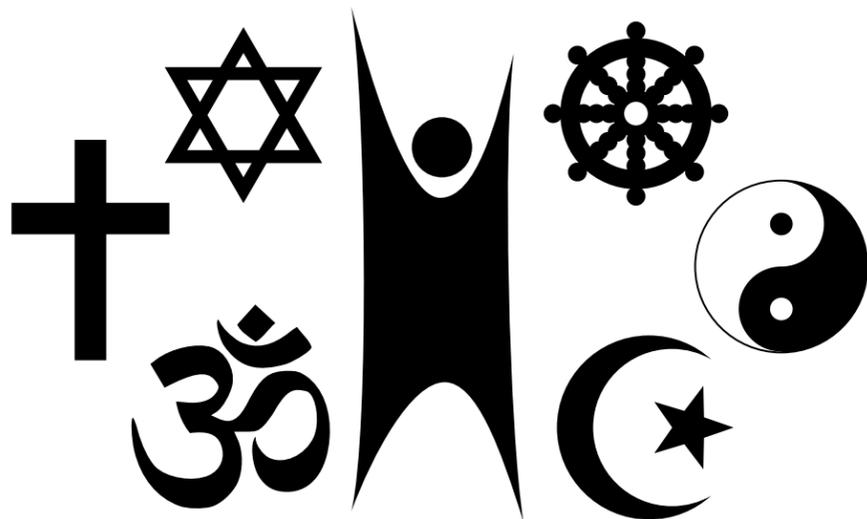
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**World Religions, clockwise from left: Christianity, Judaism, Secular Humanism (center), Buddhism, Taoism, Islam, Hinduism.**  
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# EVOLUTION OF INTERFAITH

by Jamil Grimes

We need a 21st century evolution of interfaith.

Sure, interfaith has accomplished a great deal. In recent years, especially after 9/11, representatives of various traditions have worked to overcome the religious strife that too often gives way to division and violence. Faith communities today are far more prepared to positively engage religious traditions other than their own. In fact, whole cities have adopted an interfaith posture, as is the case with Louisville and its annual Festival of Faiths.

So, what do I mean by a 21st century evolution of interfaith?

I think a helpful next step for interfaith begins with recognizing that the ongoing increase of religious diversity creates an opportunity to expand interfaith beyond just the world religions (usually listed as Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism). To be sure, these religions have a special significance; they are called world religions for a reason. Yet, what recent studies like those done by the Pew Research Center suggest is that religious affiliation in America is moving away from the world religions. This shows up in the often mentioned but little understood rise of the "nones."

This group, especially made up of younger generations, resists being boxed into traditional religious categories. Instead, (see INTERFAITH, page 4)

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# DO JUSTICE AND LOVE KINDNESS

by Beth Olker

Do Justice and Love Kindness and Walk Humbly with God. These are words from Micah 6:8. It is arguably one of the most often quoted scripture passages from the Jewish and Christian traditions. Through the years of Presbyterian Seminary I have completed (5 ½) and the many classes I have taken studying the Hebrew Bible (at least 7 across the span of two seminary degrees), I find myself constantly blown away not by the word play in this passage or the subtle nuances of the Hebrew language (which I always love to seek out when doing my own personal Bible Study) but by the simply placed conjunctions that almost always leave me feeling like I am rarely doing all the work my faith calls me to do. These connecting clauses create convicting messages.

The conjunction in question as I reflect on Micah 6:8 is a simple ‘and.’ It connects a list of requirements that God communicates to the people through the prophet Micah. Do Justice and Love Kindness and Walk Humbly with God.

The first seemingly simple message that is offered is that justice, kindness and humility are all important. The second is that they are not all the same thing.

For many years, I never considered justice and kindness to be that different from each other. Separating them out has caused a lot of reflection about how I want to project myself in this world as a person of faith and, more broadly, a decent citizen of the world. For a long time, I thought just being kind was enough. I thought that the whole secret to the world being a better place was for each person to work a little harder at

simply the result of a deficiency in kindness, a need for more good-deed-doers and fewer wicked witches (yes, my childhood concept of good and evil was as simple as Hollywood taught me it should be).

I understand now the role that my privilege played in this simplistic understanding of kindness and direct, charitable service to others as Aces in the hand of

‘and’ back in to work towards making the world around me both kinder and more just.

In the Hebrew Bible, the word for justice (mishpat) is used most frequently to talk about legal matters, the courts and governances of the day. In our society today, it is often against these systems of power that we are called to stand in our pursuit of justice. Just like in our society today, it takes a combination of kindness in our treatment of those with whom we interact and the work of justice, standing with others, or sometimes it feels, all alone, to speak up for the rights of all people and the due process of justice. God, or whatever name is given to the creator of the universe, is on the side of those people most in need of interception from oppression. Kindness is important, but when the system is flawed, as it is in our nation and world today, there must be more. We kind people must also be willing to put on our justice hats and fight against the oppression that faces so many of our neighbors. Only when we are walking with our neighbors, both close by and far away, in kindness and in pursuit of justice, putting

the humanity of others in the same regard we hold for ourselves and our most beloved family and friends, can we truly say that we are living up to the charge presented to us by the prophet Micah and all prophets of justice past and present.



Students from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary ‘Do Justice’ by opposing the order to ban refugees’ entry into the U.S. issued by Donald Trump on January 28, 2017; instead they ‘Love Kindness’ by choosing to welcome new neighbors from every faith and nation. Photo Credit: Beth Olker

being a whole lot kinder to the people with whom they interact. I felt the tugging on my heart when I would see the injustices of the world and I would think they were

world. I didn’t need to think about justice beyond kindness and good-deed-doing because my life circumstances created a false understanding of the cruelty and injustices of our world. Since I want to talk about my privilege here, I will lay mine out as I understand it at this moment in my life. I identify as a young(ish) white (my family arrived in the US from a variety of Western European countries throughout the 18th and 19th centuries), cisgender, able-bodied, heterosexual female with natural-born citizenship and English as my primary language. Added to my list of unearned, rarely considered, but often used privileges, are access to affordable education, fairly-waged employment, and a supportive family system. It wasn’t until I was asked to examine what made me who I am that I began the journey of re-understanding the world and my role in it. I realized that while I still value kindness, I must add the



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Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville, Kentucky. Photo courtesy of Wikimedia (Public Domain)

## A TALE OF TWO COMMONWEALTHS IN KENTUCKY'S DEATH PENALTY

by Mark Meade

In Kentucky, to paraphrase Dickens, it is the best of times, it is the worst of times. It is our best time in Kentucky because of unprecedented progress in moving forward legislation to end the death penalty. It is our worst time in Kentucky because if the legislature or courts fail to act soon, we could see the greatest surge of executions ever witnessed in over 40 years since capital punishment's reinstatement.

To educate citizens of the personal and political aspects of this issue, Miriam Hans and I spoke at the April 19th Third Thursday Lunch, which was sponsored by FOR and Interfaith Paths to Peace. Miriam Hans is a murder victim's family member. Burglars murdered her father, Cecil Byrd, in 2000 during a home invasion while he was serving as a missionary in Mozambique. Miriam recounted the utter shock and profound grief and anger in the wake of the news of her father's murder. She initially desired vengeance. To her, in the early days after the crime, the death penalty was a punishment that seemed to fit the crime, whether

administered in Mozambique to her father's killers or in the United States to domestic felons. However, the more she found out about the arbitrary nature of who receives a death sentence, its racial bias, the hidden costs, and the recurring problem of botched executions, the more she began to realize that it was not the justice promised to society or to a victim's family member. Holding onto a desire for revenge prevented her from healing after her loss. She expressed that the need for healing is ongoing, but that her current volunteer work in restorative justice does more to aid the process than the false promise of closure offered by the death penalty.

Miriam is not alone. Organizations like Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation counter the false narrative that capital punishment is in service to those who have lost a family member to murder. The death penalty promises closure, but in reality, the wound is continually reopened during a lengthy appeals process. Therein lies the catch-22—there can be no speedy process to provide swift justice and closure to the families wronged without shortchanging a

system that has far too great an error rate. According to statistics from the Death Penalty Information Center ([deathpenalty-info.org](http://deathpenalty-info.org)), for every ten people executed in the United States, roughly one person has been exonerated or has had their capital sentence reduced because of innocence or a biased or botched trial. A friend put it to me this way, would you fly an airline that crashed 10% of the time?

### A Precarious Predicament

Imagine the 32 men and 1 woman on Kentucky death row as launched into a stream after given a death sentence. That stream passes through locks, their guaranteed appeals. Most are not diverted by this appeal and run out of locks along the stream. At this point, a decade or decades later, they reach the dam, which is execution. The way the system is supposed to work, they would then be sequentially killed by the state. The floodgate would open and another life would pass to the other side. Through a judicial block, opponents of the death penalty have gummed up the works—the floodgates will not operate and

executions cannot continue at present. This is a short-term success, but here is also the predicament. Behind the dam, the stream has become a massive lake of prisoners who have exhausted their appeals. Our Republican governor, Matt Bevin, and our Democrat attorney general, Andy Beshear, both support the death penalty. Kentucky has revised their execution protocols. The protocols have been challenged, but if the court dismisses the challenges, our trickle of executions will become a flood.

Voters need to mobilize to stop this catastrophe. The good news is that there is bipartisan support for abolition in the Kentucky legislature and an unprecedented level of support. In early 2018 signs looked good that an abolition bill could get through the judiciary committee and reach the House floor for a vote, which is a new and promising development. Unfortunately, the pension crisis distracted from every other issue and the abolition bill must wait until next session.

### What Can Be Done

Justice-minded citizens can join the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty ([kcadp.org](http://kcadp.org)). KCADP provides action alerts for upcoming executions and helps voters contact their legislators to support repeal of the death penalty. Many Louisville-area lawmakers are favorable to abolition, but they need to hear their constituents support. Donations to the coalition help us plan events to educate voters and legislators in far-flung districts of the Commonwealth. KCADP and the ACLU have brought people exonerated from death row to speak throughout Kentucky. KCADP has been an exhibitor for many years at the Kentucky State Fair. We connect with folks from across the Kentucky who agree that the death penalty needs to end. I hope you will join KCADP and look for us at the fair.



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## ERRATA

In Ira Grupper's article "Trump and Disability Rights," on page 7 of the May/June 2018 issue of FORsooth, an error was made by a FORsooth editor, which distorted the meaning of one statement in the article.

Ira's original words were:

"It took 1 ½ long years, with the help of many organizations and volunteer attorneys, before I prevailed. I retired from the job the company said I was too disabled to perform, with almost 24 years seniority...."

When editing the article, a FORsooth editor inserted the word "when" between the words "job" and "the." This change implied that the company had said that Ira could no longer do the job. In fact, the company did not say that. The point Ira was making is that he was actually performing the job that the company had said he was too disabled to perform, and that Ira continued to perform that job for almost 24 years, right up until the time that he retired.

FORsooth regrets this error in the editing process, and we sincerely apologize to Ira for it. We will strive to do better in the future.

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# AMERICANS WANT STRICTER GUN CONTROL

by **Jim Johnson and John Wilborn**

As Scott Jennings points out in his February 28, 2018 Courier-Journal op-ed, Americans want stiffer gun control laws. Jennings then states “But what kind [of gun control laws people want] is difficult to foresee in a nation whose voters fiercely protect—as they should—their constitutional right to keep and bear arms.”

What kind of gun control laws do people want? Although we applaud Jennings’ call to ban bump stocks, standardize the purchase age and improve background checks, it is clear that most Americans want much stronger gun control laws. “A number of polls, including a new POLITICO/Morning Consult poll, show support for stricter gun laws among registered voters at 68 percent, compared with just 25 percent who oppose stricter gun laws,” according to Steven Shepard [“Gun Control Support Surges in

Polls.” POLITICO/Morning Consult Poll, 28 Feb. 2018, www.politico.com].

Jennings’s statement demonstrates determination to promote the second amendment and protect the right of gun enthusiasts when the research clearly shows most Americans want stricter gun control laws. First, knowing the kind of gun control laws people want enacted is not difficult to foresee. The same POLITICO/Morning Consult poll evidenced the fact that 84% of Americans support preventing sales of firearms to people who have been convicted of violent misdemeanors. While 82% support increasing the age limit to 21 to purchase an assault-style weapon, 81% support requiring those purchasers of all firearms to be at least 21. Some 78% of Americans want to create a national database with information about each gun sale as well as supporting a three-day waiting period for all gun purchases. About 77%

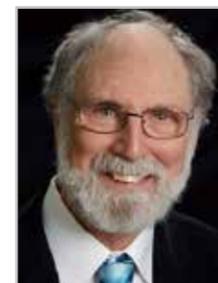
support a ban on bump stocks. In addition, 82% support making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks. Some 70% support banning high-capacity magazines while 68% support banning assault-style weapons altogether. The kinds of gun control laws Americans want is well known.

Second, Jennings refers back to the Second Amendment which established the right to keep and bear arms, as if it is a sacred proclamation, to justify support for gun control laws that are only marginally improved. Actually, the Second Amendment supports a concept whose time has come and gone. That amendment was passed in 1791 when there was no standing army or organized militia. Defense of the country depended on civilians and their access to fire arms. Today the U.S. boasts of the best trained and best equipped military on the planet, as well as a well-trained National Guard. The U.S. defense no longer depends on armed, untrained civilians.

The Second Amendment was passed during a time when the Wellington single shot rifle and the primitive Howitzer were the most lethal weapons on the planet. Today the Second Amendment protects the right of civilians to purchase military style assault rifles. The AR-15, used in Parkland and other mass shootings, can be fitted with a box magazine which allows a gunman to fire more than a hundred rounds in minutes. Currently the Second Amendment is no longer needed to support a citizens’ militia. The Second Amendment was not considered ignored during those seven years of the Clinton administration when sales of assault style military weapons were banned. The Second Amendment is now used to allow civilians to purchase weapons that are designed to kill large numbers of humans in a very short time. We ask, why do civilians

need to kill large numbers of Americans? If that is not their intent, then what is the purpose of purchasing automatic and semi-automatic weapons?

Even though Jennings comes to the table late—over thirty thousand American die each year because of anemic U.S. gun laws—we applaud his call to ban bump stocks, standardize the purchase age and improve background checks. The research conducted by the POLITICO/Morning Consult poll evidenced the fact that most Americans want much stricter gun control laws—as they should. Please contact your state and federal legislators and demand that government pass gun control laws similar to the laws supported by the POLITICO/Morning Consult poll. The battle is not over.



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A young woman in Minneapolis protests for stricter gun control. Many Americans participated in similar March for Our Lives rallies throughout the United States on March 24, 2018. Photo credit: Fibonacci Blue (Creative Commons ShareAlike License).

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## INTERFAITH

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some opt for syncretistic religious blends, others for forms of New Age spirituality, and still others for indigenous religions that have origins in Africa and elsewhere. And then there are those who opt out of religion entirely, because they are atheists. Rather than talking too generally about the “nones,” for the rest of the article I want to focus on one subset within this group: secular humanists.

Because secular humanists are atheists, you might question right away if interfaith is the right space for them. (“Interfaith? But they don’t have a faith!”) While “faith” may not be the best word to describe their commitment, secular humanists are more than just skeptics. Secular humanism is a life-stance with established beliefs, values, and principles, among which are a privileging of critical thinking and the powerful agency of human beings. Secular humanists are also deeply committed to improving the living conditions of the natural world, because they believe that this world—however humans choose to shape it—is the only one we have. The urgency of making life better in the here-and-now drives many secular humanists to advocate for the envi-

ronment, protest social injustice, and serve their community. Some of these humanists want to work with people of faith who care deeply about the same things.

This may be hard to believe if your understanding of atheists is limited to antagonistic personalities like Richard Dawkins. But not all secular humanists demonstrate or support hostility toward religion. Atheism does not equal anti-theism. Many secular humanists are more like Chris Stedman, author of *Faithist*. Stedman models a growing type of atheism that engages religious persons with a sincere desire for mutual understanding. He and other like-minded secular humanists recognize that such an understanding requires being willing to hear how religious beliefs support the lives and good works of others.

Perhaps now you are wondering what you can do to reach out to the secular humanists in your community. This is great because your leadership is needed! Interfaith remains overwhelmingly in the hands of traditional religious institutions and the movement of those at the center is instrumental to making room for others at the table. If you’re the imam, priest, pastor, or some other religious leader—and interfaith is on your agenda—then I ask that you

give the expansion I have described some thought. If you are involved in groups like Interfaith Paths to Peace or Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light, then consider how your organization might engage secular humanists in Louisville. One way to start is to contact Unitarian Universalist communities like Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, which is “Freethinker Friendly” and has some secular humanists among their membership. Contact them and ask if they’d be willing to join you at the next interfaith event or service project.

Some secular humanist organizations, like chapters of the American Humanist Association, may say no, but you should also consider the many individual secular humanists—you may know some personally—that do not belong to such groups. Except a few friends who share their beliefs, they lack a more formal community. These humanists may be open to joining people of faith in interfaith settings, especially when cooperative service is emphasized. One concrete way to reach out to them, either

in person or through your literature, is to acknowledge atheists as potential interfaith partners. Expanding your language to include “people of goodwill” or “common virtues” can be the start of letting secular humanists know they are welcome too.



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# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

## The 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Assassination of MLK

by Gracie Lewis

On April 3, 2018, Charlene Hampton Holloway and I journeyed to Memphis, Tennessee to participate in events commemorating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., including the I AM 2018 Mountaintop Speech Commemoration, the I AM 2018 Rally and March, and the MLK50 Day of Remembrance. The events afforded us an opportunity to contemplate past civil rights achievements, reflect on the progress that has been made, and receive renewed motivation for the work that still needs to be done. King's voice still resonates, 50 years after his death.

On April 4, 2018, at the I AM 2018 Rally and March, Maurice Spivey, a City of Memphis sanitation worker, stated that "the sanitation workers in 1968 not only changed the history of Memphis, it [sic] changed the history of the world." On February 1, 1968, two garbage collectors, Echol Cole and Robert Walker, were crushed to death by a truck's malfunctioning compactor; Rev. James Lawson invited King to Memphis on behalf of sanitation workers striking for fairer treatment. King, who had just launched the Poor People's Campaign, tried to lead a peaceful march in Memphis on March 28, but it turned violent as a small group of protestors broke windows. In response, police wielded mace, tear gas, nightsticks and gunfire.

On April 3, 1968, King returned to Memphis for another march in support of the sanitation workers' strike. He showed solidarity for their cause under the banner "I Am A Man". He knew he could not address the issues of racism without calling for economic justice and better working conditions for all. On that night, King delivered his prophetic "Mountaintop" speech at the historic Mason Temple, the world headquarters of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC). Woefully, within the next 24 hours, King was slain.

Fifty years later, at Mason Temple, we stood with a crowd of 7,500 people attending the I AM 2018 Mountaintop Speech Commemoration, sponsored by the American Federation of State and County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1733. The event was broadcast live to two thousand other people at the Temple of Deliverance, Church of God in Christ, formerly pastored by Bishop G.E. Patterson.

Mason Temple is sacred not solely because it is a church but because it is where King – who spent his life trying to persuade America to live up to Christian principles of peace and brotherhood – made what would be his final speech. "I don't know what would happen now," King said that night. "We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now because I've been to the mountaintop. And, I don't

mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place, but I am not concerned about that now, I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promise land. I may not get there with you, But I want you to know that we as a people will get to the promise land."

Speakers at the I AM 2018 event included AFSCME President Lee Saunders, Rev. Dr. Bernice King, Martin Luther King, III, Paul Chavez (son of Caesar Chavez), Ambassador Andrew Young, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rev. Al Sharpton, and Presiding Bishop Charles Blake, Sr. of West Los Angeles Church of God in Christ. During the event, Karen Clark Sheard, gospel singer and songwriter, sang one of Dr. King's favorites, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and Common sang, "Glory."

AFSME President Saunders said, "We must continue to struggle, sacrifice and



Crowds gather for a rally and march to honor King's legacy, carrying signs bearing the "I AM A MAN" slogan Memphis sanitation workers used 50 years ago (April 4, 2018). Photo Credit: Kilen Gray

mobilize. I AM 2018 isn't just a commemoration, it's a call to action to fight poverty...for today...tomorrow. State by state...neighborhood by neighborhood. It is a call to advance civil rights, labor rights and human rights. It's the call of action to reach that Promise Land."

Rev. Dr. Bernice King asked her brother, Martin Luther King III, to join her as she (see MARTIN LUTHER KING, page 6)

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Time	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Time
12:00 AM	MUSIC	Ralph Nader Radio Hour	Sustainability Now!	RetroForward	Black Agenda Radio	Critical Thinking for Everyone!	He Said, She Said	00:00
12:30 AM								00:30
1:00 AM	Rockabilly N Blues Radio Hour							01:00
1:30 AM								01:30
2:00 AM	The Sonic Cafe	Thom Hartmann Show	RFN Weekend (classic rock/EZ listening)	02:00				
2:30 AM								02:30
3:00 AM	Song of the Soul						What's The Frequency, Kenneth?	03:00
3:30 AM								03:30
4:00 AM							Alternative Radio	04:00
4:30 AM	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault		04:30
5:00 AM							Spirit in Action	05:00
5:30 AM								05:30
6:00 AM	Radio EcoShock	Kite Line - Prison Issues	Le Show with Harry Shearer	Foundations	What's The Frequency, Kenneth?	Between The Lines	This Way Out	06:00
6:30 AM		Sprouts				CounterSpin	Making Contact	06:30
7:00 AM	MUSIC	On The Edge w/K.A. Owens	From Classroom to Newsroom	Lets Get Trashy	Reach Out In The Darkness	Single Payer	Sea Change Radio	07:00
7:30 AM		Informativo Pacifica					Citizens' Climate Radio	07:30
8:00 AM	Project Censored	Depth N Weight	Foundations	Sprouts *	Ethics Forward	Clearing The FOG		08:00
8:30 AM				Informativo Pacifica			F.O.R. Grooves & Grips	08:30
9:00 AM	The Human Factor	The Sonic Cafe	Urban Voices	Reach Out In The Darkness	Single Payer	The Human Factor		09:00
9:30 AM								09:30
10:00 AM	Spirit in Action	From Classroom to Newsroom	Sustainability Now!	Ethics Forward	Clearing The FOG	Black Agenda Radio		10:00
10:30 AM							Brunch with Black Folks	10:30
11:00 AM	Ralph Nader Radio Hour	Le Show with Harry Shearer	Lets Get Trashy	Black Agenda Radio	Access Hour	Critical Thinking for Everyone!		11:00
11:30 AM							Underground with Shrugs	11:30
12:00 PM	On The Edge w/K.A. Owens	Sea Change Radio	Radio EcoShock	Alternative Radio	This Way Out	He Said, She Said		12:00
12:30 PM	Informativo Pacifica	Citizens' Climate Radio			Making Contact			12:30
1:00 PM	Between The Lines	MUSIC *	Law & Disorder	Project Censored	The Human Factor	Spirit in Action	Urban Voices	13:00
1:30 PM	CounterSpin							13:30
2:00 PM	Depth N Weight	Urban Voices	Depth N Weight	Access Hour	RetroForward	Citizens' Climate Radio	Platinum Sounds	14:00
2:30 PM						Making Contact	On The Edge w/K.A. Owens	14:30
3:00 PM	From Classroom to Newsroom	Letters & Politics	Letters & Politics	Letters & Politics	Letters & Politics	Access Hour	He Said, She Said	15:00
3:30 PM								15:30
4:00 PM	Kite Line - Prison Issues	Democracy Now	Black Agenda Radio	16:00				
4:30 PM	Sprouts							16:30
5:00 PM	Song of the Soul	Foundations	Reach Out In The Darkness	Single Payer	Critical Thinking for Everyone!	Ralph Nader Radio Hour	Law & Disorder	17:00
5:30 PM								17:30
6:00 PM	RetroForward	Sustainability Now!	Ethics Forward	Clearing The FOG	Law & Disorder	Kite Line - Prison Issues	Rockabilly N Blues Radio Hour	18:00
6:30 PM						Sprouts		18:30
7:00 PM		Lets Get Trashy	Black Agenda Radio *	Informativo Pacifica	Radio EcoShock	Project Censored	Song of the Soul	19:00
7:30 PM	RFN Weekend (classic rock/EZ listening)			Making Contact				19:30
8:00 PM		Rising Up With Sonali	MUSIC	20:00				
8:30 PM								20:30
9:00 PM	Le Show with Harry Shearer	The David Pakman Show	Between The Lines	21:00				
9:30 PM	Sea Change Radio						CounterSpin	21:30
10:00 PM	This Way Out	Democracy Now	MUSIC	22:00				
10:30 PM								22:30
11:00 PM	Best of The Attitude	The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen	What's The Frequency, Kenneth?	23:00				
11:30 PM	with Arnie Arnesen							23:30

\* Veterans For Peace Radio Hour airs monthly on the last Mon 1pm, Tue 7pm, and Wed 8am.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING (continued from page 5)

spoke. She stated that her father had told their grandmother the title of a sermon he would have given on Sunday, April 7: “America May Go to Hell.” “As I look at the landscape of our world today, America may still go to hell,” she said. “It’s time for America to repent because we have not in 50 years dealt with as Daddy challenged us to deal with the last vestiges of racism.”

America, she said, must repent because, “Daddy challenged us to deal with a second evil, poverty, which we have refused to confront in this nation.” She thanked Rev. Dr. William Barber for resurrecting the Poor People’s Campaign. “We have to repent because of a third issue my father identified, called militarism, which has robbed us of the necessary resources to address the social injustices and the social ills and the social discrepancies in our nation.”

After hugging his sister, King III took the pulpit, asking his daughter and wife to join him. He noted that he was standing where his father stood the night before he was killed. He recalled how he said, “Dad, don’t go,” and Dr. King replied, “Don’t worry son, I’ll be back.”

Though emotional, King III said he was also excited by the potential of his father’s dream being realized. He praised Black Lives Matter activists, crusaders of the #MeToo movement, and those standing with the Parkland students, for continuing his father’s fight. “I feel hopeful because God didn’t bring us this far to leave us.”

He recalled his daughter’s word at the March for Our Lives rally in March 2018. He said he didn’t tell 9-year-old Yolanda Renee King what to say, noting that, two

years ago, she asked then President Barack Obama, “What are we gonna do about these guns?”

Rev. Jackson challenged the audience to uphold Martin Luther King Jr.’s vision, “Stop the violence. Save the children. Keep hope alive.”

Ambassador Young, who was on the balcony with King when he was killed, said that King’s message can still move the nation forward to confront continuing injustices.

The following morning, April 4, outside the union headquarters of AFSCME Local 1733, a banner hung high above the stage, reading “#I AM 2018,” referencing the “I AM A MAN” slogan Memphis sanitation workers used 50 years ago. Crowds gathered for a rally and march to honor King’s legacy, and to celebrate the workers for whom he marched. Of the 1,300 workers who went on strike in 1968, two are still working, Cleophus Smith and Elmore Nickleberry. For Smith, it was important to commemorate King’s death by marching a mile and a half. Dressed neatly in a tweed jacket, blue tie and polished brown leather shoes, the 75-year-old Smith refused to ride in a golf cart. For him, “I AM A MAN” was more than a slogan.

At the 2018 rally, spearheaded by Local 1733, Mason Temple and the NAACP, were union representatives from across the country, including Mr. Saunders and Richard Trumka, President of the AFL-CIO, who testified to King’s legacy and of the need to rebuild and protect a robust union movement. Speakers, including Vanita Gupta, President of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, challenged listeners to push for justice and equality as King would have done.

Congressional representatives Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) and Barbara Lee (D-CA) spoke about, “Equal access to education, immigration reform, voting rights, and other measures that strengthen the economy and ensure every opportunity includes diversity and inclusion.” Bernie Sanders linked King’s labors to modern fights for universal healthcare, a living wage and environmental justice. Tom Perez, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, stated, “As we celebrate his life, let us recommit ourselves to his vision of equality, opportunity, and justice for all people – no matter what they look like, where they come from, who they love, or how they pray.”

Rev. Dr. William Barber spoke on behalf of the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, demanding equal pay and humane working conditions for laborers. “Nothing could be more tragic than for us to turn back now. We don’t need another remembrance; what we need is a moral revival.” He went on to say, “The Voting Rights Act has been gutted and for 1,745 days, Congress has done nothing to fix it. Twenty-three states have passed racist, voting right laws. We have 140 million Americans living in poverty. In Memphis, Tennessee we have 20% of the people living below the poverty line and the governor has passed voter suppression laws. We have in this country 37 million people without health care. Corporations are treated like people, while people are treated like things. You can buy unleaded gas in Detroit, but you can’t buy unleaded water!”

Barber stated that the organizers of the Poor People’s Campaign are planning 40 days of marches, sit-ins and other peaceful protests, starting May 14. “We are demanding major changes to address systemic racism, poverty, and militarism; implementation of federal and state living wage laws, universal health care and clean water for all.”

Clergy, union members and other activists will take part in events in about 30 states, targeting Congress and state legislatures. On June 23, organizers have planned a large rally in Washington—similar to what King envisioned for his original 1968 Poor People’s Campaign. “This first 40 days is not the end, it’s the launch,” said Barber. “You will see simultaneous moral training of people to prepare for a season of massive voter mobilization.”

When the Rev. Al Sharpton took the stage, he chanted “No Justice!” as the crowd shouted back “No Peace!” Sharpton said one reason for the rally was the ongoing lack of economic equality in Memphis.

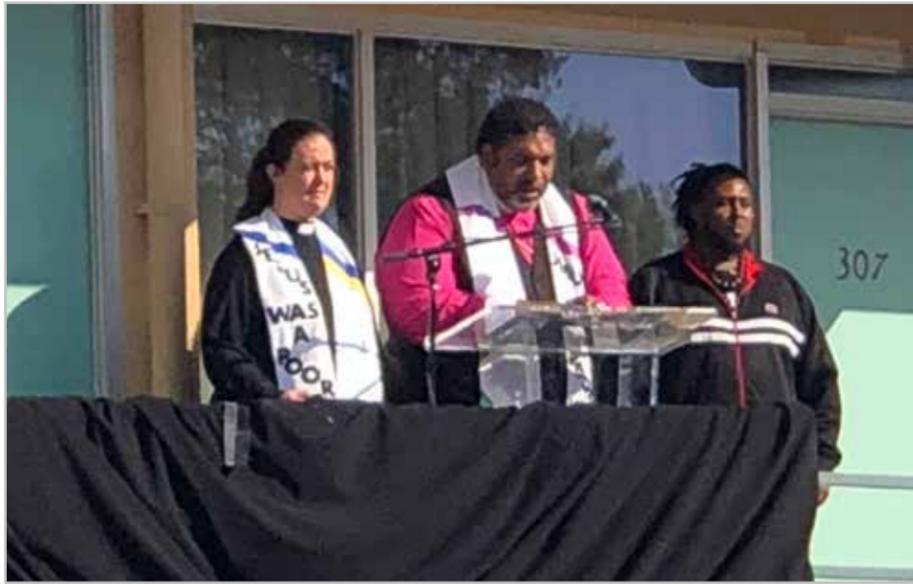
The rally concluded with a march from AFSCME headquarters to Mason Temple. The route paid homage to both King and the sanitation workers. Memphis police estimated as many as 10,000 people marched over 25 blocks, singing civil rights songs and shouting “This is what democracy looks like.” Some of the participants carried the “I AM A MAN” signs and messages like “Fight Poverty” and “We got nothing to lose but our chains.” Among those on the front line were Martin Luther King III and Presiding Bishop Charles Blake, Sr.

The MLK50 Day of Remembrance, held at the National Civil Rights Museum, formerly the Lorraine Motel where Dr. King was assassinated, included reflections, performances, excerpts from King’s speeches, and ecumenical presentations. It culminated in an international moment of reflection and ceremonial bell tolling at 6:01 p.m., the time when the fatal shot was fired. The bell rang 39 times to represent each year of his all too short life.

The event concluded with an Evening of Storytelling, addressing the MLK50 theme, “Where Do We Go From Here?” The purpose of the Evening of Storytelling, hosted by Former MSNBC anchor Tamron Hall, was to draw motivation from the past and present vanguard of the ongoing fight for the rights of American citizens and to call people to get involved.

As we got on the road to come back to Louisville, we were reminded to stand together to reaffirm our commitment to justice. We will never quit, nor will we forget our time in Memphis!

For more information visit [iam2018.org](http://iam2018.org) and [mlk50.civilrightsmuseum.org](http://mlk50.civilrightsmuseum.org)



Rev. Dr. William Barber of the Poor People’s Campaign calls for a moral revival, speaking from the balcony of the Lorraine Motel where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated.

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Children gather outside the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel bearing signs that read “We are the future.” These girls attend MLK50 events and proclaim they have a dream, as Martin Luther King did, of living in “a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.” Photo Credit: Kilen Gray

### How Are We Doing?

What do you think about this issue of FORsooth? Do you have any ideas of how we can improve? Is there something you want to see more of? Let us know!

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Thousands of Palestinians assemble along the Gaza-Israel border to reaffirm the 'Right of Return' (March 30, 2018).

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## ISRAEL SHOOTS GANDHI (continued from page 1)

to withdraw Israeli forces from within Gaza, seal the territory off from the outside world, and simply shoot anyone who tries to break out."

The Israeli said in an interview in the Jerusalem Post on November 11, 2004, "When 2.5 million people live in a closed-off Gaza, it's going to be a human catastrophe. Those people will become even bigger animals than they are today.... The pressure at the border will be awful. It's going to be a terrible war. So, if we want to remain alive, we will have to kill and kill and kill. All day, every day."

And the United Nations reports that, because of Israel's repeated bombing of Gaza's water infrastructure, Gaza will become uninhabitable by the year 2020.

So, Israel seals off Gaza, destroys its water supply, shoots anyone who tries to leave, and says, "We have enough bullets for everyone." That is exactly genocide.

Anyone who needs more convincing should read, "The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine," in which Israeli scholar Ilan Pappé explains Israel's strategy of "slow genocide" against the Palestinians.

Or just remember when Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir famously said, "There is no Palestinian people." In her mind, Israel had already eliminated them. Intent is an important part of the definition of genocide. It is abundantly clear that Israel has always intended to eliminate the Palestinians as a people, from 1948 onward. It has never wavered from that goal.

What we see in the Gaza protests is prisoners in the world's largest concentration camp, who are being subjected to slow genocide, who organize a nonviolent protest

in which they walk up to a fence and try to pass through it to escape extermination. And Israel guns them down, while bragging, "We have enough bullets for everyone."

The only reason they have enough bullets is because American taxpayers are giving them an endless supply.

Gandhi would be proud of the Palestinians. He would be ashamed of any American taxpayer who has read this and does not pick up the phone at the next opportunity and call their members of congress and ask them to cut off all aid to Israel immediately.

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202-224-2541

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Senator Rand Paul: 202-224-4343  
Bowling Green office: 270-782-8303

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## MARCHERS WELCOME IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES



Supporters of the Interfaith Coalition on Immigrant Rights march in Louisville's St. Patrick's Day Parade (March 10, 2018). Photo Credit: Cathy Ford

## Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

- AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE—Third Friday at noon at Sullivan University, www.au.org. Contact Paul Simmons at 608-7517, pdsimmons14@gmail.com.
- AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL—Contact Sharon at 637-8951
- APPAP [American Palestine Public Affairs Forum]—www.appap.org, 664-2761
- AUDUBON SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY—www.audubonsocietyofky.org
- BECKHAM BIRD CLUB—2nd Saturday, 7PM, www.beckhambirds.org
- BLACK LIVES MATTER—Every Sunday, 3PM, 3208 W. Broadway, chelm416@gmail.com
- BREAD FOR THE WORLD—Last Monday every other month, 239-4317
- CAPA [Citizens Against Police Abuse]—2nd Thursday, 778-8130. Meet at Braden Center, 3208 W. Broadway
- CART [Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation]—3rd Wednesday, Union Station, TARC Board Room
- CEDAW [Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women]—2nd Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Bon Air Library, rosieblue1941@gmail.com
- 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. www.commoncause.org/ky
- COMMUNITY COALITION ON THE HEALTHY HOMETOWN—Every Monday, 5:30PM, 574-6209
- COMMUNITY FARM ALLIANCE OF KENTUCKY—(859)351-4508, cfaky.org
- COUNTER RECRUITMENT, "Aim Higher"—1st Sunday, 7PM, 899-4119
- EARTHSAVE POTLUCK—2nd Saturday, 6PM, 299-2520, www.LouisvilleEarthSave.org
- EVOLVE [Electric Vehicle Owners of Louisville]—Join us on facebook, stuartungar@icloud.com
- FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN—Quarterly community dialogues and volunteer opportunities, 893-0788
- FDR/LINCOLN LEGACY CLUB—1st Thursday, papajohn15@bellsouth.net
- FOR [Fellowship of Reconciliation]—2nd Thursday, at 7:30PM, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Nelson Hall, www.louisvilleFOR.org, 609-7985 or 899-4119
- 15 THOUSAND FARMERS—15th day each month, www.15thousandfarmers.com
- FOOD IN NEIGHBORHOODS COMMUNITY COALITION—2nd Tuesday, 6:30PM, 819-2957
- FORWARD RADIO PROJECT—296-1793, see page 5 for more info
- FRIENDS FOR HOPE—Support Group for Adult Cancer Survivors, 4th Wednesday, 6:30PM, 451-9600
- FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF LOUISVILLE—2nd Tuesday, 893-8436
- GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB—3rd Tuesday, 7PM, 644-0659
- GREEN CONVENE—2nd Tuesday, 6:30PM, www.greenconvene.org
- HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ADVOCACY BOARD—1st Monday, 9AM, 574-3631
- HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT BOARD—1st Monday, 9:30AM, 574-3631
- HUMANISTS OF METRO LOUISVILLE—2nd Monday, 7PM, 896-4853
- INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE—3rd Wednesday, every other month, 214-7322
- IRFI [Islamic Research Foundation International]—Sundays at 6PM, 423-1988
- JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE—3rd Wednesday, 7PM, 553-6451, barbaraberman2@gmail.com
- JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER—www.louisvillejrc.org, 774-8624
- KENTUCKIANS FOR SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE—1st and 3rd Thursday, 5:30PM, Board Room in the Mezzanine of the Main Public Library, www.kyhealthcare.org, 636-1551
- KFTC [Kentuckians for the Commonwealth]—2nd Monday, 589-3188
- KTAG [Kentuckiana Taskforce Against Genocide]—www.facebook.com/KYAgainstGenocide, 553-6172
- KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION—1st Tuesday, 6:30PM, 778-8130
- KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY—www.kcadp.org, 636-1330
- KITLAC [KY Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America & The Caribbean]—kitlac@mailforce.net, 435-3265
- KRCRC [KY Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice]—www.krcrc.org, (866)606-0988
- KY WATERSHED WATCH—Volunteer water quality monitoring and training around the state every month. Call 1-800-928-0045
- LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS—3rd Monday, Sept-May, www.lwvlouisville.org, 895-5218
- LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES—3rd Sunday, 451-5658
- LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST (LCPME)—First Monday, 7PM, 264-2437
- LOUISVILLE FORUM—2nd Wednesday, Noon, www.louisvilleforum.org, 329-0111
- LPAC [Louisville Peace Action Community]—www.louisvillepeace.org, 456-6914
- LOUISVILLE SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (LSURJ)—Monthly meetings for learning and action, 558-7556
- LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH—Meditation every Sunday, 473-8435
- LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP—Friday nights, 587-7755, www.louisvilleyouthgroup.com
- LOUISVILLIANS IN FAVOR OF EQUALITY (LIFE)—4th Sunday, 384-3875
- 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
- MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE—(571)278-2255, www.momsdemandaction.org
- MUHAMMAD ALI INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE—U of L, 852-6372
- NAACP [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People]—3rd Monday, 776-7608
- NAMI [National Alliance for the Mentally Ill]—588-2008, www.namilouisville.org
- NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK, LOUISVILLE METRO CHAPTER—4th Sunday, 5PM, 778-8624 or (470)362-0317
- PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG)—233-1323, www.pflaglouisville.org
- PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAM—www.peaceeducationprogram.org, 589-6583
- RESULTS (a hunger lobby)—2nd Saturday, 451-4907
- SICKLE CELL ASSOCIATION—3rd Saturday, 569-2070
- SIERRA CLUB INNER CITY OUTINGS—2nd Thursday, 7:30PM, 558-0073
- LOUISVILLE SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE—Learning, support and action, 558-7556.
- SOCIAL CHANGE BOOK CLUB—3rd Monday, www.greenlistlouisville.com
- SOWERS OF JUSTICE NETWORK—www.sowersofjusticenetwork.org, sowersofjusticenetwork@gmail.com
- STAND UP SUNDAY/STAND UP LOUISVILLE—Every Sunday, 3PM, 3208 W. Broadway, chelm416@gmail.com
- URBAN LEAGUE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS—2nd Monday, 6PM, 561-6830
- VETERANS FOR PEACE, Louisville Chapter 168—500-6915, CRawertTrainer@twc.com
- 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 emailing calendar.peace@gmail.com

# CALENDAR FOR PEACEMAKERS - JULY/AUG 2018

Meeting times are subject to change for some of these events. Before attending these events, it's best to contact the sponsoring organization to verify the time and place of the event. Please e-mail us information about your peace and justice events to [calendar.peace@gmail.com](mailto:calendar.peace@gmail.com)

Jul 1 to Aug 31 » **SACK LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS.** Wayside Christian Mission. Open every day. Help us assemble sack lunches for men and women who are working and away from the Mission at mealtimes. Sack lunches are also used by our Good Samaritan Patrol. Visit <http://wcm1.weebly.com>

Jul 1 to Dec 30 » **AMERICA TO ZANZIBAR.** Muhammad Ali Center. Our family-friendly interactive exhibit explores the diversity of Muslim cultures in our community, country and the world. Experience art, architecture, travel, trade, design and more. Visit [www.alicenter.org](http://www.alicenter.org)

Jul 1 (Sun) » **COMMUNITY COMPOSTING.** UofL Belknap Campus. Every Sunday, Noon to 2PM. Help us turn trash to treasure. Haul home some rich compost for your garden. Dress to get dirty. Tools provided. Visit <http://louisville.edu/sustainability>

Jul 5 & Aug 2 (Thurs) » **KENTUCKY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE.** Every first & third Thursday, 5:30PM at Main Public Library. Call Kay Tillow 636-1551.

Jul 7 & Aug 4 (Sat) » **INTERFAITH SILENT MEDITATION.** Every first Saturday, 9:30AM. Brief meditation instruction and longer periods of silence, interspersed with opportunities for walking meditation. Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, the Barn at 1924 Newburg Road. Call 502-452-2749 for information. Visit <http://earthandspiritcenter.org>

Jul 7 (Sat) » **LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE.** Every Saturday morning. Also, other days and times. 26 farmers' markets from California neighborhood to Norton Commons. Visit <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/mayors-healthy-hometown-movement/services/healthy-eating>

Jul 7 (Sat) » **PRESERVE OUR URBAN FORESTS.** Olmstead Parks Conservancy. Almost every Saturday. Our tasks include invasive plant removal, mulching, painting or general park beautification in our various Olmstead parks and parkways. Gloves, tools and guidance provided. Be sure to sign-up before coming out. Visit <http://www.olmsteadparks.org>

Jul 7 (Sat) » **HELP BUILD A HOME.** Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville. Almost every Saturday. Work alongside our sweat-equity families. Ask about our non-construction opportunities too. Visit <https://louisvillehabitat.org>

Jul 7 (Sat) » **CANVASS NEIGHBORHOODS FOR FRESH FOOD.** Saturdays and Sundays. Join us any time. Fresh Stop Project volunteers take orders door to door for locally grown fruits and vegetables. Visit <http://newroots.org>

Jul 8 & Aug 5 (Sun) » **"AIM HIGHER"** focusing on military counter-recruitment. Every first Sunday at 7 PM. Discuss 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 or e-mail [FORnonviolence@gmail.com](mailto:FORnonviolence@gmail.com)

Jul 8 & Aug 12 (Sun) » **THE NONVIOLENT CITIES PROJECT.** Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service, every 2nd Sunday at 2:30PM. Help us spread and apply the principles of non-violent action here and now. Call 812-280-0665 or email [rodwsm@gmail.com](mailto:rodwsm@gmail.com) for more information

Jul 10 & Aug 14 (Tues) » **MOVIMENIENTO DE MUJERES LATINA -- LATINA WOMEN'S MOVEMENT,** La Casita Center, Every second Tuesday, 5:30PM. Network, mentor, find friends and share. Call 322-4036 for more information.

Jul 10 & Aug 14 (Tues) » **AMERICANA COMMUNITY CENTER,** 6pm, Volunteer orientation every 2nd Tuesday. Help bridge the gap for our refugee and immigrant neighbors. Visit <http://americanacc.org>

Jul 11 to 13 » **PEACECASTERS WORKSHOP.** Peace Education Program. Learn how to use Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and all social media to create positive change and affect our world. Our focus is on building communication skills and best practices for mutual respect. Visit <http://Peaceeducationprogram.org>

Jul 11 & Aug 1 (Wed) » **VOLUNTEER FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES** Catholic Charities, 5:30PM. First Wednesday every month. Learn more about our refugee & immigration settlement program and family assistance efforts. Visit <http://cclou.org>

Jul 11 & Aug 1 (Wed) » **THE LOUISVILLE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM.** Every first Wednesday. Sustainability and relationships that create a community for change. Bring your lunch. Noon to 1:45PM, Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, the Barn at 1924 Newburg Road.

Jul 11 & Aug 8 (Wed) » **Y-NOW CHILDREN OF PRISONERS MENTORING.** Luncheon at YMCA Safe Place. 2nd Wednesday each month. Learn how you can help break the cycle through mentoring and encouragement. RSVP to 635-5233.

Jul 11 & Aug 8 (Wed) » **LOUISVILLE FORUM.** Noon at Vincenzo's Downtown. Every 2nd Wednesday. Speakers on current public issues. Non-partisan discussion. For details, call 329-0111.

Jul 11 & Aug 8 (Wed) » **COMPASSIONATE LOUISVILLE.** Noon. Meeting locations rotate. Help monitor the progress of Metro Louisville ten-year campaign for compassion. Visit <http://compassionatelouisville.weebly.com> for more information.

Jul 13 & Aug 10 (Fri) » **A GLIMPSE OF ETERNITY.** The Louisville Astronomical Society at dusk in Tom Sawyer Park. Every 2nd Friday weather permitting. Look through telescopes at planets, our moon, stars, double stars, the Orion nebula, and other wonders. Visit [.louisville-astro-org](http://louisville-astro-org)

Jul 14 & Aug 11 (Sat) » **EARTHSAVE OF LOUISVILLE.** Crescent Hill Ministries, 6PM to 8PM. Every 2nd Saturday. Discuss healthy food and behavior change. Bring a plant-based dish and share your recipe. Mix, mingle, music. Call 299-9520 for more information.

Jul 14 & Aug 11 (Sat) » **CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY.** Main Public Library, Noon. Every 2nd Saturday. Help plan efforts to lobby for state legislation to combat climate change. For more contact Jean at [jmchri@gmail.com](mailto:jmchri@gmail.com) or call 502 634-3114.

Jul 15 & Aug 15 » **GROWING FOOD AND COMMUNITY.** 15 Thousand Farmers at Dismas Charities St. Ann's on Algonquin Pkwy, the 15th of every month. Share ideas and experiences about growing your own food. Taste samples. Visit [www.15thousandfarmers.com](http://www.15thousandfarmers.com)

Jul 18 & Aug 15 (Wed) » **JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE.** Highlands-Shelby Park Public Library. Every third Wednesday. Help us plan for future and assess our accomplishments. Call 502-553-6451 or e-mail [barbaraberman2@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraberman2@gmail.com)

Jul 19 & Aug 16 (Thurs) » **CHAT WITH POLICE.** 6PM. Open dialogue with police officers. Meeting places rotate month to month. Visit <https://louisvilleky.gov/events>

Jul 19 & Aug 16 (Thurs) » **MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT & ADVOCACY.** NAMI Louisville every third Thursday at 3PM. Also Saturdays and Sundays. Support for families. Draw on years of experience. Visit [www.namilouisville.org](http://www.namilouisville.org)

Jul 19 & Aug 16 (Thurs) » **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN (CASA).** Orientation, Noon to 1PM. Learn how you can help defend the rights of abused and neglected children in our community. Call 595-4911 to RSVP

Jul 23 & Aug 27 (Mon) » **JEFFERSON COUNTY ECONOMIC JUSTICE TEAM.** Meeting at the Main Public Library. Every 4th Monday at 6:30PM. Help us organize and assess our local campaign for equitable development, affordable housing and healthcare, and participatory budgeting. Learn and share. Visit <https://www.kftc.org>

Jul 23 to 27 » **KONNICHIWA SUMMER.** World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana at Louisville Collegiate School. Give your child engaging and educational activities drawn from traditional and contemporary Japanese culture: including origami, basic Japanese, Kamishibai storytelling, calligraphy and writing, music, and cooking. Visit [www.worldkentucky.org](http://www.worldkentucky.org)

Jul 24 & Aug 21 (Tues) » **FREE NONPROFIT START-UP CLINIC.** Center for Nonprofit Excellence, 3PM. Every 4th Tuesday. Learn the fundamentals, avoid pitfalls, and find direction. Visit [www.cnpe.org](http://www.cnpe.org)

Jul 24 & Aug 21 (Tues) » **KENTUCKY REFUGEE MINISTRIES LUNCH & LEARN.** Noon. Learn more about our refugee & immigration settlement program and citizenship tutoring classes. Visit <http://kyrm.org>

**July 26 (Thurs) » DEADLINE TO RECEIVE CONTENT FOR THE SEPT. ISSUE OF FORsooth.** Email articles to [adamkhayat10@gmail.com](mailto:adamkhayat10@gmail.com). Please email new or updated calendar listings to [calendar.peace@gmail.com](mailto:calendar.peace@gmail.com).

Aug 6 (Mon) » **REAL PEOPLE, REAL CHALLENGES, REAL SOLUTIONS.** Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter, morning and evening sessions. One hour interactive tour of VOA's work and programs for self-determination. Call 636-4660 to RSVP.

Aug 12 (Sun) » **VIGIL FOR PEACE.** Louisville Peace Action Committee (LPAC) and Veterans for Peace Chapter 168, 4PM to 5PM. Every 2nd Sunday. Bardstown Rd. at Douglas Blvd. Bring a sign. Remember those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. For more information, call Harold Trainer, 502-419-4083.

**August 16 (Thurs) » FORsooth LABELING PARTY.** Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Winn Center. 6:30 PM. Every Third Thursday. We need volunteers! Many hands make light work, and the opposite is also true! So please join us if you can. Call 451-5658 for more information.

Aug 23 (Thurs) » **EVERY 1 READS TRAINING.** JCPS VanHoose Education Center, 4PM. Every 2nd Thursday. Join our community-wide effort to improve reading skills. Visit <https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/about/support/volunteer/every1reads/volunteer>.

**Aug 30 (Thurs) » DEADLINE TO RECEIVE CONTENT FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF FORsooth.** Email articles to [adamkhayat10@gmail.com](mailto:adamkhayat10@gmail.com). Please email new or updated calendar listings to [calendar.peace@gmail.com](mailto:calendar.peace@gmail.com).

**OUT OF TOWN**

Jul 2 & Aug 6 (Mon) » **KENTUCKY MIGRANT NETWORK COALITION.** Lexington KY at the Cardinal Valley Center, 12PM. Every first Monday. Get better acquainted with Kentucky's immigrant and refugee families. For more information, call 859-258-3824

Jul 5 to Aug 30 » **FAIRNESS MEETINGS.** ACLU of Kentucky. Help us promote LGBT Rights in Kentucky and join our meeting in Versailles, Georgetown, Frankfort, Bowling Green, Berea, and Shelbyville. Visit <http://www.aclu-ky.org>

Jul 5 (Thurs) » **INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE.** Lexington, KY at West Main and Broadway, 5:30PM to 6:30PM. Every Thursday. For more information, visit [www.peaceandjusticeky.org](http://www.peaceandjusticeky.org)

Aug 23 (Thurs) » **ORGANIC AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP.** KSU Research Farm, Frankfort, KY. Every third Thursday. Participate in efforts to develop local food economies with the Community Farm Alliance and others. Visit <https://kysu.edu/academics/cafsss/organic-agriculture-working-group/about-organic-agriculture-working-group/>

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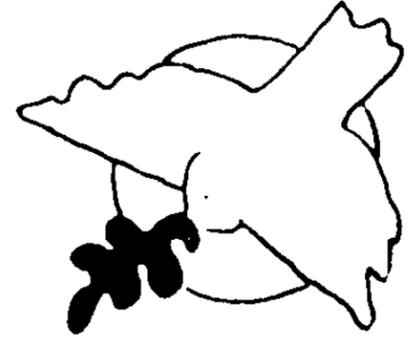
Jul 3 & Aug 7 (Tues) » **HOOR OF POWER BOOK DISCUSSIONS.** Newburg Public Library, every first Tuesday, 6:30 PM. Discuss books on personal efforts

Jul 5 (Thurs) » **CITIZENSHIP CLASS.** Iroquois Public Library, 11AM. Every Thursday. Instruction by Kentucky Refugee Ministries

Jul 7 (Sat) » **ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB.** Every Saturday at the Iroquois & Newburg Public Library Branches, 3PM. Also South Central on Mondays and Main Library on Wednesdays at 7PM.

Jul 11 & Aug 7 (Wed) » **MEETING OF THE MINDS.** Crescent Hill Public Library, 7PM. Discuss current topics with your friends and neighbors.

Aug 15 (Wed) » **GRANTSEEKING BASICS FOR WORTHY CAUSES.** Main Library, 1:30PM. Learn to research and find the right grant for your cause. Practice the essential elements of grant proposals.



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