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## School's never out for busy Peace Education Program

by George Morrison  
FORsooth editor

Material recently distributed by the Peace Education Program promoting the 23-year-old non-profit initiative to reduce militarism, prejudice and violence includes quotes from educators, church staff members and youth program administrators touting the program's effects on youth in the Louisville area.

One quote stands out, however, for its great distance in time and space from the others.

The Chinese philosopher Confucius may have lived about 2,500 years too early to see Peace Ed begin, but he chimes in with: "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."

The eclectic mix of quotes demonstrates what many who have worked with the Peace Education Program called a dual role in promoting peace around the world and in the neighborhoods of Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

When it began in 1982 – with the help of many members of FOR and other groups – Peace Ed was largely focused on countering the military, particularly the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps in the Jefferson County Public Schools, said Chris Harmer, a member of the Friends Meeting of Louisville, and a co-founder of the effort to start Peace Ed.

"We looked at finding ways to counter JROTC," he said. "It was much more of a counter recruitment concept than it grew to be."

Since then, Peace Ed has expanded to a broad agenda that considers bullying and bigotry in the schools to be problems as important as aggression by armies, Harmer and others said.

"It's morphed into something much better than we envisioned," said co-founder Paul Neumann, also a Friends Meeting member. "It's way past whatever Chris and I could have possibly have dreamt of."

Neumann said he doesn't separate "local" issues from "international" ones, explaining that the Peace Education Program erases the distinction.

"It's focusing on teaching local people how to deal in a peaceful way in their lives. I personally don't consider that to be a local issue," he said. "I consider it to be a local response to an international issue. It's like that old axiom 'Think globally, act locally.'"

Executive director Eileen Blanton said Peace Ed's linking of struggles for peace in the Middle East and Latin America with the hallways of area schools has included a "Children of War" tour in the late 1980s, which brought youth from countries at war to speak in area schools.

Other initiatives she cited include conflict resolution workshops for youth and adults who work with youth, prejudice eradication efforts and the forming of Youth for Peace, whose members formed after being inspired by the Children of War tour, Blanton said.

"They were going back to their high schools and sharing some of the skills that they learned in Youth for Peace," she said. "It was a city-wide, multicultural group of young



— photo by Eddie Davis

**Peace Education Program executive director Eileen Blanton, seated, is flanked by (from left) staff members or part time subcontractors Janene Shakir, Ashi Scott-Bey, Jackie Jones, Nicole Ward and Carrie Christensen.**

people who were leaders in the community.

"They were learning a lot about prejudice reduction, how to stop bullying, how to interrupt prejudicial slurs and remarks, how to de-escalate problems that go on across race and culture and class, how to look at homophobia."

Blanton said the walls of the public and Catholic schools where Peace Ed works on a contract basis with each school are by no means the boundaries of the program; it also has taught mediation and conflict resolution in Louisville public housing

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## The march is on again to defend the Voting Rights act

by Gracie Lewis

Once upon a time, all over the South, there were marching feet seeking to register and vote! Although there was "trouble in their way" they kept on marching to achieve the right to vote.

Today, 40 years later, there were sounds of 20,000 "marching feet" headed to the historic Morris Brown College campus to commemorate the struggle and to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act. It was a good feeling to be in Atlanta with those who joined U.S. Representative John Lewis, NAACP President Bruce Gordon, Rev. Jesse Jackson, and former Southern Christian Leadership Conference president Joseph Lowery.

I wanted to be there because it was this struggle that led to jobs, peace and freedom.

We must restore the right to vote for ex-felons. As Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson said, "Everybody's got a right to vote."

This day, August 6, marked the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Voting

Rights Act (VRA). Following passage of this bill in Congress, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the VRA to ensure that African Americans and other minorities had the right to vote and to prevent discriminatory and abusive practices such as the jailing, the bombing of homes and churches, and the day-to-day harassment of civil rights workers marching for freedom.

In August, 2007, certain key provisions of the Voting Rights Act are set to expire. For example, Section 5, which covered Jurisdiction, called for jurisdictions with histories of voter exclusion and disenfranchisement to get a pre-clearance from the Department of Justice in voting laws or procedures which will negatively impact minority voters in the electoral process.

Congressman John Lewis, D-Georgia, urged Congress to reauthorize the landmark Voting Rights Act, saying that failing to do so would imperil 40 years of progress for African-American voters. Lewis, who almost lost his life on "Bloody Sunday," March 7, 1965, said, "Our democracy

depends on protecting the right of every citizen to vote in every election. Most importantly we can't forget those who bled and died for your right to vote."

Lewis urged the participants forward with these final words, "Don't give up, don't give in. Keep the faith. Keep your eyes on the prize."

My cousin, Monita, brought her three grandchildren. She wanted them to experience "history in the making." The children were very excited about being there, and I have no doubt they will remember this occasion. They saw black and brown, young and old marching. They also heard the "I Have a Dream" speech presented by an eight-year old from Jacksonville, Mississippi.

The spirited rally got underway with

the awesome singing of "This Little Light of Mine" by the Rainbow/Push Coalition mass choir and the William Brothers singing "I Am a Living Testimony." The marchers filled the stadium as they carried signs saying "We're Not Going Back," and "Your Voice Is Your Vote." Cynthia McKinney spoke about the "strange fruit of injustice," ending her speech with "Give me life, liberty, and the right to vote."

Congresswoman Barbara Lee, D-California, said, "I would not be a congresswoman today had it not been for the blood, sweat and tears of those who marched before me. Lee reminded us that the last two elections were stolen and that we are in a war with no pull-out date. Congresswoman Maxine Waters said:

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# Civil rights Hall of Fame adds 14 who backed equality

Fourteen new inductees into Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame named July 29 include elected officials, religious leaders, performers and activists connected to the state with records of backing racial, gender, national origin, religious and disabled equality

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights inducted the 14 out of 60 nominees selected by people throughout the state

About 350 people attended the 2005 induction ceremony and civil rights celebration, which was held at the Kentucky State University in Frankfort, the commission said.

The inductees are:

- **Sister Lupe Arciniega of Nerinx, Kentucky**, an educator and an advocate of migrant farm workers and of new immigrants in getting housing, health care and fair living conditions.
- **Norbert Blume of Louisville**, a state representative in the 1960s who supported adoption of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act in 1966. This is the law that gives the Kentucky Commission on

Human Rights the power to enforce laws against discrimination.

- **Robert Coleman of Paducah**, the longest serving city commissioner (28 years) in Paducah history. He helped establish a full-time executive director position for the Paducah Human Rights Commission and is a longtime member of the Paducah NAACP.
- The late **Todd Duncan of Danville**, who broke racial barriers as a pioneering actor and singer. He created the role of Porgy in the classic play, Porgy and Bess. He was the first African American to perform in the New York City Opera in 1946. He worked to desegregate American theaters and encouraged other African Americans to pursue music as a career.
- The late **John Fee of Berea**. He founded Berea College in 1859 as one of the very first institutions that would teach both black and white students. He was an abolitionist who said slavery and racism were sinful.
- **Senator Walter “Dee” Huddleston of Elizabethtown**, U.S. Senator from 1973

to 1985 who spent his career championing rights for minorities, women and the disabled. He urged restaurants and churches to accept all races, co-sponsored an Open Housing law as a state senator and led efforts in Kentucky to pass the Equal Rights Amendment.

- **Cass Irvin of Louisville, a Disability Rights Advocate who helped the 1984 General Assembly to create the Personal Care Attendant Program for people with disabilities.**
- **John Johnson of Baltimore, Md.** and formerly of Louisville, the chief programs officer for the National NAACP. He is a past president of the Franklin-Simpson County NAACP. He previously worked for the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights and the Louisville and Jefferson County Human Relations Commission.
- **Dr. Joseph McMillan of Louisville**, a former board member of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, past president of the Louisville Urban League, a former chairperson of the Louisville/Jefferson County Human Relations Commission and former chair of the Kentucky Rainbow Coalition.
- The late **Doctor Maurice Rabb of Louisville**, the first black physician accepted for membership into the Jefferson County Medical Society. He was vice president of the NAACP in Louisville. He fought against segregation and for the hiring and promotion of African Americans. He was a member of the Louisville Human Relations Commission.
- The late **Governor Augustus Stanley of Shelbyville**, who was elected governor in 1915. He was an advocate for women’s rights and the Worker’s Compensation Act. During his tenure as governor, he increased funding for what were then called Negro Schools and opposed the Ku Klux Klan. He also came to the

rescue of an African American man who was wanted by a lynch mob in 1917.

- **Harry Sykes of Lexington**. In 1963, he became the first African American elected to the Lexington City Council where he served four terms and was Mayor Pro Tem in 1967. He was acting chief administrative officer of Lexington from 1974 to 1975. He played professional basketball with the Harlem Globetrotters from 1952 to 1954 and has served on many boards, including the Lexington Urban League.
- **Beverly Watts of Louisville**, executive director of the National Fair Housing Training Academy in Washington, D.C. She was the executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights from 1992 to 2004, where she worked to end discrimination on many fronts. She established the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame and other civil rights education and outreach programs. She pushed for the expansion of local human rights commissions in Kentucky to help stop discrimination.
- The late **Carter Woodson of Berea**, who is known as the father of Black History Month in the United States. He lived from 1875 to 1950 and was an author, educator and human rights activist. He was a graduate of Berea College who campaigned for Negro History Week as a way to instill pride in African Americans, an idea that became popular and was expanded to become the U.S. Black History Month and to include the entire month of February.

The volunteer selection panel members are from many regions in the state and represent a wide variety of careers, backgrounds and interests, including educators, lawyers, doctors, historians, human rights advocates and journalists, the commission said.

## Abuse policies explained by Allison, police official

by Ike M. Thacker IV  
and Eustace Durrett

Louisville’s police officers are not uniquely evil. Subtle and sometimes overt racism pervades police departments from New York (through Cincinnati) to Chicago to Los Angeles.

This racism is evidenced by such things as stopping black motorists more often than other races and killing young black men at a sometimes-alarming rate.

If Louisville doesn’t lead the way in these categories, though, it is at least an active participant in the trend, having experienced well-documented racial profiling of motorists and the killing of (depending on where one draws the chronological line) at least five to ten black men in the past few years.

One of those black men was 19-year-old Michael Newby, who was shot by police officer McKenzie Mattingly during the first week of January 2004, in the back as he fled the scene of a failed drug bust.

Noting that young Newby was running away from Mattingly, and that another (50-year-old) black man named James Edward Taylor has recently been killed by police while his hands were cuffed behind his back, a group of ordinary Louisville citizens formed a coalition of some 30 grass-roots groups concerned with police misconduct (sometimes read “murder”) by the first of February 2004.

They call this coalition the Newby Network, and it has been meeting weekly

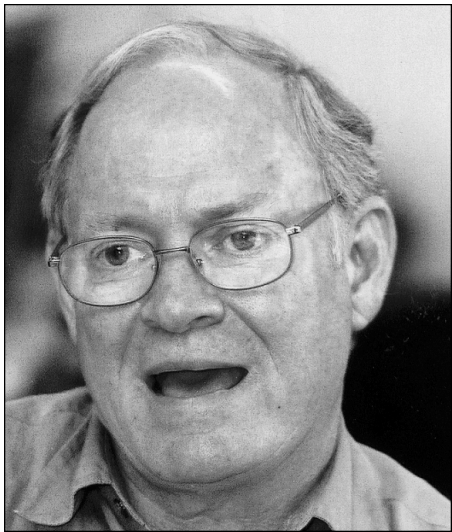


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**Bill Allison**

ever since, seeking answers to the problem of police misconduct.

This search has evolved most recently into an effort to get the 2000 Civilian Police Review Board ordinance, which was passed in May of that year but has never been enforced, to be implemented.

In furtherance of that goal, the Newby Network recently had two of the principals in the story, former alderman Bill Allison (who introduced the 2000 ordinance) and Captain Jeff Sherrard of the Professional Standards Department — previously known as “Internal Affairs” — to address

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# Step-by-step approach Oct. 9 can help feed the hungry

by Tom Louderback

One of Metro Louisville's most important anti-hunger events is coming Sunday, October 9 at 1:30 p.m. It's the Annual Community Hunger Walk which is sponsored by the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community.

We meet at the Harbor Lawn in Waterfront Park on the Ohio River front downtown. Since 1979, the yearly Community Hunger Walk has raised more than \$1 million for worthy causes including Dare to Care, the Food Banks operated by our 16 Community Ministries, and several world hunger projects, such as the Gambia Gardening Program, an initiative that provides materials, tools and training to help improve agriculture in the African nation.

Be sure to see our website at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/hungerwalk/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/hungerwalk/).

Last year there were almost 2,000 participants. If you haven't signed up yet, don't worry! We accept registrations on the day of the event.

Just to give you an idea of the need for us to fight hunger in Metro Louisville, here are a few statistics: 7.2 million pound of food were distributed last year; 50,000 children in our public schools qualify for the lunch program; and 38 percent of the

community food pantry clients have at least one member of their family employed in our job market.

Hunger is one of those rare public issues that frequently crosses political party lines and inspires bi-partisan cooperation.

Politicians can argue endlessly over taxes or Social Security benefits, but there is little to dispute in the basic facts of hunger in the world today and even in our community. Hunger is embarrassingly widespread and the problem is not caused by lack of resources. Economists and politicians know there is plenty of food being produced in the world today to feed everyone. Hunger is caused by inadequate food distribution, which we could probably blame on politics.

Since the 1970s, the United States has reduced hunger by improving its various food assistance programs. But, that progress against hunger has not continued in recent years. In fact, statistics show that hunger in our country is increasing. Millions of us give our time and money to charities. That's an important part of the big picture. Yet, we also know that public programs are necessary because the needs greatly exceed the capabilities of our charitable efforts.

So, a number of national anti-hunger organizations have recently joined together

to write "A Blueprint to End Hunger." Many of them are well known to us, including America's Second Harvest, Bread for the World, Mazon, and RESULTS. Our Community Hunger Walk in Metro Louisville is not officially a member of this national network, but these two efforts are mutually supportive.

The "Blueprint to End Hunger" outlines a strategy to cut hunger in the United States in half by 2010 and end hunger by 2015, and it is clear about the link between hunger and poverty. Common sense tells us that families do not go hungry when they earn a decent income.

This means we need to respond to the causes of poverty, too. The Blueprint also acknowledges another bit of common sense. We obviously need stronger federal assistance programs. More effective food, nutrition, and anti-poverty programs are essential to meeting the Blueprint goals. Charitable organizations cannot handle this job alone.

The practical objectives of The Blueprint to End Hunger are pretty specific. Among other things, it seeks to reduce the red tape and bureaucracy that keeps millions of eligible families from receiving food stamps; make the monthly allowance for food stamps more realistic; and make it

easier for schools, churches, synagogues, and cultural centers to set up summer lunch programs for children who are eligible for the regular school lunch programs.

Supporters say that the long-range vision of the Blueprint is a United States where "mothers and fathers do not have to choose between buying food and paying the rent, who are not forced to skip meals themselves so their children can eat... where elderly people stay healthy because they can afford both nutritious food and their medications... where schoolchildren in 2015 will read about hunger in their history books - but not experience it for themselves.

If you participate in the Community Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 9, you are making a contribution to Dare to Care, the Food Banks operated by the 16 Community Ministries and the Gambia Gardening Program. And, you are showing your relatives, friends, and neighbors in Metro Louisville that you, and a couple thousand other people, really care about relieving the effects of hunger today and ending it in our lifetimes.

*The writer is a steering committee member of the Community Hunger Walk. You can reach him by e-mail at [tlouderback11@hotmail.com](mailto:tlouderback11@hotmail.com).*

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## Voting Rights

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"We're here to take on President Bush," and "We're here to take on the new nominee to the supreme court, John Roberts."

Civil rights leaders also cited the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections as examples of why the Voting Rights Act must be reauthorized because thousands of votes by Black Americans were thrown out in Florida and Ohio. Representative Shelia Jackson Lee, D-Texas, said this is "clearly a wake up call."

Conservatives oppose reauthorizing these key provisions which will expire in 2007.

Other speakers included Representatives John Conyers, Charles Rangel, Nancy Pelosi NAACP president, NOW president Kim Gandy, many labor leaders and entertainers, including Harry Belafonte, Dick Gregory, Stevie Wonder, Willie Nelson, and Roberta Flack who sang "Oh Freedom" just beautifully. Nova 4 Jehovah stated he was blessed to represent the Hip-Hop generation.

The rally was supported by major organizations — the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law, the SEIU, AFSME and the teamsters. Jesse Harris, committee chair for the United Food and Commercial Workers of Local 227 in Louisville and Labor chair for the NAACP, found the march refreshing as well as overwhelming. He stated that he joined the Rev. Jesse Jackson to send a clear and loud message to America to "Keep the Vote Alive" and to extend all provisions.

*The writer is a member of REACT, a group fighting air pollution in West Louisville.*





# Crucial time is here to back full funding to fight AIDS

by Kim Smith

The ONE Campaign seeks to give Americans a voice; to ring church bells and cell phones — on campuses and in coffee shops — for an historic pact to fight the global AIDS emergency and end extreme poverty. Joining ONE is the first step, the second is to stay engaged by educating yourself and your neighbors on these issues so you can use your voice to help make poverty history.

Right now, Congress is making final decisions on the amount of funding for critical programs that will fight global HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. Currently, the U.S. Senate would give \$3.6 billion for these programs – an amount that will fully fund the President’s AIDS initiative and one-third of needed dollars to

continue the successful activities of the Global Fund for TB, AIDS, and Malaria.

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Throughout September, the Senate and

House will reconcile their different appropriations levels. In Louisville, we have a special opportunity to show our support for successful programs that help fight global AIDS. Senator Mitch McConnell, one of America’s most powerful policymakers and chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee of Foreign Operations, plays a pivotal role in deciding U.S. funding levels for the developing world to fight disease, poverty and corruption.

As his constituents, we have a responsibility to let Senator McConnell know just how much we, as Americans, care about and want his leadership on these issues.

The first thing we can do is ask Senator McConnell to continue fighting for the Senate Appropriations Committee’s position of \$3.6 billion for global HIV/AIDS in September. This funding is crucial

to already existing programs such as the Global Fund for TB, AIDS, and Malaria. The second is to tell a friend to do the same.

ONE aims to create a constituency of Americans who speak out on the issues affecting over one billion people living on less than one dollar a day. Your voice can make a difference and working together as ONE we can make poverty history.

*Kim Smith is the Louisville field organizer for ONE. ONE is a coalition of eleven well-known and respected non-profit and humanitarian organizations including Bread for the World, Care, DATA, PlanUS/Childreach, International Medical Corps, International Rescue Committee, Mercy Corps, Oxfam America, Save the Children, World Concern and World Vision. For more information, please visit ONE.ORG.*

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their weekly meetings. Allison spoke on Friday, July 29, Sherrard a week later.

Allison began his presentation by exhorting the members of the Newby Network to further action, saying that even a few people, if they are persistent, can “change the world.” He went on to describe how, when he first floated the idea of a Civilian Police Review Board ordinance in the fall of 1999, his fellow Board of Aldermen members, such as Denise Bentley, shied away from him entirely. But then came the “wave” that Allison and his cohorts were able to, like surfers, “catch.”

Some police officers were about to be honored despite rather blatant and severe misconduct, but then-mayor Dave Armstrong refused to sign the commendations. To this the police, those great enforcers of the law, responded by making a shambles of it.

A real crisis developed, in which the police marched on City Hall and threatened not even to do their essential duty. Real chaos threatened!

It was into this volatile mix that Allison courageously threw his Civilian Police Review Board ordinance. One white Alderwoman, Tina Ward-Pugh, came quickly on board, as did the four African-Americans on the 12-member Board — so, the vote was all set to be 6-6.

To avoid this, Alderman Dan Johnson intentionally arranged to be out of town the day of the vote: so the ordinance passed, 6-5. Subsequently, the Mayor vetoed the ordinance, but Steve Magre’ (who had once promised never to vote for a civilian review board ordinance), along with Johnson, joined the original six to override this veto.

This ordinance is still on the books; all that lacks is implementation and enforcement. It has a broad scope, empowering its Board to investigate all types of police misconduct from excessive force to theft, from harassment and discrimination to failure to protect and inappropriate language/demeanor.

But under this ordinance the Review Board cannot discipline officers, only issue findings of fact, draw conclusions, and make recommendations.

The Board is to be made up of 11 members: one at-large from each of the five police districts; one former judge; one former police officer; a professor of law and a teacher from the police training academy; and two members appointed by the Mayor.

On its staff are to be an attorney Executive Director and trained (20 hours at police academy, and time out on patrol with off-duty officers) civilian investigators. The Board members are to be paid the pittance of \$20/day, but the Board will have subpoena power: the Chairperson of the Civilian Police Review Board does have the power to compel witnesses and police to testify.

Allison went on to compare the “Police Accountability” ordinance that was passed rather quickly in February of 2003 (just after the newly-merged government took power) unfavorably with this May 2000 version. To begin with, said Allison, the scope of the “Citizens’ Commission on Police Accountability,” as the 2003 body is called, is much narrower than that envisioned by the 2000 ordinance. For one thing, only shootings and cases involving loss of life due to police action are to be

considered. Add the fact that the review cannot even start until all criminal investigation is closed, and you have a pretty weak entity, especially since it only advises the mayor and the police chief on the adequacy of the police department’s own investigation. What “teeth” the later ordinance’s body has come from its ability to recommend changes in police policy, training and procedures.

Another weakness of the 2003 commission is that it has 11 members (a chairperson and ten others), all of whom are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Metro Council.

The ordinance does stipulate that they are to reflect the diversity of Jefferson County, but gives little independent power even to such a “broad” Commission.

In short, Bill Allison said that we citizens of Louisville have fewer protections against police abuse than accused terrorists in the recent London bombings have, and we should start, pronto, to change that situation. He obviously believes that the 2000 ordinance would be a good place to start.

To say that letting our police “police” themselves is kind of like putting the fox in charge of the hen house, though, does not mean that we don’t have some protections. One is the 2003 commission just discussed, for what it’s worth. A second existent safeguard against police excesses is the Merit Board, but it can only soften punishment previously meted out, and is thus useful mostly to police officers who feel that they have been unduly disciplined.

The third existent protection for ordinary citizens against the police who

are supposed to serve and protect them is probably the strongest: the Professional Standards Division of the Police Department itself, which is headed by Captain Jeff Sherrard.

Sherrard addressed the Newby Network one week after Allison did. This Division, previously known as “Internal Affairs,” has always existed to investigate, from whatever quarter they come, complaints against other members of the police force.

Its current head, Captain Sherrard, has aggressively pursued his duties; but there are two fundamental flaws which mean that this Division cannot adequately patrol the corridors of policedom: first, the simple fact that its members are police officers, and are thus likely to be biased in favor of other officers vis-a-vis “the public.” Secondly, the truly exemplary reforms implemented by Sherrard have not been sufficiently institutionalized that they are likely to survive his tenure.

The situation in Louisville, in brief, cries out for an independent Civilian Police Review Board with independent investigators and subpoena power. Mayor Jerry Abramson gave us little more than “smoke and mirrors” in early 2003; there is no time like the present to make sure that the “bad guys” are the only people with guns Louisvillians, especially black Louisvillians, need fear.

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# Unions face challenges; 5 anti-terrorists get fairer trial

The overall situation related to organizing and educating the U.S. working class is not good. Forty-three percent of union members voted for President Bush last time around.

Now, John Kerry was no Cesar Chavez, but neither did he share Mr. Bush’s far-right labor agenda. So the question is: where is the real labor leadership?

Let’s look back. In the 1970s, the Steelworkers gave up the right to strike. And then the steel industry up and skedaddled overseas. From the mid-1970s until the end of the 1990s, I was a factory assembly line worker at Philip Morris in Louisville.

I was a member of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers & Grain Millers Union. The company wanted a no-strike clause, offering a big wage increase as enticement. The union caucus I was part of opposed this, saying we would be defenseless if the company ever decided to move out.

Well, no-strike went through. When I started at PM there were 4,200 employees. Now the plant is closed. Our hourly wages had been among the highest in the United States, on a par, say, with auto workers in the U.A.W. Where was the labor leadership to steer this ship?

Nor, for the most part, has there been labor education on non-labor matters. How many air traffic controllers voted for Ronald Reagan because he wanted to get rid of “welfare queens and their Cadillacs,” as a recent email I received lamented?

Their union, PATCO, struck, and Mr. Reagan fired every last one of them. But organized labor did have a big Buy American campaign. Look under the hood of an “American” car and you will see parts from all over the world. Yet, if you drove a Nissan onto the parking lot at Ford’s auto or truck assembly plants in Louisville you might have difficulty driving out, on slashed tires.

What an irony: the one plant with cars made with all-American parts was Volkswagen in Pennsylvania (since closed). Buy American, indeed. Both the AFL-CIO and Change to Win will have to address these issues to become relevant. When three of Change to Win’s unions (SEIU, Teamsters & UFCW) departed, the AFL-CIO lost \$28 million of its \$120



million budget, and more than 4 million of its estimated 12 million members.

At press time, AFL-CIO president John Sweeney has relented, and will allow locals of the breakaway unions to stay involved with the Federation. Let’s hope more cooperation will follow.

Well, we can at least smell the flowers in peace, can’t we? The Campaign for Labor Rights reports that Dole’s subsidiary, Splendor Flowers, has been actively engaging in anti-union activity aimed at Colombian flower workers who have successfully organized themselves into an independent union, Sintrasplendor. “One of the workers’ (demands) has been for safe transportation to and from the workplace (as required by law). On July 14 a bus rushing to get workers to the Splendor plantation by 5:30 a.m. collided with a large truck. Three workers were killed (including one union member) and another 50 workers (were) injured, some of them critically.

“Dole has been actively trying to break the union through actions including: sponsoring a company union, firing union leaders, and, most recently, successfully persuading the Colombian government to overturn the union’s legal registration in late June.”

The union represents about 700 workers on Splendor’s two plantations. Since 1991, over 2,100 Colombian trade unionists have been murdered. Despite the violent environment, Colombian flower workers have been steadfast in their fight for basic labor rights.

There is international skullduggery

closer to home as well. In 1998, Cuban citizens Ruben Campa, Rene Gonzalez, Gerardo Hernandez, Luis Medina and Antonio Guerrero were arrested in Florida and tried and convicted of espionage, conspiracy and related charges.

They were accused of spying on Cuban-American exile leaders and U.S. military bases and convicted in December of 2001. Gerardo Hernandez was also convicted of conspiracy to commit murder for engineering the shoot down of two Brothers to the Rescue planes in 1996.

Brothers to the Rescue is a violent anti-Castro, Cuban exile group that has regularly attacked the island nation. DemocracyNow.org reports: “A federal appellate court in Atlanta (on Aug. 9) overturned the convictions of the Cuba 5 and ordered a new trial on the basis that the men could not get a fair trial in the right-wing Cuban exile stronghold of Miami. The five were accused of spying for Cuba.

“It is being called a historic decision (for the) five men hailed in Cuba as heroes and labeled spies by the US government.

“Leonard Weinglass, long time civil-rights attorney and one of the lawyers for the Cuba 5, commented: ‘The five spent almost three years in jail between their arrest and the beginning of their trial. Three of the men were given life sentences while the other two were sentenced to up to 20 years in prison.’”

This sensational victory is a blow to the U.S. government’s long-term plans to interfere in the internal affairs of a sovereign Cuban nation, destroy its economy and try to assassinate its leader and overthrow its government.

This column mostly focuses on labor and politics. Let me change gears to labor and the personal.

My mother was one of six children. Her mother and father had been poor immigrants. Nor did they get wealthy on the wages my grandpa brought home as a house painter.

The youngest and only one of the six siblings still alive, Uncle Bob, died this past June at the age of 89. One of my earliest recollections of him is when I was about 14 years old. Uncle Bob had put in a good word with a linotype company in New York City, and so I was hired as a delivery boy to hand-carry heavy lead linotype slugs to various print shops.

I worked there two summers when high school was on recess. I remember delivering to the place Uncle Bob worked, on Hudson St. He was a union shop steward for the Big Six (Local 6 of the printers’ union) back then, and was too busy working to talk to me. I saw in him the dignity of labor.

Many years later, in the 1980s, I had difficulty understanding how he could support a right-wing extremist, Ronald Reagan. But I loved Uncle Bobby dearly and chose to keep my mouth shut on this issue and concentrate on the things we had in common.

As well, when I chaired the New Jewish Agenda (5,000 strong) and when I lived in Israel for six months I chose not to discuss details of my view that there would never be peace for the Jews until there was justice for the Palestinians. Our relationship would be based on a nephew’s love for his uncle, and vice versa, I determined.

In the last few years we kept in close touch. He would call me, or I him, maybe once a month. In his last six months, we spoke every couple of weeks. About one and a half years ago I flew to Florida, where Uncle Bob and his (late) wife had retired.

What a wonderful visit that was! We walked around his senior citizen complex, went to a program in the auditorium, walked to a great Chinese restaurant nearby (We came out of the restaurant from a different door than we had entered. He became seemingly disoriented. So he insisted we go back inside, he exited the original door, and we were on our way).

I marveled at how independently he functioned, how insistent he was that he live on his own. Yes, he was obstinate, refusing any suggestions of assistive devices to make his life easier, and refusing, as well, offers to live with his daughter. But in the context of his understanding, unrealistic as he was of his limitations at the end, he is to be respected and honored for his desire to function on his own.

In the Tehillim (Book of Psalms) it is written: “Praiseworthy is the man who walked not in the counsel of the wicked.” I cannot say whether or not Uncle Bob walked or walked not in the counsel of the wicked. What I can say is that he was a simple, decent person who meant no harm.

He was my uncle, and I loved him. Rest in peace, Uncle Bob. B’Shalom.

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## Peace Education *(continued from page 1)*

developments and other neighborhoods where crime and violence are problems.

Peace Ed worked with the city’s Office of Youth Development, the Housing Authority of Louisville and other groups in that initiative, she added.

“The whole purpose... was to reduce the youth homicide rate,” Blanton said. “It was anti-gang work. It was conflict resolution work.”

She credits Peace Ed coordinator of community programs Janene Shakir with helping put the principles of non-violence into action throughout Louisville.

“In four or five years, she trained 400 youth mediators in the neighborhoods to handle conflicts,” Blanton said.

Today, she said, Peace Ed operates in 155 schools and 42 community sites (including Housing Authority sites and houses of worship) primarily in Jefferson County, but also other communities in Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

An “Empowering the Angry the Child for Positive Leadership” three-day seminar gives adults working with youth ideas for helping them work out anger non-violently, Blanton added.

Even the works of the western world’s greatest playwright have been adopted by Peace Ed, Blanton said, explaining that the program cooperates with the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival to use Romeo and Juliet to teach conflict resolution.

“The kids have a great time with it,” she said. “They look at the conflicts that are in the play and talk about how the conflict escalated and what could be done differently and then the young people also talk about their own issues, too. It becomes a springboard for talking about their own conflicts and how to

handle them differently.”

Speaking a few days before school started in Jefferson County, Blanton said the busy schedule she and other staffers face testifies to the popularity of Peace Ed.

“We’re already booked for the fall. We’ve got... I don’t how many mediation trainings and conflict resolution trainings and Angry Child projects we’re working on.”

Peace Ed, which provides services in all school grades and for adults, still has unfulfilled wishes, however, particularly becoming more inclusive, Blanton said.

“One of our goals is to create a mentoring program for males,” she said. “We’re looking for, in the next year, hiring an African-American male.

“We don’t have... anybody on the staff who is male and then it’s particularly important to have an African-American male so that young African-American men can have a role model for de-escalating conflict.”

A concert Sept. 11 sponsored by Peace Ed featuring peace educator and musician Harry Pickens is a fundraiser for that effort, she added. For more information, contact Peace Ed at (502) 589-6583 or peaceeducation@iglou.com.

Blanton said one recollection by a teacher whose school contracted with Peace Ed underscores how victories for non-violence can sometimes be won without fanfare, one household at a time.

“I can remember one teacher coming back and telling us she had a student who went home after being trained as a mediator and his parents were having an argument over the winter break,” Blanton said. “He said ‘now let me tell you, this is what you need to do.’ And he started teaching his parents how to mediate.”

### FINANCIAL REPORT July 2005

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THREE  
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TAX REFUSAL

Prosecution of religious pacifist tax resisters is almost unheard of since 1950; and prison sentences are exceedingly rare. Thus it is with shock and disbelief that we learn of three members of a small religious group in New Jersey known as **Restored Israel of Yahweh** who were sentenced to prison terms for refusing to pay taxes for military use.

Kevin McKee, Joe Donato and Inge Donato were sentenced to prison terms of 24, 27 and 6 months respectively for “conspiring to defraud the United States,” attempted evasion of employment taxes, and failure to file personal income tax returns.

Convicted in December 2004, they remained hopeful at the end of the first sentencing hearing on June 17 because U.S. District Judge Jerome B. Simandle listened to their stories for the first time and even asked the government if they would consider “compromising” the case by zeroing out the defendants’ past tax liabilities if they would agree to pay a large fine. However, at the final sentencing on July 1, Judge Simandle went strictly by the book. Kevin McKee and Joe Donato, who ran McKee-Donato Construction Company, received 24 and 27 months respectively. Occasional bookkeeper Inge Donato, who has been married to Joe for 25 years, was sentenced to 6 months.

They were convicted of failing to withhold and pay over the employment tax on the McKee-Donato employees who were fellow members of the Restored Israel of Yahweh. (They did withhold and pay on nonmember employees.) Moreover, along with the prison sentences, the judge imposed post-imprisonment terms of supervision which expressly require them to file past and future tax returns and to pay past and future taxes. In addition, all three were fined.

On August 8, 2005, Inge Donato surrendered voluntarily at the Philadelphia Detention Center to begin her six-month prison sentence for following her beliefs against paying taxes for war. Peter Goldberger is the attorney representing Inge for sentencing and appeal. He has said, *“I am deeply saddened that these gentle folks wound up being the first pacifist tax resisters to be prosecuted and jailed — possibly ever — for felony conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and attempted tax evasion, the most serious criminal charges in the Internal Revenue Code.”*

For Inge and Joe, this means being separated for almost three years (he begins his sentence in February, 2006). For Joe and Kevin, this has meant financial ruin for the constuction company that they own together. For all of them, this means a lack of freedom to follow their religious beliefs without being punished. The three are planning to appeal part of their sentence which adds a post-prison requirement that they file and pay all taxes or else return to prison.

How can we help?

1. Send a supportive letter to Inge in prison:  
Inge Donato #40885-050  
FDC Philadelphia  
Federal Detention Center  
P.O. 562  
Philadelphia, PA 19106
2. Send a contribution to the defense attorney escrow account: Peter Goldberger, Attorney, IOLTA Account, c/o Peter Goldberger, 50 Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore, PA 19003.
3. Write to our members of Congress requesting their support for **H.R. 2631, the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Bill.**

*Information for this article came from the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund and the Peace Tax Foundation, 2121Decatur Place NW, Washington, DC 20008. Phone: 202/483-3751. Toll-free: 888/732-2382*

FOR TO LAUNCH  
DELEGATIONS  
TO IRAN

The Fellowship of Reconciliation, in partnership with Peace Action and the Muslim Peace Fellowship, is planning a series of peace missions to reaffirm friendship and solidarity between the people of the United States and the people of Iran. This is a project to discover alternatives to the current political standoff between the two governments.

The first group of prominent American religious leaders, academics, and peace activists, including the FOR’s Executive Director Pat Clark, will travel to Iran in mid-November 2005. A second delegation will go in April, 2006.

FOR has a distinguished history of successful “behind the scenes” friendship and solidarity delegations to sites of political conflict. It coordinated multiple trips to the former USSR during the Cold War and to Vietnam during the 1960s. It currently manages long-term programs of delegations to Colombia and Palestine/Israel. FOR is proud to offer this rare opportunity for leaders of U.S. civil society to meet leaders and citizens of Iran.



Each delegation will spend ten days in Iran preceded by a day-long orientation at FOR headquarters in Nyack. Participants will visit Teheran (the capital), Qom (world center of Shi’i theology), Esfehan (legendary capital of medieval Persia), and Shiraz (jewel of classical Islamic culture as well as the seat of Iran’s ancient pre-Islamic civilization). The cost of \$3,300 will cover all related expenses, including round-trip airfare from New York to Teheran, full room and board, all domestic transit and coordination in Iran, visa fees, and the orientation in Nyack. (Participants must cover the cost of getting to and from New York.)

All interested individuals, particularly those active in education or community work, are urged to apply for this exceptional opportunity. The objective is to send delegations that reflect all segments of the United States in its ethnic, religious, and social diversity.

To apply, or for further information, contact FOR’s Iran Program by e-mail at [Iran@forusa.org](mailto:Iran@forusa.org) or by telephone at 845-358-4601, ext. 27. Upon receipt of your application and its supporting documents, the selection process will begin. Due to limited availability of seats for this trip, only the most qualified candidates will be selected.

As a pacifist organization committed to nonviolent social change, the Fellowship of Reconciliation strongly believes in global peace and reconciliation. One way to accomplish this goal is through facilitating direct dialogue, promoting people-to-people diplomacy among citizens of countries where governments are in conflict.

Website: [www.forusa.org](http://www.forusa.org)

FOR PLANS INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON  
NONVIOLENT STRATEGIES IN COLOMBIA

FOR is working with others to bring more than a dozen Colombian community leaders to the US for a remarkable gathering designed to offer tools and inspiration to people interested in learning about the grassroots Colombian peace movements. The conference will take place in **Chicago, October 21-23.**

In Colombia, communities caught in the crossfire of war are creating nonviolent strategies. Many Colombian and North American organizations, churches and communities have formed direct relationships of support and solidarity.

Of special interest to Louisville is the fact that someone will come from our partner community of San Jose de Apartado. At the end of the conference, the Louisville FOR chapter will host a gathering with the delegate from San Jose. Erik Reinhart-Vidal will accompany this person to Louisville where a **potluck supper** is planned for Monday evening, October 24. Hold this date and stay tuned. For details call Pat Geier, 456-6586.

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September 15 “*South Asia: Report Back*”

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October 20 “*Pearl Harbor, Hiroshima and Beyond: Subversion of Values*”

Arch Taylor, an ordained Presbyterian minister, social activist, and long time missionary and teacher in Japan, will discuss the importance of this subject as we approach the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor

November 17 “*Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide: Growing Self-Sufficiency in West Louisville*”

Ivor Chodhowski, President, Community Farm Alliance, and Patricia Bell, Manager of the Smoketown Shelby Park Farmer’s Market, will talk about ongoing efforts to create new markets for farmers and ways to make local, healthy, quality food available in urban areas.

January 19 “*Casa Latina*”

Sue Scharfenberger, OSU, will discuss her work with Casa Latina, a Catholic worker house for Latina women located in Old Louisville. Sue, who lives at the house and works with Latin American people in Louisville and Peru , represents a community of Latina women who care about other Latina women.

The Rudyard Kipling  
422 West Oak Street • Louisville

Buffet Lunch at 11:30 • Presentations at Noon  
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For reservations, call Polly Johnson (473-8435)  
or Jean Edwards (458-8056) *by Tuesday before the Lunch*



*by Peggy Kidwell*

A busload of people, organized by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, as well as

In Louisville, about 100 people attended

For Japan, Hiroshima has caused it to become an article of faith that it will never possess, develop or allow the presence of any nuclear weapons. Yet in the past few years, some members of Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's conservative party have begun to question that stance.

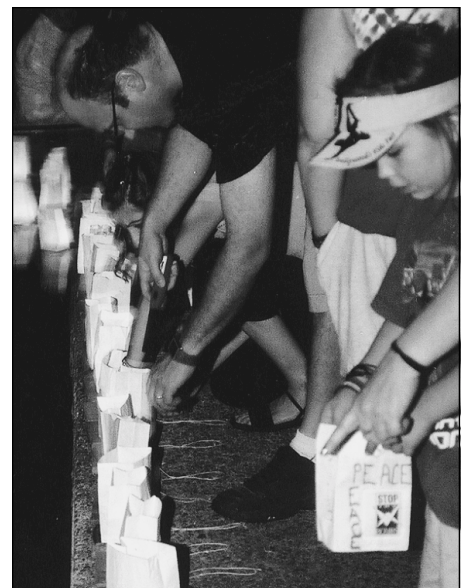


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**People concerned about nuclear weapons launch lanterns on Willow Lake in Cherokee Park in Louisville Aug. 6 as an act of solidarity with those killed in the atomic bombings at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.**



*Sonja de Vries*  
*April, 2002*

# Calendar for peacemakers

Sept 2 (Fri) **NOON VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**, including a news update. *EVERY FRIDAY AT SIXTH AND BROADWAY*, in front of the Federal Court House (where Senator McConnell’s office is located). We vigil in solidarity with the **“Women in Black”** who vigil every Friday at noon in Israel. Sponsored by the Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Sept 2 (Fri) **NEWBY NETWORK**, *every* Friday, West Broadway United Methodist Church, 3620 West Broadway, 5 to 6:30 pm. Call 772-1178 or the Kentucky Alliance, 778-8130.

Sept 2/3 (F/S) **WORLD FEST on the Belvedere with international music, food, crafts and children’s activities. Sponsored by Mayor Abramson, Metro Council and the Office for International Affairs.** 11am to 11pm both days. Contact MetroCall 311 or 502/574-5000. [www.loukymetro.org](http://www.loukymetro.org)

Sept 4 (Sun) **CARLA’S ANNUAL LAWN PARTY**, under the big trees at the home of Carla Wallace. Benefit for the Fairness Campaign and the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. 5 ‘til 9 pm. Another fabulous dinner catered by the Wiltshire Pantry (i.e. Susan Hershberg). Everyone cordially invited. RSVP requested. Suggested donation sliding scale from \$15 to \$500. If you did not receive the printed invitation, call Fairness at 893-0788.

Sept 4 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE** every first Sunday evening remembering all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a sign. Bardstown Rd at Douglass Blvd. 7:00-8:00 pm. Sponsored by **LPAC** (Louisville Peace Action Community). Call Ken Nevitt, 558-9124. [pcunity@yahoo.com](mailto:pcunity@yahoo.com) [www.louisvillepeace.org](http://www.louisvillepeace.org)

Sept 11 (Sun) **HARRY PICKENS CONCERT and COMMUNITY CHOIR to benefit Peace Ed’s youth leadership work and to add an African American male to the Peace Ed staff.** Like to sing? Join this 100 person choir. Call the Peace Education Program to sign up, 589-6583. [peaceeducation@iglou.com](mailto:peaceeducation@iglou.com) 3:00pm Dress Rehearsal. **4:00pm CONCERT hosted by DAWNE GEE.** First Unitarian Church, 4th & York.

Sept 11 (Sun) **“AIM HIGHER”** focusing on military counter recruitment. Every 2nd Sunday at 6:00 pm, 2263 Frankfort Ave. Call Mike Slaton, 636-5848. [cheslaton@hotmail.com](mailto:cheslaton@hotmail.com) This group would welcome invitations to speak about conscientious objection, military recruitment, and the possibility for highschool students to “opt out” of having their names given to recruiters.

Sept 12 (Mon) **PARENTING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE**, cosponsored by St. William Church and CrossRoad Ministry, featuring **MATT AND JUDY HAYES to share their stories and struggles as parent-peacemakers.** Reservations for supper and childcare at 5:30pm requested. Call Anne Walter, 635-6307. Program from 6:45 to 8:00.

Sept 14 (Wed) **KITLAC (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean).** Every second Wednesday, Presbyterian Seminary. 7:30 pm. Call David Horvath, 479-9262, or Pat Geier, 456-6586.

Sept 15 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH** sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation: **SOUTH ASIA: REPORT BACK**, featuring **David Horvath** who, as part of the UofL coordinated program “Islamic Life in the US”, visited Pakistan, Bangladesh and India this summer. He will report on the delegation’s diverse and challenging conversations with religious and political leaders discussing interfaith harmony, US policy and militarism. Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 W Oak St, 11:30am buffet, \$6. Reservations required. **RSVP** to Polly Johnson, 473-8435, or Jean Edwards, 458-8056, by Tuesday beforehand.

Sept 15 (Thu) **SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE.** Monthly meeting, every third Thursday, 5:30 pm. Central Presbyterian Church, 4th & Ky. Call Kay Tillow, 636-1551.

Sept 15 (Thu) **LPAC** (Louisville Peace Action Community). Monthly meeting every Third Thursday evening. Douglass Blvd Christian Church, 7:00 pm. Call Judy Munro-Leighton, 456-6914; Ellen Schagene, 451-6392; or Ken Nevitt, 558-9124. [www.louisvillepeace.org](http://www.louisvillepeace.org)

Sept 16 (Fri) **PROJECT IMPROV: THE NEXT GENERATION premiere.** Kentucky Theatre, 651 S. 4th St. 8:00 pm. Tickets at the door, \$12 (students \$8). Call Chris Hartman, Executive Producer, 502/548-2430. [ProjectImprov.com](http://ProjectImprov.com) After Sept. 16, it will run every Friday at Ky. Theatre, 9:00 pm.

Sept 18 (Sun) **COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES.** (Every Third Sunday) First Unitarian Church, 4th & York. 3:00 pm. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Sept 19 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OFFORsooth.** Contact **George Morrison, editor**, 944-6460. E-mail: [klm86@netzero.com](mailto:klm86@netzero.com) (For **calendar listings**, contact Jean Edwards, 458-8056. E-mail: [edwardsfor@bellsouth.net](mailto:edwardsfor@bellsouth.net))

Sept 19 (Mon) **KENTUCKY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION.** Braden Center, 3208 West Broadway. Call 778-8130.

Sept 21 (Wed) **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE. We are at the midpoint in the Decade to Overcome Violence** (2001-2010). Visit [www.overcomingviolence.org/dov.nsf](http://www.overcomingviolence.org/dov.nsf)

Sept 22 (Thu) **ACLU BILL OF RIGHTS DINNER and FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**, featuring national ACLU President **NADINE STROSSEN** as the speaker. International Convention Center. Call 581-9746.

Sept 23 (Fri) **GET ON THE BUS TO DC, 7:00pm, and ATTEND THE RALLY ON SEPT. 24. Bus costs \$100. Reserve your seat now.** Payment deadline is September 2. (If you can’t go, send a contribution to provide a scholarship for someone else). Call **Nancy Jakubiak, 812-280-9034. E-mail: [nancyjak@hotmail.com](mailto:nancyjak@hotmail.com)**

Sept 23-24 (FS) **AFRICAN AMERICAN & HISPANIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON HIV/AIDS.** Louisville Convention Center. See [www.kyaalc.com](http://www.kyaalc.com)

Sept 25 (Sun) **13th ANNUAL LOUISVILLE AIDS WALK** and Bridge of Hope 5K Run. Walk begins at 3:00 from the Belvedere, 5th & Main. More info at [www.louisvilleaidswalk.org](http://www.louisvilleaidswalk.org)

Sept 26 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE** (every 4th Monday). Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, #10, 7:30 pm. Visitors welcomed. Call cochairs, Pat Geier, 456-6586, or Mary Horvath, 479-9262.

Sept 27 (Tue) **KCADP (Ky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty)** every last Tuesday. Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Road, 6:30pm. Call Kaye Gallagher, 721-8885. E-mail: [kcadp@earthlink.net](mailto:kcadp@earthlink.net)

Sept 28-Oct 2 (WTFSS) **THE STATE OF MISSISSIPI AND THE FACE OF EMMETT TILL, play by Mamie Till and David Barr III**, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the life and brutal murder of 14-year-old Emmett Louis Till. U of L Playhouse. \$10 for the public, \$7 for students. For tickets, call the box office, 852-6814.

Sept 29 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING at Beverley Marmion’s, 6:30 pm.** Bouquets to those who help with this vital endeavor. Call 451-5658

Sept 30 (Fri) **PUTTING LOCAL FOOD ON THE TABLE: Farms and Institutions in Partnership.** Pre-conference workshop designed for farmers, food service staff and administrators interested in providing healthy, local food in Kentucky schools, parks, and other institutions. Bellarmine University, 9:00-5:00. No fee. Registration required. For more information, contact the Community Farm Alliance, 502/223-3655. [cfarmer@bellsouth.net](mailto:cfarmer@bellsouth.net)

Oct 1 (Sat) **HEALTHY FOOD, LOCAL FARMS CONFERENCE**, featuring **Eric Schlosser**, author of *Fast Food Nation*. Workshops on health and environmental effects of industrial agriculture; real costs of cheap food; how to make a local food economy work; food and the family. \$40. Co-sponsored by Sierra Club and Community Farm Alliance. Contact Aloma Dew, Sierra Club, 270-685-2034. E-mail: [aloma.dew@sierraclub.org](mailto:aloma.dew@sierraclub.org) *or* Community Farm Alliance, 502-223-3655. E-mail: [cfarma@bellsouth.net](mailto:cfarma@bellsouth.net)

Oct 8-10 (SSM) **EDWARDS LECTURE: “Sowing Seeds of the Beloved Community”** led by **Harry Pickens**, jazz pianist and peace educator. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Seminary. The weekend will include workshops, worship, and discussion gatherings. Call 895-3411. Or visit Lifelong Learning on the website, [www.lpts.edu](http://www.lpts.edu)

Oct 9 (Sat) **COMMUNITY HUNGER WALK, to benefit the Dare to Care Food Bank, the 16 Area Ministries Food Bank, and a world hunger project.** Harbor Lawn, Waterfront Park, 1:30pm. To register, contact KIC (Kentuckiana Interfaith Community), P.O. Box 7128, Louisville, KY 40257. (Tel: 468-0438). Or contact **Rosemary Cavanaugh**, chairperson for this year, at 451-3860, FAX: 459-9782. [rcavanaugh@ascension-parish.com](mailto:rcavanaugh@ascension-parish.com) [www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/hungerwalk/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/hungerwalk/)

Oct 15 (Sat) **ALL-DAY WORKSHOP ON SPIRITUALITY AND CREATIVITY** entitled **“A Workshop with Three Creative Women, But Not for Women Only!”** featuring **Patrice Vecchione**, author of *Writing and the Spiritual Life*; **Carrie Newcomer**, composer and recording artist; **Diane Aprile**, author of a book about the spirituality and life of the Abbey of Gethsemani. Sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace. Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Rd, 9-4:30. \$45 includes lunch. Call 214-7322 E-mail: [director@interfaithpathstopace.org](mailto:director@interfaithpathstopace.org)

Oct 15/16 (SS) **DAYSI GRANADOS, Witness for Peace Speaker and Community Organizer from Nicaragua. Hold the date!** Sponsored by **KITLAC** (Kentucky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean. Call David Horvath, 479-9262.

Oct 22-23 (FS) **RUSSILL PAUL, teacher and musician from South India who serves on the Faculty of Matthew Fox’s programs in Creation Spirituality**, will appear in concert on Friday and Saturday nights, and will lead a **Saturday workshop with Harry Pickens.** Sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace. Call 214-7322. E-mail: [director@interfaithpathstopace.org](mailto:director@interfaithpathstopace.org)

Oct 24 (Mon) **INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER FROM COLOMBIA TO VISIT LOUISVILLE. Following the International Conference in Chicago hosted by FOR** (Oct 21-23) the delegate from our partner community, San Jose de Apartado, will speak in Louisville at a potluck dinner. Sponsored by the Louisville FOR chapter. Call Pat Geier, 456-6586, or Mary Horvath, 479-9262.

Oct 25,26,27 (TWT) **FALL COMMUNITY INSTITUTE**, sponsored by the Peace Education Program. Three days of hands-on training in interpersonal conflict resolution, the mediation process and prejudice reduction skills. Limit 40. \$200. Some scholarships available for faith-based affiliation. Register by Oct 17. (589-6583)

Nov 6 (Sun) **F.O.R. CELEBRATES the 90th anniversary of FOR-USA, and the 30th year of the Louisville Chapter. Featured speaker will be Colman McCarthy**, well-known peace advocate, teacher, journalist, and author of *I’d Rather Teach Peace*. Ballarmine University, Frazier Hall. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Nov 21 (Mon) **PARENTING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE**, cosponsored by St. William Church and CrossRoad Ministry, featuring **MARY & DAVID HORVATH to share their stories and struggles as parent-peacemakers.** Reservations for supper and childcare at 5:30pm requested. Call Anne Walter, 635-6307. Program scheduled from 6:45 to 8:00.

## OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

Sept 17 (Sat) **FOR PEACE FESTIVAL, Nyack, NY, CELEBRATING FOR-USA’s NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY. The event will honor the retirement of former Executive Director and Fellowship Editor RICHARD DEATS and Development Director LLOYD BERG. www.forusa.org**

Sept 22-25 (TFSS) **JOBS WITH JUSTICE ANNUAL MEETING.** St. Louis, MO. Call Laura Bogle, 202-393-1044. [laurab@jwj.org](mailto:laurab@jwj.org) [www.jwj.org](http://www.jwj.org) Note: The Student-Labor Pre-Conference & Faith In Action Gathering will take place on Thursday from 1-6pm, followed by Friday breakfast from 7-9am.

Oct 27-30 (TFSS) **NCADP 2005 - National Conference Sponsored by the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.** Austin, Texas. Call 1/888-286-2237. Visit [www.ncadp.org](http://www.ncadp.org) E-mail: [conference2005@ncadp.org](mailto:conference2005@ncadp.org)

## Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

AD HOC COALITION FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION – (778-8130)

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

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

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (637-8951)

BIONEERS / SUSTAINABLE LOUISVILLE – Tuesdays (336-9440)

BREAD FOR THE WORLD – 2nd Tuesday (239-4317)

CAPA (Citizens Against Police Abuse) – 2nd & 4th Thursdays (778-8130)

C.E.A.S.E. [Citizens for Equitable Assignment to School Environments] – (778-9427)

CLARK & FLOYD COUNTIES AIDS COALITION – 3rd Thursday (288-2706)

CLOUT [Citizens of Louisville Organized and Working Together] -(583-1267)

COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST – 2nd Monday (456-6586)

COMMON CAUSE – 1st Tuesday, every other month (228-1534)

COMMUNIST PARTY USA – Sunday evenings (473-2659)

CONVERSATION CAFE – Wednesday evenings (454-4820)

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD – Books by Neale Donald Walsch. 1st Monday (468-2305)

COUNTER RECRUITMENT, “Aim Higher” – Second Sunday (636-5848)

EARTH SAVE LOUISVILLE – 2nd Sunday (569-1876)

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

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION – 4th Monday (456-6586 or 479-9262)

GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB – 3rd Tuesday (897-3335)

GREEN PARTY – 1st Tuesday (456-9540)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays (583-6599)

HATE FREE SCHOOLS COALITION – 3rd Thursday (454-3300)

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

JEFFERSON COUNTY WELFARE REFORM COALITION – 2nd Friday (585-3556)

JOBS WITH JUSTICE KENTUCKY (625-3724)

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

KENTUCKIANA FOR KUCINICH IN 2008 – 1st Thursday (473-2659 or 459-6361)

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

KY AIDS LIFE ALLIANCE (KALA) – Every Thursday (479-7884)

KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION – 3rd Monday (778-8130)

KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY – Last Tuesday (721-8885)

KITLAC (KY INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN) – 2nd Wednesday (479-9262)

KY RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION – (774-4000)

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP – 2nd and 4th Thursdays (587-6225)

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

LPAC (LOUISVILLE PEACE ACTION COMMUNITY) – 3rd Thursday (558-9124)

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

LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP – Friday nights (454-3300), [www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org](http://www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org)

LOUISVILLIANS IN FAVOR OF EQUALITY (L.I.F.E.) – Sunday evenings (473-2659)

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

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

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

NAACP Youth Council – 3rd Saturday

NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) – 2nd Monday (245-5287)

PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG) – 3rd Sunday (329-0229)

PAX CHRISTI – Last Wednesday (456-9342)

PEACE & COMPASSION BUDDHA CIRCLE/CML – (451-2193, [brozier@bellsouth.net](mailto:brozier@bellsouth.net))

PEOPLE’S AGENDA – 2nd Tuesday (778-8130)

POWER [PEOPLE ORGANIZED AND WORKING FOR ENERGY REFORM] – 2nd Monday, jointly with KFTC (778-2687)

RCRC [Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice] – (585-3050)

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

SHADHULIYYAH SUFI SPIRITUALITY GROUP – Thursday nights (893-6122)

WOMEN’S SUPPORT GROUP – 3rd Sunday (812-866-1667)

*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.*