

Peaceways

CENTRAL KENTUCKY COUNCIL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

December 2017

CAC hosts renewable energy summit

by Margaret Gabriel

The Renewable Center Summit sponsored by the Catholic Action Center Nov. 7 examined both the *why* and *how* of using solar and wind power in place of fossil fuels. The summit began with a panel representing the faith community who addressed the “why” of renewable energy’s importance. The “how” was addressed by workers of three renewable energy companies who told the attendees of the summit that renewable energy is “good for the bottom line,” according to group facilitator Adam Edelen.

Only a few weeks after the Catholic Action Center moved into its new home at 1055 Industry Road in Lexington in late April 2017, co-founder Ginny Ramsey initiated a partnership among Synergy Homes, Traditional Bank and private donors to enable the center to install solar panels on its flat roof. “The center can care for creation and it pays for itself,” Ginny said at the summit. “We’re making 31 percent on the money we’ve been given, we’ve produced 13 million watts of energy, plus the earth is being treated a lot better.”

In addition to the high-tech initiative of solar panels, CAC is also committed to other less scientific but equally earth-friendly activities. Recycling bins are in evidence throughout the center. Meals are served on plates that will be washed, rather than paper to be thrown away.

“We may not be saving lives today,”

Ramsey said, “but we’re saving lives for the future.”

Father John Rausch, a Glenmary priest and a long-time environmental activist, said that care of creation, which is the topic of *Laudato Si*, the 2015 encyclical of Pope Francis subtitled “On Care for Our Common Home,” revives the spirit of contemplation.

“On the seventh day, God rested,” Father John said. “That seventh day was a day of appreciation, and is just as important as the days that God created everything else. When the work of creation was completed, God didn’t say, ‘It is useful,’ but ‘It is good.’”

Rabbi David Wirtschafter, Temple Adath Israel, said the question of care of creation does not focus on consumerism. “We need to consume, and in itself, consumption is not sinful, but over-consumption is the problem. What is our relationship with the creator and with creation?”

The panel made a strong argument for the importance of renewable energy and why its use should be encouraged

and increased. However, since 2016 Kentucky has regressed in its efforts toward renewable energy, according to Jim Gardiner, former chairman of Kentucky Public Service. “Funds have been directed away from renewable energy toward coal research,” he said. Technology has driven down the cost of renewable energy, therefore it is now much more competitive with extractive industries. Because Kentucky’s current administration is focused on bringing manufacturers to Kentucky and manufacturers are interested in the profit motive of using renewable energies, a move in that direction makes sense,” he said. “The move to renewables isn’t driven by the government,” Gardiner said, “but by consumers.”

Continuing the conversation about the move toward renewable energy is the most important thing consumers can do, Edelen said. “To get the Kentucky legislature interested in renewable energy, we need a groundswell of public support.”

Margaret Gabriel is the editor of Peaceways and a long-time volunteer at the Catholic Action Center.

CKCPJ Committees

The **Steering Committee** will meet on December 19 and January 16.

The **Peace Action Committee** will skip its December meeting, but continues to work on non-violence curricula for middle and high schools in Fayette and surrounding counties.

The committee is finalizing details for Jonathan Granoff’s visit to Lexington on February 27. Granoff will speak to the UK Law School on the “The Power of Law and the Law of Power” at noon. The address to the University of Kentucky, which is also open to the public, will be in the evening, with the exact time to be determined and will be set by the publication time of the February issue of *Peaceways*. A reception will follow Granoff’s address.

The next meeting of the Peace Action Committee is scheduled for January 2.

The initial meeting of the **Health Security Action Team** is set for January 9. As the committee work unfolds, it will focus on what can be done to preserve the Affordable Care Act and how to promote the concept of a single-payer health care system to legislators. Richard Mitchell currently chairs the committee.

The **Lexington Advocacy Team** will not meet in December; watch the CKCPJ website (peaceandjusticeky.org) for the date of its January meeting.

All meetings take place at 7 p.m. at the Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Road, Lexington. You are invited to join any committee, or all committees.

Gun Violence In America as of 11-28-17 (excluding suicide) 2017	
Killed	14,056
Wounded	28,652
2016	
Killed	15,085
Wounded	30,616

Source: www.gunviolencearchive.org

On November 18, the Sierra Club sponsored a hike of the Red River Gorge, commemorating the hike 50 years earlier by U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and his wife, Cathy. The event is credited with stopping the construction of a dam that would have eliminated access to the gorge. Don Pratt participated in the 2017 hike and submitted these pictures to *Peaceways*.



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Calendar for Peace & Justice

The council seeks to promote dialogue as a path to peace and justice. Consequently, we announce events that we do not necessarily endorse.

Thurs., Dec. 7

Human Rights Day, 6 p.m. Smiley Pete Publishing, 434 Old Vine St., Lexington. Sponsored by the United Nations Association of the USA Bluegrass Chapter and the Migrant Network. Dr. Nadia Rasheed and Marilyn Daniel will speak about Muslim and DACA issues.

Sun., Dec. 17

Central Kentucky Showing up for Racial Justice Book Club meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wild Fig Coffee and Books, 726 N. Limestone, Lexington. No book selected, but the group will gather for general conversation. Please bring suggestions for titles to consider for 2018. People of any race, gender, sexuality, age, ability or class are welcome.

Tues., Dec. 19

CKCPJ steering committee meeting, 7 p.m. Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Discussion will include planning for the upcoming committee meetings, proposals for new initiatives and continuing action.

Tues-Thurs., Dec. 19-21

Faith and Community Christmas Store, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. each day, Southland Christian Church, 2349 Richmond Road (old Lexington Mall). The store provides free, gently used toys to children, and gifts to people of all ages. No registration needed to shop for gifts. To register for one or more volunteer shifts or to make donations, see www.godsnet.info.

Tues., Jan. 2

CKCPJ Peace Action committee, 7 p.m. Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Ongoing discussion of non-violence training sessions in Lexington and Central Kentucky.

Tues., Jan. 9

CKCPJ single-payer health care committee, 7 p.m. Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Initial meeting. Discussion will include promotion of the single-payer health care concept, how it will benefit citizens, and how it can be promoted to lawmakers.

Tues., Jan. 9

PFLAG Central Kentucky, 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington. Visit info@pflagcentralky.org or call (859) 338-4393. Speakers followed by confidential support group meeting.

Mon., Jan. 15

One World Film Festival, 2:30 p.m., Kentucky Theatre, 214 E. Main Street. As part of Lexington's celebration of Martin Luther King Day, OWF will screen *Hidden Figures*, a 2016 film that tells the story of African-American women mathematicians and their integral roles in NASA during the space race in the 1960s. The film won Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild awards and was nominated for several Oscars.

Tues., Jan. 16

CKCPJ steering committee meeting, 7 p.m. Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Discussion will include planning for the upcoming committee meetings, proposals for new initiatives and continuing action.

Thurs., Jan. 18

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, 7 p.m. Episcopal Diocese Mission House, Fourth Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard. For more information call (859) 276-0563

Tues., Feb. 6

CKCPJ Peace Action committee, 7 p.m. Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Ongoing discussion of non-violence training sessions in Lexington and Central Kentucky. Discussion of the final details for Jonathan Granoff's upcoming visit.

Tues., Feb. 13

CKCPJ single-payer health care committee, 7 p.m. Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Discussion will include promotion of the single-payer health care concept, how it will benefit citizens and how it can be promoted to lawmakers.

Tues., Feb. 27

CKCPJ Peace Action committee, 7 p.m. Memorial Hall, University of Kentucky. Dr. Jonathan Granoff will be the speaker. The public is invited to attend.

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seek peace**

Enjoy the blessings of the holiday season

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BUILD determines issue for 2018

Following 80 house meetings beginning in September, BUILD (Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action) held its annual Community Problems Assembly at Shiloh Baptist Church on November 6. Over 500 people representing 27 faith communities attended.

BUILD is an organization of 20 religious congregations located in Lexington. BUILD is an interfaith, interracial, grassroots, multi-issue, proactive organization. Since its inception in 2003, BUILD has been constituent-led and employs the practices of direct-action community organizing. BUILD is developing a powerful grassroots organization made up of congregations situated in low-to-moderate-income communities capable of creating system-wide change in Lexington.

For 2018, BUILD will research the issue of drugs in the community and will meet with professionals in different areas of expertise to determine how to focus attention that is needed.

During the listening process at house meetings, members of the Justice Ministry Networks of BUILD's member churches heard hundreds of stories about how drugs affect the community. At the Community Problems Assembly, the majority of the attendees voted to research the impact of drugs, to better understand the problem and present a solution with tangible benefits for the people of Lexington.

The research portion of BUILD's activity will kick off December 11 at Second Presbyterian Church, 460 E. Main St., Lexington, and will include training for people who would like to participate in BUILD's research. The event is open to members of the Justice Ministry Network members of BUILD congregations. If you would like to participate, contact the BUILD JMN member at your church, or Richard Mitchell at (859) 327-6277.

The culmination of the BUILD year is the Nehemiah Action, which brings together members with officials who have the power to make needed changes that will have a positive impact on the issues. The 2018 Nehemiah Action will take place in mid-May. The exact date will be included in the February issue of *Peaceways*.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

CKCPJ Steering Committee Meetings, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave. More info: (859) 488-1448 or peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace, every Thursday, 5:30 - 6 p.m. at Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main Street) in downtown Lexington. Contact Richard Mitchell, (859) 327-6277.

Migrant Network Coalition, first Monday, noon - 1:15 p.m., GLOBAL LEX, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact Lindsay Mattingly, lmatingly@lexpublib.org, (859) 231-5514.

PFLAG Central Kentucky, second Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. LGBTQ individuals of all ages, family members, friends and allies are welcome. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington. Visit info@pflagcentralky.org or (859) 338-4393. Speakers followed by confidential support group meeting.

Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky, second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Lexington Public Central Library, 140 E. Main St., Lexington. Contact Craig Cammack, chair, (859) 951-8565 or info@lexfair.org.

Wednesday Night GLSO "Heart to Heart" discussion group, 7 p.m., Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave., Lexington. GLSO operates Kentucky's only Pride Center, where they have quietly provided services to the GLBTQQIA community for decades. More info, Pride Center hours. and other links at www.glsso.org.

Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky, first Thursday, 7 p.m., Great Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd., Lexington. The Forum is a Chapter of the American Humanist Association. Meetings are open to people of all beliefs willing to express their opinions in a civil manner. Child care is provided. Contact President Staci Maney, staci@olliegee.com or (859) 797-2662.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Episcopal Diocese Mission House at Fourth St. and MLK Blvd, Lexington. Contact Beth Howard, (859) 276-0563.

NAMI Lexington Support Groups, every Sunday, 2:30 - 4 p.m. Participation Station, 869 Sparta Ct., Lexington. Call (859) 272-7891 or visit www.namilex.org.

Christian-Muslim Dialogue Program, fourth Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon. All are welcome. Locations vary, call (859) 277-5126. The Christian-Muslim dialogue promotes understanding and mutual respect between Christians and Muslims. By exploring moral, cultural and political factors shaping the current context, the program promotes personal and collective responsibility to build a more just and peaceful world.

Dance Jam, every Tuesday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave. Move to the extent you are able. Sponsored by Motion Matters, \$7 per session to cover space rental. Contact Pamela, info@motionmatters.org, (859) 351-3142.

Movies with Spirit, second Friday of every month. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road, Lexington. Potluck at 6 p.m., film at 7.

National Action Network, third Thursday each month, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Central Library, Lexington.

Showing Up for Racial Justice, second Tuesday of the month, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wild Fig Coffee and Books, 726 N. Limestone, Lexington.

To include a regular meeting of your organization in this space, contact Margaret Gabriel, peacewayseditor@gmail.com.

News: *Not for sissies any more*

THE TRUTH MATTERS: A Citizen's Guide To Separating Facts from Lies and Stopping Fake News in Its Tracks.
By Bruce Bartlett. Paperback, 138 pages.
Published Oct. 27, 2017 by TenSpeed Press
(Crown Publishing, a division of Random House).

Reviewed by Jim Trammel

Not nearly in time comes *The Truth Matters*, best regarded as a Strunk & White-style step guide to divining truth from what you see and hear in the media and online. If you're a naturally critical thinker, it's still worthwhile for the rules to be written down in a guide.

Who wrote this timely opinion? "*Nothing can now be believed which is seen in a newspaper. The man who never looks into a newspaper is better informed than he who reads them. The details are all false.*"

Okay, who wrote it? Karl Rove? Steve Bannon? Roger Ailes? *Bzzt*. Time's up. The right answer was Thomas Jefferson. True in his day, truer now.

Even those newspapers we think strive for objectivity and excellence are suspect because of their ownership. Liberal Jeff Bezos bought the liberal *Washington Post*. Did he turn it into his personal soapbox? Like Roger Ailes did with Fox News? How do we know?

Plus, ultra-conservative AM talk radio; right-wing drumbeats from Fox News on TV, Breitbart News online, and Alex Jones from whatever bunker he's in; and an ocean of faceless propagandists, left and right, each spout their own points of view and peddle visible or hidden agendas. How can an ordinary citizen sort it all out?

Some Bartlett tips — self-evident perhaps, but worth reviewing:

- Prefer primary sources (people who saw it) to secondary sources (people telling you what others said or did).
- Prefer documentary evidence (such as tax returns) to verbal accounts, even eyewitness accounts (which can be of variable veracity).

- Watch out for leaked information, especially an exclusive leak which might have tempted or fooled the reporter. Is anyone else reporting the story?
 - If the story contains an online link to relevant information, check it out, but be skeptical of links that aren't really relevant, or don't fulfill the implied purpose.
 - One way to check a newspaper's dedication to objectivity: How promptly and fully do they correct their errors? Do they ever correct any? You can be sure they all make errors. Formal fact-checking is a hopeful sign that news sources are trying to do things right. Politifact.com, FactCheck.org, and Snopes.com are politically independent and dedicated to accuracy.
 - Your local library databases all news accounts you need, without you paying for a \$400 annual subscription to *The Wall Street Journal*. Databases EBSCO and ProQuest are searchable by topic to get you everything you need for free. Your library can show you how to access them.
 - Check how polls were taken, and by whom; whether questions elicit any certain answer; and whether the sample was weighted. RealClearPolitics.com aggregates polls, which tends to counter the extremes. PollingReport.com furnishes recent polls sorted by issue.
 - Wikipedia is a great place to start research, but a terrible place to end it. Google Scholar is a useful supplement.
 - Twitter is useful for following journalists closely you have learned to trust.
- When I was in the working press, I always said, "I'm truth's biggest fan." I felt pretty alone in that. I'm willing to change my mind in a 180-degree turnaround in the face of convincing evidence. Not many will do that. Sadly, most these days seek out news that validates their pre-conceptions. I fight that tendency by double-sourcing



volatile facts — a habit ingrained in me in my time writing for the Associated Press, which always required two sources before they would print anything controversial.

You've got to care about truth to immunize yourself against fake news. Bartlett has provided a quick and up-to-date read, and a useful summary of the rules of verification. He also has a bibliography of good fact-checking sources. It's worth a download (the audiobook is free with a subscription to Audible), and it's also downloadable to Kindle.

But, as they say, don't just take my word for it.

Bruce Bartlett is a Washington-based writer who has worked in the White House, at the Treasury Department, and as staff director of a Congressional committee.

Reviewer Jim Trammel works in Frankfort, bowls in a local league, and served in the Third Crusade where he killed 50 heathens. This is mostly true.

*Afflict the comfortable;
comfort the afflicted.*



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*Every individual matters.
Every individual has a role to play.
Every individual makes a difference.*

~ Jane Goodall

End of the Year Report: East End CDC

by Billie Mallory, founder and acting director

As 2017 ends, the East End Community Development Corporation would like to share some of our accomplishments of our third year of operation.

EECDC has remained diligent in working with investors, developers and builders as they continue their work in the East End. More than 65 homes have been sold in the area and a number of other historic or neglected houses have been restored and are now occupied by loving families. EECDC continues to nurture community partnerships with such vital service providers as the Lyric Theatre, Woodsongs, IMMAG, and Splash Jam. New relationships have been developed with Les McCann School of the Arts, Charles Young Dancers, On the Move Mobile Art, and others.

The corporation has participated in numerous community events and activities including On the Table, Courageous Conversations, Back to School Carnival, and Roots & Heritage. The greatest projects include replacing the faded and tattered banners on Elm Tree Lane, near the Lyric Theatre. The new banners are a much more fitting tribute to contemporary artists, musicians, writers, and performers who have contributed to our cultural arts community.

Four "Coffee with the Cops" events sponsored by EECDC during the summer of 2017 demonstrated appreciation for the officers who serve the East End on all shifts, and raised awareness of community policing efforts with East End residents.

As EECDC looks forward to 2018, many of these initiatives will continue or expand as some of the proposed infill and redevelopment actually breaks ground

in the Midland Triangle with affordable housing and mixed-use development.

The neighborhood will welcome Martine's Bakery and an Artists Village where local artists can live/work in a supportive community to our neighborhood. The corporation has also received a grant to promote its mission of "assuring affordable housing choices, encouraging entrepreneurship/small businesses, and assuring employment opportunities for East End residents." The grant will provide mobile signage, banners and bumper stickers for new projects that

support these goals.

EECDC hopes to strengthen its current board of directors with greater expertise and needed skill sets related to real estate, small business development, and employment skills/training. If you or someone you know might be interested in serving on the board or acting as an advisor, please contact Billie Mallory for more information (mallory.billie@gmail.com). The East End Community Development Corporation looks forward to another year of growth, as it remains committed to community.

**An end-of-the-year donation to the
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**For other giving options, contact Richard Mitchell
(859) 327-6277**

Thank you for your continued support and readership!

Peace is Possible for the holidays

CKCPJ thanks Rebecca Glasscock for her continuing efforts to reconcile the account that collected reservations for the sale of its artistic specialty Kentucky license plate that proclaims "Peace is Possible."

Rebecca has contacted everyone who reserved a license plate to tell them their options concerning the refund of deposits to reserve the plate. There are still a few

folks who have not responded to her inquiries.

Would a "Peace is Possible" front plate make a good holiday gift for someone you love? Order one from Rebecca by emailing rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu.

