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A Newsletter of the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

## “HOPE ”

**HOPE.** What a wonderful grace! What a wonderful feeling! What a great need! There does seem to be more hope in our world now than a year ago. The question is – What do we hope for? Do we hope for the world of financial security and even excess for many Americans? That also meant extreme poverty for others and a gaping economic gap among nations and people. Do we hope for “we’re number one” in military might? That led to war and a defensive, non-compromising relationship with other nations. Do we hope that every U.S. family owns their own home? That led to false dreams, bad debt and urban sprawl. Do we hope for comfort, travel and luxury now and always? That led to abuse of credit, increase in global warming, and a “me” attitude. We could go on.

What can we really hope for? How about honesty with each other and among nations? Having everyone in the world’s basic necessities met would mean personal security and global security. Do we need luxury and a security force to protect it? No one needs to be “number one.” Could we hope that politicians everywhere would work for the common good and not an increase in political power? Could we hope for cooperation among nations and understanding among peoples. Are we willing to live lower rather than higher if it means that our children will live in a world that is friendlier and more secure? Hope is a forward attitude. It isn’t looking back at what was and pining for it. Having hope means having a willingness to accept change and a different way to be in relationship with each other and with nations. Some of us have that hope. It is a bit scary but hoping is a risky business.

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## **Some Words about IMMIGRATION**

- President Obama has nominated Esther Olavarria, a prominent immigration lawyer in South Florida, for deputy assistant secretary of policy within the Department of Homeland Security. Some Immigration advocates view her nomination as an indication that migrants may receive better treatment and more opportunities under the Obama administration.
- Raids continue. On Feb 24, immigration officers raided an engine remanufacturing plant in Bellingham, Washington and arrested 28 illegal immigrant workers and began processing them for deportation.
- The Indiana Senate approved an immigration enforcement bill that would, if approved by the House, penalize employers who knowingly hire undocumented immigrant workers.
- According to the FBI and Southern Poverty Law Center there has been a major increase in hate crimes against Latinos.
- An investigation by Homeland security found that immigration officials deported 108,434 parents with children who are U.S. citizens during 1998-2007.

## **Beyond War: A New Economy is Possible Teach In**

A *Teach In* on the possibilities of retooling the American economy after eight long years of war featuring Judith LeBlanc, internationally renowned speaker, co-chair of United for Peace and Justice, and frequent radio guest on national news outlets, is being co-sponsored by Xavier University's Peace and Justice Programs and the IJPC on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Xavier University—*Hailstones 2* next to Bel-larmine Chapel, from 12:30 to 4 pm. Ms. LeBlanc draws historical parallels from Rev. Martin Luther King's "*Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence*," (April 4, 1967\*) speech and illustrates it's application today. She'll energize us to move be-

yond a militarized economy and bring about an economy that serves human needs. Call 513-579-8547 or e-mail info@ijpc-cincinnati.org for more details. (\* <http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mlkatimetobreaksilence.htm>)

12:30 pm	Doors will open for Registration.	Yummy refreshments will be available!
1-2:15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Martin Luther King's "<i>Beyond Vietnam</i>" speech</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judith LeBlanc</li> </ul>
2:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short Break</li> </ul>	
2:25-3:05 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Ending the Wars in Iraq &amp; Afghanistan</i></li> <li><i>Building Skills and Alliances to End the Wars and Retool the Economy</i></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Beyond War: Realistic Ways to Retool the Economy for the Common Good &amp; Improved National Security</i></li> <li><i>Healing the Wounds of War</i></li> </ol>
3:10-4:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same workshops repeated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same workshops repeated</li> </ul>

### **On the Road with the Day of Dialogue!**

#### **A Palestinian, An Israeli, and the Heart of the Middle East**

Zeinab Schwen, a Palestinian-American and Amir Yarchi, an Israeli (the featured speakers) each shared their unique and personal experiences during a Dialogue which took place on February 22 at the First Unitarian Church. The Dialogue's theme was inspired by the book, *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East* by Sandy Tolan.

Following an introduction to the Dialogue process by Sister Alice Gerdeman, excerpts of a video of the people who inspired *The Lemon Tree* were shown. Schwen and Yarchi then shared their family experiences with Palestinian/Israeli relations. Kristen Barker and Mary Jo Ruccio modeled the Dialogue process by paraphrasing what they heard Schwen and Yarchi say about growing up with tension and violence between the Palestinian and Israeli communities as well as the joys of their respective family's life. Attendees then dialogued (in facilitated, small groups) for an hour on what they had heard, their own experiences, and about what they were learning as they talked and listened to each other. Participants comments included:

- "Extremely helpful because much information and many views were exchanged in respectful ways."
- "It allowed me to see (and feel) the emotions and history of a complicated conflict."
- "Both speakers were genuine and enlightening."
- "It helped me to see that there are many good hearts in the community who want to see a just solution to the conflict."
- "Helpful in dealing with people who are fixated on one point of view."

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# Just the Facts

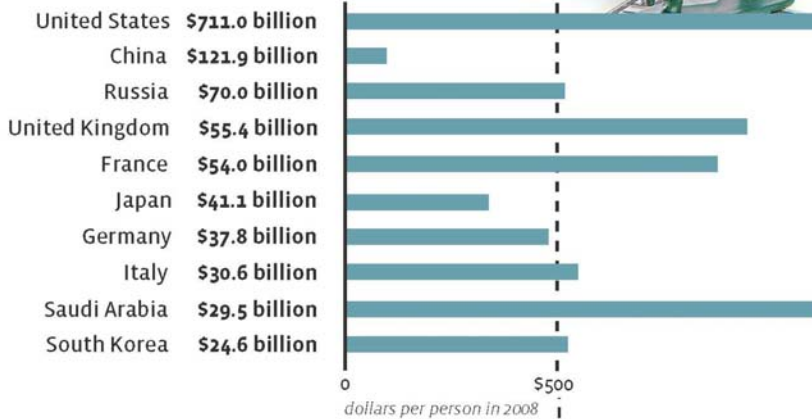
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## We've Got Deep Pockets for Military Spending

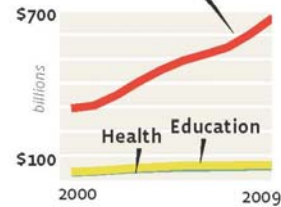
Military spending worldwide is \$1.47 trillion. The U.S. spends 48% of that. We're tops per capita, too.

### Top 10 in military spending



How we stack up in per capita military spending **\$2,361**

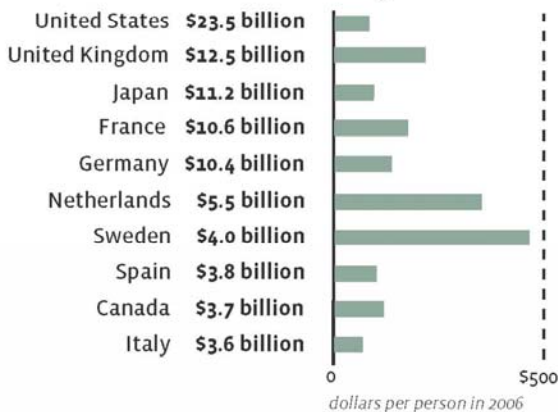
And the military budget keeps getting bigger



## But We're Generous with Foreign Aid, Aren't We? No

The U.S., with 300 million people, gives away \$23.5 billion in non-military aid to developing countries. But the 333 million people in the next four countries spend almost double: \$44.7 billion.

### Top 10 in non-military foreign aid

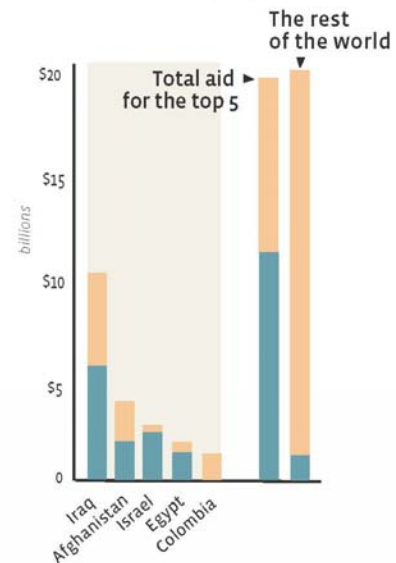


How we stack up in per capita development aid spending **\$78**

## Who Gets Our Aid?

Military aid Economic aid

We give the same amount of money to our top 5 aid recipients (194 million people) as we give to the rest of the world (6 billion people).





In the midst of an economic crisis unlike any the U.S. has seen in 80 years, with a record national debt, two costly, unwinnable wars being fought, and much needed investments in health care, infrastructure, the energy economy, education, what's a country to do?

*Good news –Cutting the wasteful military budget and ending the wars points to a realistic way forward.*

**How much are we spending on defense?** When you include spending on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, we are spending around \$711 billion in defense spending, just shy of all of the other countries combined. Its 6 times more than China, 10 times more than Russia, and 97 times more than Iran.

**How can we save billions?** The Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) released a Unified Security Budget for 2009, outlining billions of dollars of savings available by cutting significantly or eliminating the following:

- \$44 billion+ on unnecessary weapons programs such as the F/A 22 Raptor, an aircraft designed to counter a Russian model that was never built.
- \$15 billion in congressional pork projects in the Pentagon budget.
- \$130+ billion to maintain the 800-plus military installations around the world.
- \$15+ billion in Energy Dept's budget for building and maintaining our nuclear weapons arsenal.
- \$11+ billion of Military Aid is in the State Department budget. This aid all too often fuels conflicts.
- Ending the Iraq & Afghanistan wars. Defense Secretary Gates estimates an additional \$170 billion will be spent this year on the wars. (total bill to date \$700 billion)

**How can we redirect billions for improved security?** The IPS Unified Security Budget says we can improve security by redirecting some of the savings listed above to nonmilitary security tools that include diplomacy, nonproliferation efforts, international peacekeeping missions, homeland security, averting global climate chaos, and development aid that will help eliminate the breeding grounds of extremism. President Obama has said, "I know development assistance is not the most popular of programs, but as President, I will make the case to the American people that it can be our best investment in increasing the common security of the entire world and increasing our own security."

## Realistic Ways to Retool the Economy for the Common Good

*"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. April 4, 1967*

**Doesn't military spending help the economy?** No. It is a common misconception. A 2007 Center for Economic and Policy Research report shows that in the long run, higher military spending has a negative effect on economic growth. In comments before the House Banking Committee hearing on the conduct of monetary policy in 1999, Alan Greenspan agreed that "To the extent that you can reduce military spending consistent with your security needs, that is going to have a good economic effect." In an article entitled "Time to build a new mass movement for a peace economy" John Bachtell describes a 2007 study by Robert Pollin and Heidi Garret-Peltier at the University of Massachusetts that shows more jobs are created with \$1 billion invested on healthcare (+50 percent), education (+106 percent), mass transit (+131 percent), construction (+49 percent), and even tax cuts (+26 percent) compared to the same \$1 billion spent on the military.

**Where can I find out more?** Join us Saturday March 14 at a Teach-In on "Beyond War: A New Economy is Possible" at Xavier University from 12:30-4pm in Hailstone 2. (See story in newsletter on page 2.)

### Helpful websites:

Institute for Policy studies [www.ips-dc.org](http://www.ips-dc.org)

National Priority Project [www.nationalpriorities.org](http://www.nationalpriorities.org)

War Resister's League [www.warresisters.org/pages/piechart.htm](http://www.warresisters.org/pages/piechart.htm)

Congressman Barney Frank's Plan to cut defense by 25 % [www.house.gov/frank/](http://www.house.gov/frank/)

### March with United For Peace & Justice

**Saturday, April 4th  
New York City**

**IJPC will be coordinating transportation.  
Call 513-579-8547 for more information**

**Time to End the Wars in Iraq & Afghanistan  
Time to Address the Economic Crisis by  
Cutting Military Spending**

This year, on Saturday, April 4, we call on all people to take up Dr. King's example of public action and join us in the streets of New York City's financial center as we renew our common commitment to move this country in a new direction.

[www.unitedforpeace.org](http://www.unitedforpeace.org)

## Spring Handout for High School Seniors

IT'S SPRINGTIME! YOU'RE EXCITED, GOT HIGH HOPES, AND  
 If You Don't Know What You're Doing: **AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.**

Stressed Out

Everyone's saying, "You can't wait forever!"  
 "YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE SOON!"

You're not sure college is for you... Jobs seem: few, dull, and no future!

So you might think—Go Armed Forces is your only choice.

### WHAT OTHER CHOICES DO YOU HAVE?

Check out some of the exciting service alternatives, pay-while-you-learn opportunities, and jobs with real futures for someone with the high school degree.

- **AmeriCorps:** Serve in Cincinnati or all around the country, earn \$11,000 plus with health insurance and earn \$\$ for college too— <http://www.americorps.org/about/ac/index.asp>
- **Working on the Railroad:** Cincinnati has a substantial rail industry which provides well paid jobs. Railroad jobs are union positions; unlike the construction industry, union membership occurs after being hired by the railroad. Some offer part-time positions with college tuition assistance <https://careers.csx.com>, <http://www.nscorp.com/nscportal/nscorp/Job%20Seekers/>, <http://jobs.amtrak.com>
- **Do AmeriCorps for two years and then check out Cincinnati Police Department:** <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cpd/>
- **USPS—Postal Service:** [http://www.usps.com/employment/welcome.htm?from=home\\_footer&page=careers](http://www.usps.com/employment/welcome.htm?from=home_footer&page=careers)
- **IRS—Internal Revenue Service:** <http://jobs.irs.gov/home.html>
- **Building the Banks on the Riverfront—Skilled trades apprenticeships:** <http://www.cincinnati-buildingtrades.org/>
- **Many more ways to exciting career paths, apprenticeships, pay for college, or technical training—**  
Go to: <http://cps.kuder.com/>

The Armed Forces might be the right choice for you...

BUT before you make this choice you need to:

READ THE SMALL PRINT IN ANY CONTRACT and

GET ALL PROMISES/GUARANTEES IN WRITING.

FIND OUT WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ARMED FORCES CHOICE.

TALK TO A VETERAN. DON'T KNOW ONE? CALL 513-579-8547 AND WE WILL CONNECT YOU WITH ONE.

### **Three Ways to Getting It Right with Recruiters**

**1. Remember—Recruiters are salespeople.** That means they may give only a positive, one-sided picture of life in the military. Don't make an important decision that commits you to a contract when you are depressed, hard up for work, confused or unsure about your future, or pressured by your friends, or family. This decision affects many years of your life; don't make it lightly.

**2. Get all of a recruiter's promises in writing.** Remember that the military of your work. The military, for example, may decide you are "unsuitable" and discharge you without your consent. A written statement may offer you (as a service member) some protection if promises are not met. However, the contract is more binding on you than on the military, the college or training program. You are ultimately responsible for information on the form - that's what "reading the fine print" and "getting it in writing" is all about.

**3.** For more information about GETTING IT RIGHT when talking to the "Go-Armed-Forces-Folks," Go: [http://www.ijpc-cincinnati.org/truth/10\\_points.htm](http://www.ijpc-cincinnati.org/truth/10_points.htm) or <http://www.afsc.org/Youth& Militarism/>

**4. Signed up for the military but rethinking your decision?**

Call GI Bill of Rights Hot Line 800-394-9544

# Jeff Hill Receives Clemency from Governor Strickland!!!

The Ohio Parole Authority on February 6th, voted unanimously to recommend clemency for Jeff Hill and to reduce his sentence to life with parole eligibility after 25 years served. Less than a week later, on February 12th, Governor Strickland followed the Parole Board recommendation.

## The Parole Board and Governor provided the following rationale:

- The victim's family unanimously supports clemency and the possibility of Jeff's release. His execution would have added to the tragic loss they have already suffered.
- Jeff's defense counsel failed to adequately present mitigating factors associated with his crime.
- Jeff has demonstrated genuine remorse, from the time of his arrest until the present, and has conducted himself well in prison.
- The death sentence was disproportionate; persons convicted of worse offenses had received life sentences with parole eligibility.
- Two justices of the Ohio Supreme Court felt that the death penalty was inappropriate in light of the facts of the case.

## The Governor, Jeff's Uncle, and IJPC's Comments on Jeff Hill's Clemency

**Governor Strickland:** "I concur with the rationale and recommendation of the Ohio Parole Board and have, therefore, decided to commute Mr. Hill's sentence to a term of 25 years to life."

**Mr. Eddie Sanders:** "Our family's prayers have finally been answered. The Governor's actions today not only respect our wishes, but they also honor the memory of my beloved sister who believed in the power of redemption and the value of all life."

**Sister Alice Gerdeman:** "I hope (the clemency shows) that there is a sense of compassion within the state, that when a person is indeed truly remorseful and is determined to live a good life, that he would be allowed to live, "In this case, I'm also delighted for the family, that they don't have to go through the pain of an execution. I would hope this would be a time when the state, from the governor to the citizens, would take a look at the death penalty and decide we don't need it."

## **Warrant of Commutation of Sentence: (Feb. 12, 2009)**

1. Jeffrey D. Hill #A261-876 was convicted of the crime of Aggravated Murder with a Death Penalty Specification and sentenced by the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court to death.
2. Mr. Hill is currently incarcerated in the custody of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and is scheduled to be executed on March 3, 2009.
3. After the review of extensive material associated with this case, I concur with the unanimous rationale and recommendation of the Ohio Parole Board.
4. Accordingly, I direct that the sentence of death of Jeffrey D. Hill be commuted to a term of from 25 years to life.
5. I signed this Warrant of Commutation on February 12, 2009, in Columbus, Ohio.

Ted Strickland, Governor



*Mr. Eddie Sanders—Jeffrey Hill's uncle—testifying before Ohio Parole Board clemency hearing for his nephew Jeffrey Hill, holding a picture of his sister, Emma Hill.*

## After Years of Hard Work by Jeff & Emma Hill's Family, Activists, and Lawyers ... A Life is Saved!

"Would you like to sign a clemency petition for Jeff Hill?" A question asked by countless activists sitting at Findlay Market on Saturday morning or standing in front of the Hamilton County Courthouse during the lunch hour.

"Our family has suffered enough. Please do not execute Jeffrey." Words spoken time and again by the Hill and Sanders family.

Those who represented Jeff, including Tim Payne, Gary Crim, Justin Thompson, & Pam Prude-Smithers worked tirelessly over the years to eloquently exhibit the multitude of reasons that a death sentence should not apply to Jeff's case.

All of these efforts culminated in a powerful clemency petition and a positive result.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED SAVE JEFF'S LIFE!!

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO THANK GOVERNOR STRICKLAND AND THE OHIO PAROLE BOARD

What a **wonderful opportunity** we have to show our appreciation to Governor Strickland and the Parole Board for making the choice of clemency for Jeff and for his family.



*Photo of Jeff Hill taken at the Ohio State Penitentiary in 2005.*

### Some Points to Mention :

- Thank you for recognizing the disparities in the system and that there important considerations the appeals process fails to address.
- Thank you for being open to the possibility that human beings can change.
- Thank you for leading the state towards a new time of compassion.
- This is just one more example of how messy the death penalty is — we don't need it.

### TO THANK THE GOVERNOR:

**Call:** (614) 466-3555  
**Write to:** Governor's Office  
 Riffe Center, 30th Floor  
 77 South High Street  
 Columbus, OH 43215-6108

### TO THANK THE PAROLE BOARD:

**Call:** (614)-752-1159, ext. 2  
**Write to:** Cynthia Mausser,  
 Chair of Parole Board  
 770 West Broad Street  
 Columbus, Ohio 43222

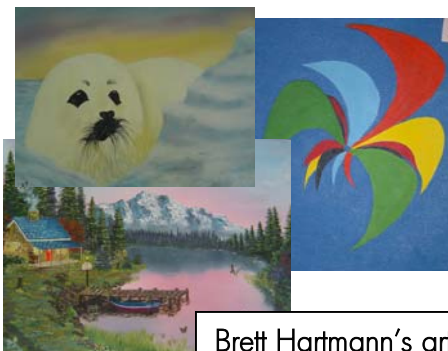
## NEXT EXECUTION ALERT:

Brett Hartmann is scheduled to be executed on April 7th, 2009

On February 26th, the Ohio Parole Board held a clemency hearing for Brett Hartmann. Three major themes were presented that call his sentence into question:

- 1) Questions of innocence** - Some of the evidence that was sent to the lab from the crime scene remains untested, including 4 hairs. Brett's attorneys are trying to get back into court in order to be able to have this evidence tested.
- 2) Institutional Adjustment** - Brett has done amazing things while being in prison. He is constantly thinking of others - his family, the other inmates, friends beyond the prison walls. He has acted as a mentor to other prisoners having difficulty, painted numerous murals within the Ohio State Penitentiary, participated in countless community service opportunities, has made contributions to a Women's shelter, helps to organize and coordinate student pen pal projects, and more.
- 3) Substantial Mitigating Evidence** - In addition to insufficient representation during the guilt/innocence phase of trial, Brett's attorneys did not provide adequate information during mitigation.

**Please Sign the Petition for Brett Hartmann and ask others to do the same!**



Brett Hartmann's artwork

**"I have come to know Brett Hartmann as a kind, generous, involved, and talented human being. He has been a great asset to IJPC in organizing and continuing the work of Families That Matter. He devotes his time selflessly to these projects. Brett is a man doing great things for the community while incarcerated and a man who has great potential to do good and help others."** ~ Sr. Alice Gerdeman, CDP



# I AM MOTHER by Carol Parcell

Brett Hartmann is my only son  
And I couldn't be more proud  
He is a wonderful one

He lives on Ohio's death row  
Which has actually allowed him to truly  
grow –  
From a happy, carefree, callow youth  
To a warm, wonderful man  
Can anyone understand?

I say out of all bad, comes something good  
But how do you measure loss of years

So death stalks me day by day  
Despair sits on my shoulder  
Barely being held at bay  
He's not guilty, it's not fair –

Appeal they say  
Don't worry we'll appeal  
Month after month, year after year  
While down face slide the silent tears  
– that no one hears.

I repeat that old, old refrain  
"Truth and justice will prevail"  
But they hide out behind society's veil

"Hate will out"  
I shout into the fray  
But no one listens  
And I pray.

No one hears the silent  
screams  
That bounce off the walls.  
No one sees the silent tears.

I am Mother!  
Will I live to see him free?  
I pray to God, please let it be  
I am Mother.

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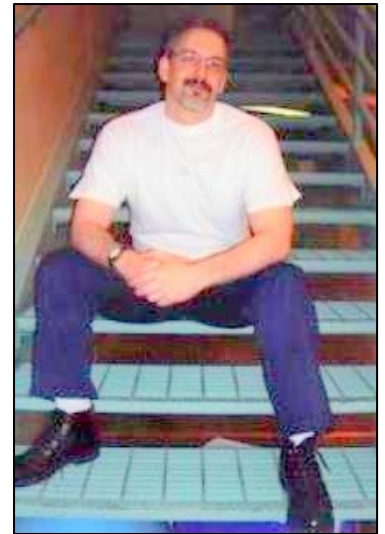
## Petition to Commute the Death Sentence of Brett Hartmann

We, the undersigned, urge Governor Strickland to commute the death sentence of Brett Hartmann scheduled April 7th, 2009.

Brett was sentenced to death on May 22, 1998 for the murder of Winda Snipes. Many questions remain unanswered concerning the facts around this case, including phone records that place Brett at home at the time of the crime, untested evidence, and contradictory results where tests have been done.

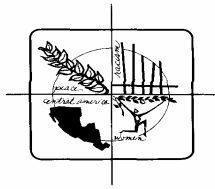
Brett received poor representation at trial and had little investigation done on his behalf. Lawyers (including his own), judges, and prosecutors involved in the case have all been accused and/or convicted of wrongdoing in a variety of circumstances since Brett's conviction. Brett was not allowed the ultimate right of proof beyond a reasonable doubt. State sanctioned murder will be committed on Brett based on 100% reasonable doubt and circumstantial evidence.

We deeply sympathize with the family and friends of Winda Snipes, but we respectfully offer that another death will neither heal nor resolve this tragedy.



Signature	Address	City/Zip	Date

**"An evil deed is not redeemed by an evil deed of retaliation. Justice is never advanced in the taking of human life. Morality is never upheld by legalized murder" ~ Coretta Scott King**

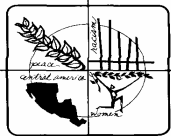


# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## WEEKLY AND MONTHLY EVENTS:

W e e k l i y & M o n t h l y	1st MONDAY	<b>CEASEFIRE CINCINNATI</b> 6 pm; Bush Recreation Center, 2640 Kemper Avenue, (513) 675 - 4102 <a href="http://www.ceasefirecincinnati.org">www.ceasefirecincinnati.org</a>
	MONDAYS	<b>WOMEN IN BLACK</b> 4:30 pm; Island on Central Pkwy & Vine; Alice Gerdeman: 513-579-8547 <b>TALK, ACT, LISTEN, "KONNECT"</b> 6:30-8:30 pm; Women's Connection 4022 Glenway Ave. Contact: Alisa Franks at (513) 471-4673 ext 17 <a href="mailto:afranks@thewomensconnection.org">afranks@thewomensconnection.org</a>
	2nd TUESDAY	<b>CINCINNATI - OHIOANS TO STOP EXECUTION MEETING</b> 7-8 pm—IJPC Peaslee Center, 215 E. 14th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 Julie Przybysz ,513-579-8547
	3rd TUESDAY	<b>CEASEFIRE CINCINNATI</b> 5:30-6:30 pm; Avondale Pride Center, 3520 Burnet, (513) 675 - 4102 <a href="http://www.ceasefirecincinnati.org">www.ceasefirecincinnati.org</a>
	3rd WEDNESDAY	<b>IJPC GENERAL PEACE COMMITTEE</b> 7– 9 pm; Peaslee Neighborhood Center, 215 East 14th St. Kristen Barker, 531-579-8547
	1st THURSDAYS	<b>BENEFITS RIGHTS ADVOCACY GROUP</b> Noon– 1:30 pm; Contact Center 1212 Vine St; Lynn Williams 381-4242 <b>NORTHERN KENTUCKY JUSTICE &amp; PEACE COMMITTEE</b> 7 pm; Mother of God Church, 119 W. 6th St. Covington, KY
	FRIDAYS	<b>PEACE VIGIL IN NORTHSIDE</b> 4:30-5:30 pm; Hoffner Park (Blue Rock & Hamilton) Elizabeth Motter: 683-2340 <b>PEACE VIGIL IN Northern Kentucky</b> 4:30-5:30 pm; Peace Bell, Monmouth and York Streets, Newport, KY: Vickie Dierig
	3rd FRIDAYS	<b>IRAQ MORATORIUM: NEIGHBORHOOD PEACE VIGILS</b> 4:30-6:00 pm; Call for details (513-579-8547) or see <a href="http://www.ijpc-cincinnati.org/calendar.htm">http://www.ijpc-cincinnati.org/calendar.htm</a>
	2nd SATURDAYS	<b>AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL</b> 2-3:30 pm; Panera Bread in Hyde Park, 3806 Paxton Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45209 Please confirm that this meeting is happening as scheduled by contacting Laura Osborn Coffey at (513) 734-6043, or <a href="mailto:lozcoffey@cs.com">lozcoffey@cs.com</a>
	3rd SUNDAY	<b>STUDENTS AGAINST RACISM TOWN HALL THINK TANK</b> 3-5 pm; Essex Place 7610 Reading Road Contacts: Akosua Favors & Ben Sea via e-mail at <a href="mailto:star@nku.edu">star@nku.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:revol-radio@hotmail.com">revol-radio@hotmail.com</a> .

M A R C H 2 0 0 9	<b>MARCH 5, 7 - 9 PM, "Slaves Among Us: Human Trafficking Today" with panelists:</b> Isaac M. Wise Center, 8329 Ridge Road, Amberley Village. Please email questions you would like panelists to address, at <a href="mailto:ctc@wisetemple.org">ctc@wisetemple.org</a> .
	<b>MARCH 7, 9:30 am-12 noon - Hope Rising From Chaos Panel Discussion:</b> Judy Tensing, SNDdeN, Jean Blust, SNDdeN, Mary Ann Zwijack, SNDdeN. Mt. Notre Dame de Namur 699 E Columbia Ave, Reading, Ohio 45215
	<b>MARCH 8, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, International Women's Day Concert</b> Choral concert featuring MUSE-Cincinnati's Women's Chorus, Indian Hill High School Women's Chorus and Bowling Green State University Women's Chorus St. John's Unitarian Church, 320 Resor Ave , Cincinnati, OH
	<b>MARCH 12, 8:30 PM, 3 Comics, 3 Faiths: an Interfaith Comedy Show,</b> At, Cintas Center, Xavier Univ. \$5 donation. <a href="mailto:3comics3faiths@gmail.com">3comics3faiths@gmail.com</a> for advance tickets. Dan Ahdoot, Kumail Nangiani, and Jordan Carlos
	<b>MARCH 14 TEACH IN: BEYOND WAR: A NEW ECONOMY IS POSSIBLE (SEE PAGE 2)</b>
	<b>MARCH 19, 4-6 PM, WAR IN IRAQ 6TH ANNIVERSARY ACTION.</b> Stand with other peacemakers from 4-6pm at Calhoun and Clifton Avenue. Bring signs that express your concerns and HOPES. Call 513-579-8547 for more information
	<b>MARCH 25, 7pm, , "Witnesses for Faith:" The Struggle for Environmental Justice and Human Rights in Brazil"</b> <i>Brother Rodrigo de Castro Amedee Peret, a Brazilian Franciscan friar, and civil engineer, Duff Banquet/</i> Conference Center at Cintas on Xavier's campus
<b>MARCH 28, 7:00 pm, Climate Change &amp; the Faith Community,</b> Bob Yoder, the campus minister of Goshen College, trained by Al Gore. Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship is located in Oakley at 4229 Brownway Ave, 513-871-0035 <a href="mailto:cmfoffice@juno.com">cmfoffice@juno.com</a> <a href="http://cincinnati.oh.us.mennonite.net">http://cincinnati.oh.us.mennonite.net</a>	



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- APRIL 9-12, Easter Tridium**, Please join the Sisters of Divine Providence as we celebrate the Easter Tridium  
Registration deadline: March 27, 2009, \$175 is the suggested donation and includes room and all meals and handouts. \$75 non-refundable deposit. Moyer Spiritual Life Center, 1000 St. Anne Drive, Melbourne, KY 41059, 859-441-0700 x 325 [moyecenter@cdpkentucky.org](mailto:moyecenter@cdpkentucky.org)  
<http://www.cdpkentucky.org>
- APRIL 23, 6 p.m. Su Casa Awards Banquet**, Silent auction, dinner and awards. Benefits Su Casa Hispanic Center. Cintas Center, Xavier Univ., 1624 Herald Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207, 513-761-1588
- APRIL 11, 10 am-12 pm GET-TOGETHER BRUNCH FOR LOCAL PEACE AND JUSTICE GROUPS:**  
Peaslee Neighborhood Center, 215 E. 14th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202.  
Meeting begins at 10 am/potluck brunch - 12 pm. Sharing and contributing any food or beverage will be greatly appreciated. Carol Rainey is coordinator and facilitator for this session
- APRIL 28, Human Trafficking in Northern Kentucky? Yes. It's Here.** 7:00 pm at Madison Ave Christian Church, 1530 Madison Ave. Covington, KY—call IJPC 513-579-8547 for more information & directions.
- APRIL 24-30, Holistic Directed Retreat—Opening to New Life in this Spring Time**  
Come 2 or more days The Center Within At Mount St. Joseph, 5900 Delhi Road on the west side of Cincinnati. The retreat begins with registration 10:00 AM on Friday, April 24, and ends with communal prayer beginning at 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 30.  
Contact: Donna Steffen 513.751.3358 or Jean Marie Stross 513.681.8881 or [TheCenterWithin@aol.com](mailto:TheCenterWithin@aol.com) [www.TheCenterWithin.org](http://www.TheCenterWithin.org)
- MAY 2, 9:30 am-12 noon - Hope in Unexpected Places:** Ann Vonder Meulen, OSF . Mt. Notre Dame de Namur  
699 E Columbia Ave, Reading, Ohio 45215
- JUNE 13-20 - Eight Day Retreat, with Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP**  
Intensive Retreat: An in-depth retreat for those with experience in Centering. Retreat begins with dinner at 5:40 p.m. on Saturday, June 13 and closes at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday June 20, \$475.00, Moyer Spiritual Life Center 1000 St. Anne Drive, Melbourne, KY 41059, 859-441-0700 x 325 [moyecenter@cdpkentucky.org](mailto:moyecenter@cdpkentucky.org) <http://www.cdpkentucky.org>
- JUNE 15 - June 21A Holistic Directed Retreat: Tending your Spirit ... In Today's World.**  
Registration at 10:30 AM on June 15 and ends at 4:00 PM on June 21. Limited Space  
The Center Within with Julie Murray, and Donna Steffen, and massage therapist. Knobs Haven, Nerinx, Kentucky, south of Bardstown.. [TheCenterWithin@aol.com](mailto:TheCenterWithin@aol.com)  
[www.TheCenterWithin.org](http://www.TheCenterWithin.org)
- JUNE 20 - World Refugee Day** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees  
<http://www.unhcr.org>
- JULY 5-11, The Seeds of Our Experience Blossom into the Fruits of the Kingdom – A Summer Retreat with Fr. Sebastian MacDonald, CP**Registration deadline: June 24. \$375, includes room and all meals and handouts \$75 non-refundable deposit. Moyer Spiritual Life Center, 1000 St. Anne Drive Melbourne, KY 41059  
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- JUNE 12-14—Imago's Earth Spirit Rising: A Conference on Ecology, Spirituality and Living Economies**, Xavier University Cintas Center , Cincinnati, Ohio Speakers: Paula Gonzalez, SC, David Korten, Miriam Therese MacGillis, OP, David Or. Register at: <http://www.earthspiritrising.org/>
- JULY 19-26- Discipleship in the Gospel of John, Fr. Dan Havron, OFM** Registration deadline: July 10. \$375, includes room and all meals and handouts. \$75 non-refundable deposit. Moyer Spiritual Life Center. 1000 St. Anne Drive, Melbourne, KY 41059, 859-441-0700 x 325  
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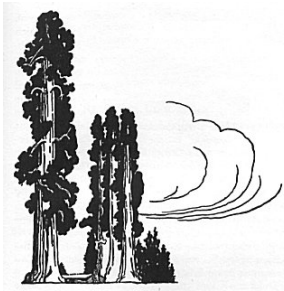
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