# Chancellor's Office

**Dcn. John Brennen**

**Annual Mass Counts** – The yearly September Mass Counts are due Friday, **October 16, 2026,** to Deacon John Brannen at jbrannen@cdlex.org.

Please list each Mass time, language, and total attendance. The counts will cover the Vigil Mass on Saturday, September 5th through Sunday, September 27th.

**Statistical Reports and Sacramental Registers for 2026** – The forms for the reporting of annual statistical information are available on the diocesan website (www.cdlex.org) on the Chancellor's page or at https://cdlex.org/annual-statistical-information/.
The Parish Leadership Report, Sacramental Registration, and Statcomputer Report are due January 25, 2027, to Deacon John Brannen at jbrannen@cdlex.org

**Official Catholic Directory 2027**

It is that time of year, and the Official Catholic Directory (OCD) Online Update System is open. **The deadline to submit data for the 2027 Edition is 10/23/2026**. OCD will send out notification emails to Catholic Diocese of Lexington entities to request that they update their information for the 2027 Edition of The Official Catholic Directory.

- Please help! The notification will go to the email listed as the 'OCD Contact' for the entity in the system. At times, the notification email does not reach the person responsible for updating. This could happen because the contact email is outdated and someone else is now responsible for updating; the notification email may be inadvertently deleted, or the recipient's email server routes the notification email to spam/junk or blocks it entirely.
- If you are not the responsible contact, please share this with that individual. If you are not certain who is responsible, please contact me. And I will help establish who that is. Please check your spam folders!
- Why is it important to review and update? The Official Catholic Directory is the best way for donors and granting bodies to verify your entity's inclusion in the IRS/USCCB Group Ruling Exemption. Failure to keep your listing current could impede your ability to prove your tax-exempt status. The directory is also a widely used reference source within the Church.
- The OCD Online Update System consists of two sites: one for the entities ocdedits.com/login to review/update your listings, and the second site used by diocesan admins to review/update/approve the listings.

**Important content notes:**

- Please note that parishes should not add groups, activities, or cemeteries as sub-organizations.
- We do not list youth activities, adult religious education, meetings, or groups in the directory.
- No entity in our diocese should delete a sub-organization and request that it be re-added. Deleting a sub-organization should only happen if it needs to be removed from the directory.

**The Statistical Overview Form**

- The form is on the Help Menu and is protected by design (i.e., certain cells are locked and cannot be changed). You can only provide values in the cells with borders in columns C & D (excluding any grayed-out cells for section headers or cells with calculated totals).
- In cell range D2 through D6 at the top of the form, please be sure to provide the name of your diocese, your full name and title, your email address, and the end date for the statistics being provided.
- Please provide a value for each stat requested. Enter 0 (zero) for any statistic that does not apply or for which you have zero.
- Please use the chart provided; they cannot use any forms but the one they created/provided.

# Communication

**Holly Neal**

**Share Your Parish Events with the Diocese**

We would love to help promote the wonderful events taking place throughout our diocesan community. Many parishioners have expressed interest in learning about activities and events happening at parishes across the Diocese of Lexington. If your parish is hosting an upcoming event, please send the details to me. I will be happy to add it to the calendar on the CDLEX website so that parishioners throughout the diocese can stay informed and connected. Contact Holly Neal at hneal@cdlex.org.

**Looking for Local Stories to Feature**

Do you have a local story that should be shared in *Cross Roads, social media, or online*? We're looking to feature parish stories about life in our community. We're also eager to include insights and experiences from our young adult and youth groups to help bring fresh perspectives to the publication. If you or someone in your parish has a story, please contact Holly Neal at hneal@cdlex.org.

# Calvary Cemetery

**Fran Borders**

**October Events**
October 3 at 10 AM Laudato Si Season of Creation Walk with Arborist Barry Duncil

October 11 at 3 PM St. Joseph Hospital 4th Annual Walk to Remember begins @ the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum.

October 14: Feast day of St. Callistus I, patron saint of cemetery workers…pray for us.

October 15: National Pregnancy & Infant Loss Day (since 1988)

October 17: Coldspring, Minnesota's first National Cremation Placement Day

**November Events**
November 1 at 3 PM All Saints Day Mass at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum & Blessing of Mary Queen of Heaven & Earth statue at the Priests Section, with Bishop John Stowe OFM Conv. Presiding

November 1 to November 8 Plenary Indulgence if you participate in Sacramental Confession, Communion, and Pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father (all to be carried out within days of each other or at the same time) & visit a cemetery. Calvary's gates open at 8 AM and close at 5 PM every day unless inclement weather. Fervently prays for the deceased [on other days of the year, the Indulgence is Partial].

November 2 from 3-5 PM LCHS Students & Fr. Ben Horn prayer service @ Priests Section.

November 4 at 1 PM Prayer service & Burial of Miscarried Babies (0-12 week fetuses) at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum

November 6 at 3 PM: Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum, with Jim and Kathy Boorman to lead.

November 7: American Heritage Girls to place USA flags at Veterans' graves.

November 13 at 3 PM: Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum, with Kathy Owens to lead.

November 16: feast day of St. Gertrude the Great, patron saint of the Souls in Purgatory…pray for us

November 20 at 3 PM: Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum, with Kathy Owens to lead.

November 21: Trail Life Clean-up the Cemetery grounds day

November 23: Feast day of St. Clement I, patron saint of marble workers…pray for us.

November 26: Anniversary of the Eagle Scout Serenity Garden blessing (2016)

**December Events**
December 1: Calvary Cemetery participating in #iGIVECATHOLIC

December 5 at 5 PM: Third Annual "Candlelight at Calvary"

# Catholic Charities

**Diane Gottfrie**

- Please Follow and Share CatholicCharitiesLexington on Facebook and Instagram! Stay Connected & Stay Inspired!
- Attached are horizontal and vertical copies of the same "Save the Date" card for our upcoming Gala. Both options are included to make it easier to fit into space in the bulletin or on social media.
- Attached is a flyer for a job posting in Catholic Charities
- Attached are flyers in Spanish, Swahili, and English for our Food Distribution on **October 2**

# Development

**Robert Watts**

**Diocesan Annual Appeal 2026** - Thank you to everyone who worked to make the kickoff to this year's One in Christ Annual Appeal such a great success! So far, we have had a very good response from the mailing to each household on record. The public campaign for the diocesan annual appeal goes through November 30th. Please encourage parishioners to mail in their gift, drop it at the parish, or give online. Please send all gifts to the development office at the diocese and do not process them at the parish level. Please also keep sending out the video in English and Spanish!

https://pushpay.com/g/catholicdioceseoflexington

Your family participation goal is at least 65%. Please reach out to Robert Watts at x1049 or rwatts@cdlex.org and Sara Spellman at x1051 or sspellman@cdlex.org if you need any help in reaching your parish participation goal. It's important now more than ever that we raise funds as one body to provide critical support throughout the diocese. Thank You!

**Second Collections** – **Collection for World Missions is scheduled for October 17-18.** In 1926, Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church, with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. This special day is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is crucial for sustaining the Church's outreach in over 1,150 mission territories. Pope Francis has given us a powerful theme that resonates deeply in this Jubilee Year: **"Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples."**

# Liturgical Commission

**Fr. Rob Adams**

The Liturgical Commission (formerly the Worship Office) will no longer be processing annual sourcebooks/workbooks orders for the parishes. You can now go directly to the LTP website (ltp.org) and place your orders for workbooks, calendars, etc. at your convenience.

If you need additional information or assistance, please email Beth Keenon at ekeenon@cdlex.org.

# Pastoral Life

**Michael Armstrong**
**Director of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry**

**October 17: Diocese of Lexington Middle School Youth Rally:** Middle school is a crucial time in the life of a young person as they begin to struggle with their sense of identity and who they are. Which is why we're throwing a big, all-day event for youth in grades 6-8, focusing on what it truly means to be Catholic. The day will be centered around community, formation, and prayer, all of which will find their greatest fulfilment in the Mass. The cost will be $20 per youth (scholarships are available), and it will be hosted by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Lexington. To register, contact your parish youth minister or visit cdlex.org/youth.

## Mike Allen
**Family Life and Evangelization**

**Diocesan Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration– November 21st, 2026**
For all couples having their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, or 50th-plus wedding anniversary in 2026, the Bishop will celebrate with you at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Saturday, **November 21st**. The event begins with Mass at 5:00 PM with Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. presiding, followed by a catered reception in Hehman Hall. We are also looking for couples newly married
in the past year to be hospitality ministers. If you or someone you know is celebrating one of these jubilee anniversaries in 2026 or if you are newly married and would like to serve as hospitality ministers, please register at https://cdlex.org/family/ or contact Claudia Green at the Catholic Center at (859) 253-1993, ext. 1004 to **make reservations by October 30th.** Please give your name, parish, mailing address, phone number, and original wedding date.

**See attachments in English and Spanish.**

# Peace and Justice
**Josh Van Cleef**

Respect Life Ministry
October is Respect Life Month, and the Catholic Diocese of Lexington is co-sponsoring and promoting an incredible three-part series on nuclear disarmament:

**Oct 14- Public Lecture by Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins**
Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins, former U.S. Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security under the Biden Administration and a leading expert in nuclear disarmament, will give a public lecture on how local communities can engage with this challenging issue. Her talk will be on Wednesday, October 14, at 7:00 pm at the Quaker Meeting.
House (649 Price Ave). The University of Kentucky will be supporting Ambassador Jenkins' visit to Lexington.

**Oct 20- Screening of The Seeds of Peace**
On Tuesday, October 20, at 7:15, the Diocese of Lexington is sponsoring a screening of "The Seeds of Peace" at the Kentucky Theatre. The film tells the story of Hideko Tamura Snider, a survivor of the Hiroshima atomic bombing who later settled in Oregon. Through her Seeds of Peace initiative, seedlings propagated from trees that survived the Hiroshima bombing have been planted in communities across Oregon as symbols of hope, resilience, and peace. We are exploring the possibility of bringing one of these seedlings to Lexington and hope our city can become a "Seeds of Peace" community. Film
Trailer: https://vimeo.com/863444561?fl=pl&fe=sh

**Oct 28- Model United Nations Nuclear Simulation**
Gregg Hall, a professor at the UK's Patterson School and actively involved with Model United Nations, will lead an interactive simulation in which participants, representing different nations, respond to a series of nuclear crisis scenarios. The program is designed to encourage discussion about diplomacy, conflict resolution, and the consequences of nuclear weapons. These active
learning exercises will be held the week after the film screening.

**Laudato Si’**
October 3: Walking Tour of Calvary Cemetery, 10:00 AM (see attached flyer), 874 W. Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky

**Nov 14: Laudato Si' Action Team Assembly**
2027 promises to be an important year for our diocese as we continue to launch solar initiatives across all locations and advance the next phase of our Net-Zero Plan. To celebrate our Laudato Si' efforts already underway and prepare for the work ahead, we invite you to join us for the Laudato Si ' Action Team Assembly. This assembly will be a dedicated time for prayer, learning, collaborative sharing, and strategic facilities planning.

Event Details
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Location: Lexington Catholic High School

Who Should Attend
We ask that each community ensure some representation from the following groups:

- Parish leadership (pastor, PLD, pastoral council)
- Laudato Si' team
- Facilities staff/volunteers

Registration will officially open in October, and I will send out a link to register. Please share these details with your teams and mark your calendars for this important diocesan gathering.

# Vocations

### Fr. G. Marc Benley

#### Begin Planning for National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated November 1–7, 2026. This annual observance gives particular attention to vocations to priesthood, the diaconate, and consecrated life. Within the broader culture of vocation, it is also an opportunity to help all the baptized — including those called to marriage — listen more attentively for how Christ is calling them to holiness, discipleship, and service.

This year, National Vocation Awareness Week begins on the Solemnity of All Saints and continues with All Souls’ Day. These celebrations offer a natural starting point. The saints show us the many ways a faithful “yes” to God can take shape, while the faithful departed remind us of the people whose witness first helped us recognize God’s call in our own lives.

In keeping with Bishop John’s emphasis on a synodal and missionary Church, National Vocation Awareness Week should be more than a campaign, a display, or a series of announcements. It should help our communities listen together for the movement of the Holy Spirit, recognize the gifts God has given others, ask what the Church and our neighbors need, and accompany people as they discern where Christ is calling them to serve.

Parishes, schools, religious education and OCIA programs, youth and young adult ministries, campus ministries, and other ministries throughout the Diocese of Lexington are encouraged to place November 1–7 on their calendars and begin planning now. An observance does not need to be elaborate. One or two thoughtful activities, followed by continued accompaniment, can begin conversations that bear fruit long after the week has ended.

Here are some possibilities:

- **Pray and listen together.** Include intercessions for vocations at Mass, offer a Holy Hour, Rosary, or Scripture reflection for vocations, or begin classes and ministry meetings with prayer for those discerning. Whenever possible, pair prayer with an opportunity for conversation and listening.
- **Listen especially to young people.** Give students and young adults room to speak about their hopes, questions, gifts, and concerns. Ask where they see needs in the Church and the world and how God might be inviting them to respond. Vocation ministry should include listening to young people, not only speaking to them.
- **Share varied and relatable vocation stories.** Invite a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother, seminarian (via Zoom), married couple, or lay ecclesial minister to speak in a parish, classroom, youth gathering, or ministry meeting. Honest stories about prayer, uncertainty, sacrifice, joy, and service can make discernment feel approachable. Whenever possible, include witnesses of different ages, cultures, and backgrounds.
- **Connect vocation with mission and service.** Help participants see that vocation is not simply about choosing a role or career. It is a response to Christ and a commitment to serve God's people. A parish, school, or ministry might connect a service activity with reflection on the needs of people who are poor, isolated, new to the community, or otherwise overlooked.
- **Offer personal invitation and accompaniment.** Pastors, parents, teachers, catechists, youth ministers, and other trusted adults should be attentive to the gifts they see in others. A simple comment such as, "I see gifts in you that could serve the Church," can open an important door. An invitation should be offered without pressure and followed by prayer, conversation, and accompaniment.
- **Adapt the observance to your community.** Resources and activities should be appropriate to the age, culture, and circumstances of the people being served. Parishes and schools are encouraged to draw upon the experiences of the different communities that make up our diocese.

The Vocations Office will share additional diocesan resources closer to the week.

### Begin with Our Diocesan Vocations Website

Parishes, schools, and diocesan ministries are encouraged to share the Catholic Diocese of Lexington Vocations website in bulletins, newsletters, school and parish websites, classroom materials, and social media. The site includes guidance for discernment, information about priesthood and religious life, introductions to our seminarians, upcoming discernment events, vocation prayers, and a direct way to contact the Vocations Office:

https://cdlex.org/vocations/

### National Resources

**National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD)**
Resources for vocation promotion and for men discerning diocesan priesthood:

https://www.ncdvd.org/resources/
https://www.diocesanpriest.com/

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)**
National Vocation Awareness Week information, prayers, and educational resources:
https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week

**National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC)**
Information, videos, prayers, and resources related to religious life:
https://www.nrvc.net/national-vocation-awareness-week

**Vianney Vocations**
Resources for parishes, schools, youth ministry, liturgy, bulletins, and communications:
https://vianneyvocations.com/nvaw/

**Vocation Ministry**
Practical resources for parishes, schools, families, and catechetical programs, including lesson plans, classroom activities, vocation calendars, bulletin and newsletter materials, and ideas for building a culture of vocations:
https://www.vocationministry.com/

**Come and See Visit to Saint Meinrad**

Men who are in college or older and discerning whether God may be calling them to priesthood or religious life are invited to join the Catholic Diocese of Lexington Vocations Office for a Come and See visit to Saint Meinrad. The visit will begin the evening of Thursday, October 8, and conclude the afternoon of Sunday, October 11.

Participants will experience the daily rhythm of seminary life, join the Saint Meinrad community in prayer, meet seminarians and formators, and learn more about discernment and formation. Attending does not represent a commitment to enter seminary or a religious community. It is simply an opportunity to step away, pray, ask questions, and listen more attentively for God's call.

To register or learn more, email Father Marc Bentley, Director of Vocations, at mbentley@cdlex.org.

**Men's Discernment Group at UK Newman Center**

The Diocese of Lexington's Men's Discernment Group will meet this fall at Holy Spirit Parish/UK Newman Center. The group is open to men ages 18 and older who are discerning the priesthood or would like to learn more about vocational discernment.

Each meeting will begin with pizza at 6:00 p.m. The evening's speaker will share his vocation story and answer questions before the group concludes with Evening Prayer. Meetings will end by 7:30 p.m.

**The fall schedule is:**

• Wednesday, October 7 — Father Anthony McLaughlin, JCD, Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish/UK Newman Center

• Wednesday, November 4 — Father Conor Kunath, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Covington

• Wednesday, November 18 — Father Matthew Millay, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Louisville

As the Commonwealth's flagship university, the University of Kentucky welcomes students from throughout Kentucky, including many men whose home parishes are located in other dioceses. Inviting vocation directors from across the state allows them to speak at UK and to meet men from their own dioceses who are studying or living in Lexington. This collaboration also strengthens relationships among Kentucky's vocation offices, with the hope of creating similar opportunities for the Diocese of Lexington to connect with men studying elsewhere in the Commonwealth.

Pastors, campus ministers, parish staff members, and others are encouraged to share this invitation with men who may benefit from attending. For more information, contact Father Marc Bentley at mbentley@cdlex.org.

# Extra...Extra...Read All About It

**October 14**
**Book Signing with Dr. Dwight A. Moody at Pax Christi**

**October 17th**
**Staged reading of the play, The Courtroom**

Dear bulletin editors,

I would be grateful if you would be able to include the following information in your next available bulletins, through the weekend of **Oct. 17th/18th.**

*From Brother Christian Matson:*

**[SPANISH AT THE BOTTOM]**

**The staged reading of the play *The Courtroom*, previously scheduled for Jan. 24th at the Cathedral, was postponed due to snow. The new date and location are Saturday, Oct. 17th at 7:00 PM at Hehman Hall, the Cathedral of Christ the King, in Lexington.**

Tickets are pay-what-you-can, and all income goes to the Catholic Diocese of Lexington's immigrant legal aid fund.
All previously purchased tickets have been automatically transferred to the new date, and all ticket-holders should have received a confirmation email.
**Flyer attached for Parish distribution.**
**Below is a bulletin notice about the show that you're welcome to put in your parish bulletin and/or share widely elsewhere (short & long versions):**
**The Courtroom Play: Fundraiser for Immigrant Legal Aid**
Saturday, **Oct. 17, 7-9 p.m.**, Hehman Hall, Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington

Bro. Christian Matson will be directing a one-night-only performance of *The Courtroom* by Arian Moayed. All proceeds will go to diocesan immigrant legal aid.
Pay-what-you-will tickets are available at: https://thecourtroomlex.eventbrite.com.

**Fundraising Show for Immigrant Legal Aid** - Br. Christian Matson will be directing a one-night-only performance of *The Courtroom* by Arian Moayed on Saturday, Oct. 17th at 7:00 PM in Hehman Hall, Cathedral of Christ the King, as a fundraiser for immigrant legal aid in the Diocese of Lexington. *The Courtroom,* adapted entirely from verbatim transcripts of the immigration case *Keathley vs. Holder,* tells the true story of one Filipina immigrant's journey through the U.S. immigration system. A post-show Q&A will discuss how to support immigrants in the Diocese of Lexington. All proceeds will go to the diocesan immigrant legal aid account. Pay-what-you-will tickets are available at: https://thecourtroomlex.eventbrite.com.

***SPANISH - La obra es en ingles***

La lectura dramatizada de la obra **"The Courtroom" (La Sala del Tribunal)**, previamente programada para el 24 de enero en la Catedral, se pospuso debido a la nieve. **La nueva fecha y ubicación son el sábado 17 de octubre a las 7:00 p. m. en el Salón Hehman de la Catedral de Cristo Rey en Lexington.**
Las entradas son de pago libre y todos los ingresos se destinarán al fondo de ayuda legal para inmigrantes de la Diócesis Católica de Lexington.
Todas las entradas compradas anteriormente se han transferido automáticamente a la nueva fecha y todos los titulares de entradas deberían haber recibido un correo electrónico de confirmación.
**Se adjunta Volante para su distribución en la parroquia.**
A continuación, encontrará un aviso sobre la obra que puede incluir en el boletín de su parroquia o compartir ampliamente (versiones corta y larga):
**Obra de teatro "The Courtroom": Recaudación de fondos para la asistencia jurídica a inmigrantes:**
Sábado 17 de octubre, de 7:00 a 9:00 p. m., en el Salón Hehman de la Catedral de Cristo Rey en Lexington, El Hermano Christian Matson dirigirá una única función de "The Courtroom" de Arian Moayed. Todos los ingresos se destinarán a la ayuda legal para inmigrantes de la diócesis. Las entradas, de precio flexible, están disponibles en: https://thecourtroomlex.eventbrite.com.

**Función benéfica para la asistencia jurídica a inmigrantes:**
El Hermano Christian Matson dirigirá una única función de "The Courtroom" de Arian Moayed el sábado 17 de octubre, de 7:00 a 9:00 p. m., en el Salón Hehman de la Catedral de Cristo Rey en Lexington, como evento para recaudar fondos para la asistencia jurídica a inmigrantes en la Diócesis de Lexington. "The Courtroom", adaptada completamente de transcripciones textuales del caso de inmigración Keathley vs. Holder, narra la historia real del recorrido de una inmigrante filipina a través del sistema de inmigración estadounidense. Después de la función, habrá una sesión de preguntas y respuestas para hablar sobre cómo apoyar a los inmigrantes en la Diócesis de Lexington. Todos los ingresos se destinarán a la cuenta de asistencia jurídica para inmigrantes de la diócesis. Las entradas, cuyo precio es libre, están disponibles en: https://thecourtroomlex.eventbrite.com.

¡Gracias!

Hermano Christian
646-724-1635

**January 9, 2027 - SAVE THE DATE**
Please mark your calendars and join Dr. Everett McCorvey, with some very talented friends, for an unplugged, casual and fun musical evening.
Saturday, January 9, 2027 at 7:00 PM
The Cathedral of Christ the King Church in Lexington.
Proceeds benefit St. Peter Catholic Church's Restoration Projects.
See attachment



*Speaker · Film · Discussions*

# Sowing Hope

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**October 14, 2026 · 7:00 p.m.**
AMBASSADOR BONNIE JENKINS
Former U.S. Under Secretary of State for Arms Control & International Security
*Future of Nuclear Non-Proliferation: How Local Communities Can Engage*
**Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Avenue, Lexington, KY**

**October 20, 2026 · 7:15 p.m.**
THE SEEDS OF PEACE
A film by David-Paul B. Hedberg
*A survivor of Hiroshima confronts her trauma and gathers seeds of trees that survived the blast; planting symbols of hope, healing, and remembrance (67 min.)*
Discussion following the film with Dr. Keiko Tanaka, University of Kentucky Department of Community and Leadership Development
**Kentucky Theatre, 214 East Main Street, Lexington, KY**

**October 28, 2026 · 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**
NUCLEAR DIPLOMACY 101
*Exercise in Facing Nuclear Crises*
Dr. Gregory Hall, University of Kentucky Patterson School of Diplomacy
*An interactive simulation to encourage discussion about diplomacy, conflict resolution, and the consequences of nuclear weapons*
**Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Avenue, Lexington, KY**

**All programs free and open to the public**

**'ISN'T IT LIKE A MIRACLE that there is this peace tree that came back from an impossible assault on life? This is a messenger of peace, a reborn life coming to you, and it will not grow without your care.'**
**Dr. Hideko Tamura Snider**

Series organized by Kate Black, Gregory Hall, and Rosie Moosnick. With support from: African Cemetery No. 2, Inc., Catholic Diocese of Lexington, 3rd District Councilman Tom Eblen, Friends of Corrections, Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass, Kentucky Climate Choir, Lexington Friends (Quakers), Dr. Keiko Tanaka, University of Kentucky Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, Rabbi David Wirtschafter. Design, Nyoka Hawkins. Photographs courtesy of The Seeds of Peace film project, theseedsofpeace.com

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2027**
TIME: 6:30 - 9:30 PM

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