CentrePeace Programs for 2014:

September 10, 7:00 p.m., CC 201—Introductory meeting

October 6, 7:30 p.m. in Weisiger Theater:
*Clean Clothes Convocation—Julia Vallejos is a Nicaraguan fair trade advocate and founding member of a worker-owned sewing factory. In 1998, Hurricane Mitch forced her from her home and livelihood. Many women in her displaced refugee community were finding work in foreign-owned textile factories known for poor labor conditions, low pay, and long hours. Seeking an alternative that does not leave profits in the hands of foreign owners, Julia joined with others to form a worker-owned sewing cooperative called The Women of Nueva Vida. Now named Masili, they were the first worker-owned factory to receive Free Trade Zone status, giving them tax breaks and access to U.S. markets without changing their worker-owned model.*

October 21, 2014, 7:30 p.m., Volkman Theater—Convocation: Black Lives Matter
November 11, 2014, 7:00 p.m.—Convocation: The Exoneration Project
November 12, 2014, 7:00 p.m.—Convocation: Challenging Islamophobia

November 17-22, 2014 - Poverty and Homelessness Week

A full week of service opportunities and educational events related to the realities of poverty and homelessness and what we can do about them. Contact Rick Axtell, Matt Klooster, Jessica Brewer, or Madeleine Cunningham.

November 18, 7:30 p.m.
*Convocation—Immigration 101

Immigration is at the forefront of public debate. The political impasse over immigration reform and the recent influx of thousands of unaccompanied children from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras have raised new questions about the system. Yet few Americans know how their current immigration system works. Informed debate about proposed changes to the system requires a basic understanding of the current system and its problems. This presentation provides that basic understanding: how and under what conditions non-US-citizens can enter the US legally, what “undocumented” means, how the current system affects employers and families, how politics impact the system, and recent executive actions, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. The Convocation analyzes common myths about immigration and discusses current realities facing immigrants here in Kentucky.

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November 21-23, 2014 - Vigil at the School of the Americas

*Travel with members of CentrePeace to the gates of Ft. Benning, Georgia for a vigil that commemorates the assassination of 6 Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter by graduates of this U.S. Army school that has trained Latin American military and paramilitaries.*