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Extending Living Wisdom

In a world where diverse religious traditions offer unique wisdom and guidance, embracing interfaith harmony is more important than ever.

The Charter for Compassion invites you to join us for an expanded [World Interfaith Harmony Week](#), now a 14-day journey of [Living Wisdom: Meditations and Practices for a Compassionate Life](#).

This initiative fosters deeper understanding and reduces prejudice by breaking down stereotypes and nurturing mutual respect. By building bridges between communities, interfaith learning strengthens unity and helps us find common ground. Exploring different faith traditions can enrich personal spiritual growth, offering fresh perspectives on compassion, service, and justice. In a time when many global conflicts stem from religious misunderstandings, meaningful dialogue, and engagement become powerful tools for peace and cooperation.

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News, Programs, and Webinars



World Interfaith Harmony Week, February 1-14

This year's offering from the Charter for Compassion's Religion, Interfaith, Spirituality for the Earth (RISE) sector is a unique 14-day workshop encompassing faith traditions from different religions and cultures.

Each daily session lasting an hour may include breath work, prayers, chanting, meditation, art work and spiritual exercises to awaken Love and Peace, and Compassion within the hearts.

The inspired presenters will offer insights and practices to purify and heal our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual energy fields.

Our intention is to awaken our higher consciousness so that we may connect to the other through the heart, and be of authentic service to our common humanity and all of creation.

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Harmony of Humanity: Exploring a Legacy with Marilyn Turkovich

Series continues through February!

Every Wednesday in February

8am PST / 11am EST / 4pm GMT / 9.30pm IST

Each Wednesday for two months the Harmony of Humanity will concentrate on African American music, the commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and his legacy of creating a "Beloved Community."

This mini-series of programming will start with setting the stage for other programs, concentrating on songs of hope, resilience and determination.

We will continue marking a celebration of songs to honor Dr. King on January 15, and follow with five programs that explore history through song, ending on February 26 with an emphasis on new Freedom Songs.

[Learn more and Register here](#)



Building a Beloved Community with Dr. Richard Rose

Course continues, you may join at any point!

Every Wednesday in February

12pm PST / 1pm MST / 2pm CST / 3pm EST / 8pm GMT / 7am AEDT (Jan 9)

By examining the work of four Community Builders this course will introduce participants to some of the challenges around the building of the Beloved Community in the midst of a divided nation and ideologically separated global community.

These sessions will address the need to create communities of human flourishing that are sensitive to the requirements for ecological sustainability. In seeking to build the Beloved Community, the course offers a Community Engagement component that encourages the pursuit of meaning, commitment to truth-seeking pluralism, and first-person engagement through participation in a community building activity.

Learn more and Register here



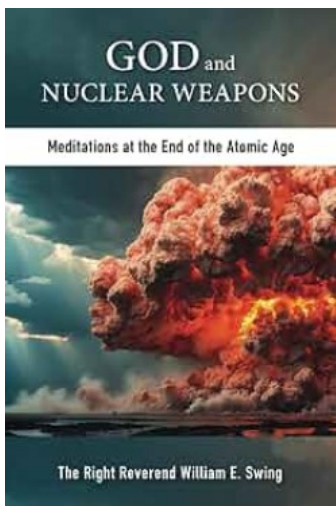
EdNet Forum: Teaching While Queer with Bryan Stanton

Teaching While Queer began as a podcast in 2022 and evolved into a not-for-profit organization in 2024 to support queer educators around the world.

Teaching While Queer's mission is to create safe schools and communities where every educator can teach, every family can belong, and every child can learn regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

Teaching While Queer believes that all educators and youth deserve to feel safe and welcome in our schools and communities.

[Learn more and Register here](#)



Global Read: God and Nuclear Weapons By Right Reverend William E. Swing

Wednesday, February 26

9am PST / 12pm EST / 5pm GMT / 7pm SAST / 10.30pm IST

What does God have to do with nuclear weapons? Nothing and everything, observes Bishop William E. Swing, in an original meditation on the threat of annihilation and how faith offers a way to encounter The End of everything. If humanity stays on its present trajectory, he proposes, a nuclear war is inevitable.

Swing calls on readers and leaders to change course and he pays tribute to the late Secretary of State George Shultz as guide and colleague in raising voices to press for a world free of nuclear weapons.

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Allies in Action: Community & Partner Chat, USA

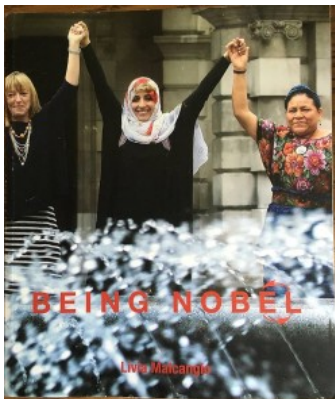
Thursday, February 27

2pm PST / 3pm MST / 4pm CST / 5pm EST

IF you are in the United States, whether you are a long-standing or new partner, a dedicated member of a compassionate community, or someone who is passionate about building a more compassionate world, your presence and participation are invaluable.

At this gathering, we aim to foster meaningful conversations, exchange innovative ideas, and address any concerns that you may have.

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Global Read: Being Nobel by Livia Malcangio

Friday, February 28

9am PST / 12pm EST / 5pm GMT / 7pm SAST / 10.30pm IST

The Nobel Peace Prize is the most prestigious internationally recognized award in the world. Its recipients are extraordinary individuals, each of whom has had a significant and positive impact on our world today – in many instances they have changed it at great personal risk and sacrifice affecting untold lives in the process.

Yet, at a time in our history when we need their voices most, the citizens of the world, especially youth, know precious little about them. This book, featuring the fascinating stories of some of the latest Nobel Peace Laureates, seeks to change that.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Community Collaboration Ambassador

Friday, February 28

**11am PST / 2pm EST / 7pm GMT / 9pm
SAST / 6am AEDT (Feb 29)**

The Charter for Compassion is excited to announce the launch of its Compassionate Cities Ambassador Program.

This initiative is designed to strengthen the bridge between grassroots compassion teams and local government leaders, including mayors, city managers, council members, and municipal departments.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

From our Partners



Feast for the Soul 2025

January 15 - February 23

Begin the new year with a more mindful and compassionate way of living.

Many people look forward to the annual Feast for the Soul - an annual 40-day spiritual practice journey for self-discovery via mindfulness, meditation, and creating community.

You can think of it as a personal retreat whereby you commit and immerse yourself in 40 days of spiritual practice from January 15 through February 23.

You are invited to join us in whatever way you can.

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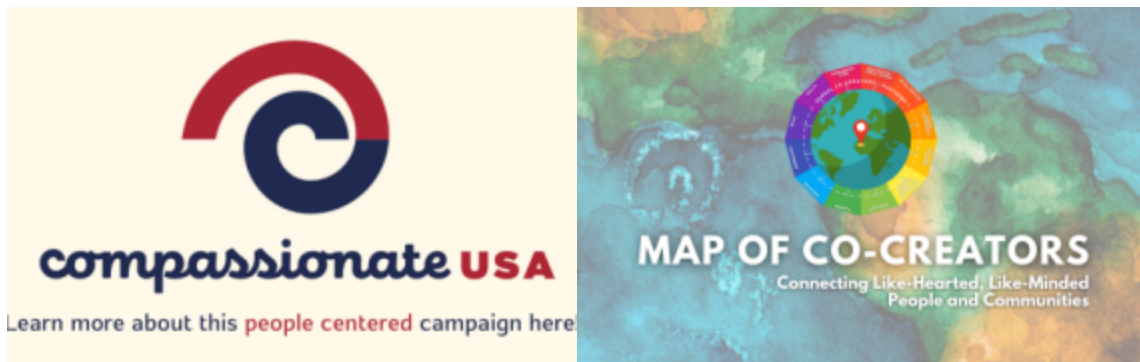


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