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The Power of Partnership

At the Charter for Compassion, we understand that no single organization can address the complex challenges of our time alone. Strategic partnerships grounded in shared values and mutual purpose are essential—not only for amplifying our impact, but for sustaining hope and momentum in our collective work for a more compassionate world.

Among our closest and most cherished partnerships is our enduring relationship with the [United Religions Initiative \(URI\)](#). This year, URI

celebrates 25 years of interfaith cooperation, peacebuilding, and grassroots empowerment—a remarkable milestone that affirms the strength of its vision and the courage of its global network.

Founded in 2000 by Bishop William E. Swing, URI began with a bold dream: to prevent religiously motivated violence and build enduring bridges of understanding between people of all beliefs. Reflecting on URI's founding impulse, Bishop Swing once said:

"We have not been put on this Earth to separate ourselves, to fear, or to destroy. We are here to connect, to heal, and to build together."

URI's mission—to end religiously motivated violence, promote interfaith cooperation, and foster cultures of peace, justice, and healing—has grown into a truly global movement, with Cooperation Circles in over...

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The poster is for a webinar titled "Why Didn't You Come Sooner?" by Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi. It features a dark background with a pattern of faint, stylized icons including books, stars, and a handshake. The text is primarily in white and red. At the top left, it says "Global Read Webinar Series". The title "Why Didn't You Come Sooner?" is in large white letters. Below it, "By Nobel Peace Laureate KAILASH SATYARTHI" is written. The date "THURSDAY, JUNE 12" is in red, followed by the times: "6 AM PDT / 7 AM MDT / 8 AM CDT / 9 AM EDT" and "2 PM UTC / 3 PM SAST / 6.30 PM IST / 11 PM AEST". At the bottom, it says "Conversation Moderated by GARD JAMESON". On the right side, there is a red rectangular area containing a portrait of Kailash Satyarthi and the book cover for "Why Didn't You Come Sooner?" which has the subtitle "Compassion in Action: Stories of Children Rescued From Slavery".

**GLOBAL READ: WHY DIDN'T YOU COME SOONER?
By NOBEL PEACE LAUREATE KAILASH SATYARTHI**

THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 12

6am PDT / 7am MDT / 8am CDT / 9am EDT / 2pm UTC / 3pm SAST

/ 6.30pm IST / 11pm AEST

Compassion in Action. Stories of Children Rescued From Slavery.

The work of rescuing children from slavery is not for the faint of heart, as the twelve gut-wrenching accounts in this book will show. Harder still is to give them their life back, after they've been kidnapped, trafficked, sold, abused and made to work in horrific conditions, often for as long as they can remember.

Kailash Satyarthi's own life and mission were entwined with the journeys of these children. Having lived through unspeakable trauma, they had lost faith in humanity. But behind their reticence, behind their scraggy limbs and calloused hands and feet, hope still endured.

This book tells the story of their shared struggle for justice and dignity- from the raid and rescue operations of Satyarthi's Bachpan Bachao Andolan, to international campaigns for child rights. It is a testament both to the courage of the human spirit and to the power of compassion.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

News, Programs, and Webinars



Harmony of Humanity: Exploring Common Ground Through Music with Marilyn Turkovich

**Every Wednesday, through July
8am PDT / 9am MDT / 10am CDT / 11am
EDT / 4pm UTC / 5pm SAST / 8:30pm IST**

Music has been an integral part of every culture throughout history, reflecting the unique characteristics and traditions of different societies. From the rhythmic beats of African drums to the intricate melodies of Indian ragas, music provides insight into the lives, histories, and identities of people around the world. By studying various musical traditions, we gain a deeper appreciation for the diversity and richness of global cultures.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



"There is Another Way" Global Virtual Screenings

THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 12 with 2 screenings:

10am PDT / 11am MDT / 12pm CDT / 1pm EDT / 6pm UTC / 7pm SAST / 10.30pm IST - [Register here for AM screening](#)

or

4pm PDT / 5pm MDT / 6pm CDT / 7pm EDT / (June 13) 9am AEDT / 11am NZST - [Register here for PM screening](#)

There Is Another Way is a powerful new film by [Reconsider.org](https://reconsider.org) that's only been available in theaters—until now.

On June 12, there will be two global virtual screenings, followed by a live

Q&A with the filmmakers and members of Combatants for Peace, the former Israeli and Palestinian fighters whose real-life stories of transformation are at the heart of this film.

This isn't just a film—it's an experience that challenges us to hold complexity, rehumanize one another, and step into the possibility of peace.

[Learn more and Register Here](#)



Allies in Action: Community & Partner Chats

[Canada Chat](#)

Wednesday, June 11

4:30pm PDT / 5:30pm MDT / 6:30pm CDT / 7:30pm EDT

[UK Chat](#)

Tuesday, June 24

5pm UTC / 9am PT

[US Chat](#)

Tuesday, June 24

1pm PDT / 2pm MDT / 3pm CDT / 4pm EDT

[New Zealand & Australia Chat](#)

Wednesday, July 2 (NZDT/AEDT)

7am AEDT / 9am NZDT

Tuesday, July 1 @ 2pm PDT

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

If you belong to a Compassionate Community, are part of a partner organization, or signed the Charter for Compassion and live in the Countries mentioned above, these chats are for you.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



EdNet Forum: Wi'am: The Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center With Usama Nicola

Thursday, June 19

**7:30am PDT / 8:30am MDT / 9:30am CDT /
10:30am EDT / 3:30pm UTC / 4:30pm SAST
/ 8:00pm IST**

In Arabic, "wi'am" means "cordial relationships," and developing relationships is the essence of their mission.

Learn more about this grassroots organization established in Bethlehem in 1994, Wi'am aims to improve the quality of relationships and to promote peace, justice, a culture of acceptance, and reconciliation in the community.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



ICYMI: In Case You Missed It!

May 19

[Global Read: Sage Warrior with Valarie Kaur](#)

May 14 & 15

[Re-Watch: The Compassionate Action Conference](#)



We are inviting you to help co-create Charter for Compassion 2.0

We want a renewed, inclusive, and forward-looking expression of compassion that honors the original vision while reflecting the urgent needs and rich diversity of our world today.

This is your invitation to take part in a global conversation.

Just as historic documents have been amended or supplemented to reflect changing realities, so too must the Charter grow—rooted in its original moral clarity, yet expansive enough to carry us forward.

Let's build the future with the same moral imagination that created the Charter in the first place.

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Compassionate Action Conference 2025: Replay Access Now Available!

Did you miss the live event?


Now you can watch all the powerful talks, inspiring panels, and meaningful conversations from the Compassionate Action Conference — on your own time.

For just \$10* USD, get on-demand access to the full set of replays on **RingCentral** for an entire year!

✦ Why Purchase the Replays?

- Revisit keynote speakers and thought leaders from around the globe
- Explore powerful sessions on compassion, justice, education, youth leadership, community healing, and more
- Watch anytime, from anywhere
- Support the Charter for Compassion's global work

 One-Time Fee: \$10 USD

 Platform: RingCentral (access link provided after purchase)

*If you'd like to give a bit more, you can choose any amount — every gift helps compassion grow.

(If you were a presenter, you do not have to purchase access to rewatch recordings!)

Register to Access Recordings Here

From our Partners



Sacred Laughter & Mysticism: A Spiritual Path to Expand your Awareness & Honor the Sacredness of Life with Imam Jamal Rahman

Thursday, June 26

5:30pm PDT / 6:30pm MDT / 7:30pm CDT / 8:30pm EDT / (June 27) 6am IST / 10:30am AEST / 12:30pm NZST

Join Jamal to experience the joy of sacred laughter, discover the wisdom of the Sufi mystics, and connect with a transcendent energy that can bring peace, hope, and healing into your life. Because even in times of uncertainty, the soul has a natural inclination toward joy — and

sometimes, a gentle laugh is all it takes to remind you of that truth.

When you attend, **you'll also be among the first to hear about Jamal's upcoming 7-week course**, in which you'll learn an interfaith approach to cultivating inner peace and abundant joy during times of turmoil.

[Register Here for Free Video Event](#)



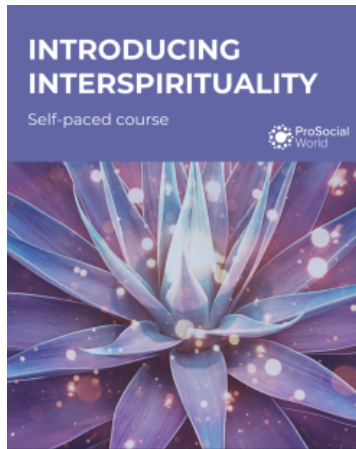
WorldPride 2025 + OUR PRIDE Shorts & Arts Fest

May 22nd - June 30th, 2025, Online!

Faced with rising challenges, Charter for Compassion partner organization Rainbow Advocacy is launching Voices of Solidarity, a worldwide arts and social justice initiative.

The program includes the Voices of Solidarity 2025 Global Gatherings, a series of free virtual events throughout June coinciding with major Pride celebrations, featuring creative works and discussions from the LGBTQIA+ community and allies. The Gatherings are part of the larger OUR PRIDE Shorts & Arts Festival, which offers paid access to a diverse collection of international short films and artistic expressions from May 22nd to June 30th. Both initiatives aim to empower marginalized voices and foster connection across the globe.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



New Virtual, Self-Paced Course: Introducing Interspirituality with ProSocial Spirituality

Are you seeking a deeper spiritual connection?

ProSocial Spirituality blends scientific wisdom with spiritual traditions to create meaningful transformation. Start your journey on your own time with our introductory self-paced course. This course explores Wayne Teasdale's Nine Elements of Universal Spirituality, providing a self-paced journey for personal growth and inner transformation.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



GoldenRuleism Ambassadors

A GoldenRuleism Ambassador is anyone committed to positively impacting their community and the world. This role is not defined by status or position but by the willingness to practice empathy and kindness in everyday interactions. Whether you are a community leader, educator, student, or simply someone who believes in the power of GoldenRuleism, you can become an ambassador.

[Learn More on How to Become a GoldenRuleism Ambassador](#)

If you are a Partner organization, or belong to a registered Compassionate City/Community with us, and want to promote your events in The Spark, the Charter for Compassion's newsletter, email contact@charterforcompassion.org



*If you'd like to be featured in the LIVE show,
email felipe@charterforcompassion.org*

Featured items on the Store



Infinity Logo Hat

US\$22

This hat's got a low profile with an adjustable strap and curved visor with the Charter's Infinity logo embroidered.

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Compassion Pins (5pk)

US\$30

These metal pins say Compassion and our logo infinity sign. Take advantage of this package deal and save on your order!

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