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One World, One Humanity — So Why Do We Live Such Different Lives?

This past weekend held within it what feels like the full spectrum of the human experience. We watched in awe as Commander Reid Wiseman, Pilot Victor Glover, Mission Specialist Christina Koch, and Canadian astronaut

Jeremy Hansen splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean on April 10th, completing NASA's Artemis II mission — a 685,000-mile, 10-day journey around the Moon and back, taking humans farther from Earth than anyone in history. It was a moment of shared, collective joy. And then, almost in the same breath, many of us found ourselves anxious and uncertain, watching the fragile peace talks between the United States and Iran, hoping the world would choose dialogue over conflict.

Joy and fear. Wonder and worry. All in the same weekend. All on the same planet.

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The Compassionate Action Conference - A Living Framework: Where Pillars Converge

On May 13-14, 2026 the Charter for Compassion will convene its annual Compassionate Action Conference, a global virtual gathering rooted in one essential truth: compassion becomes transformative when it is lived, shared, and put into action—locally and collectively.

This year's conference is grounded in a unifying vision:

A Living Framework: Where Pillars Converge

Seven interconnected pathways. One shared commitment. Compassion is practiced across systems, cultures, and generations.

The conference brings together the Charter's seven pillars—Education and Wisdom, Health, Environmental Stewardship, Justice and Integrity, Music and the Arts, Play and Innovation, and Spirituality—not as separate tracks, but as an integrated framework shaping how communities learn, govern, heal, create, and belong. Participants will experience how these pillars intersect in real-world settings, reinforcing compassion as both a moral orientation and a practical strategy for social transformation.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)



New episode of our podcast "WITH COMPASSION": Refusing to Hate in the Face of Tragedy with Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish

Join us in this powerful conversation with Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, a Palestinian doctor, Nobel Peace Prize nominee, and author of *I Shall Not Hate*. Amidst unimaginable tragedy, he offers hope and strategies rooted in compassion and responsibility that can transform individuals and societies.

[Watch/Listen to the Latest Episode Here](#)

News, Programs, and Webinars



Talk. Listen. Connect. Upcoming TLC Trainings!

TLC: Training for Local Bridge Builders, developed by **Compassionate Communities UK**, is a 90-minute interactive workshop designed to equip everyday citizens with practical tools to become **connectors, bridge builders, and catalysts for kindness** in their communities.

This training recognizes a simple truth: communities thrive when people know how to find one another, listen well, and act with compassion—especially in times of challenge.

Upcoming sessions:

April 14 - [Train the Trainers for Local Bridge Builders](#)

April 21 - [Introduction to Local Bridge Builders TLC with Marilyn Turkovich](#)

April 27 - [Introduction to Local Bridge Builders TLC with **TBA](#)**

[Learn more and Register here](#)



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

Every Wednesday

8am PDT / 9am MDT / 10am CDT / 11am EDT / 4pm BST / 5pm CEST-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.

Register For Series 4 Here!



April is Poetry Month at the Charter!

Poetry and compassion require us to slow down, pay attention, and truly see what often goes unnoticed. Poetry teaches us to listen deeply to language, rhythm, and silence—the same skills needed to listen deeply to another human being.

When we encounter a poem, we step into another's perspective, feel their metaphors, and sit with their truth. This practice of empathetic attention is compassion in action. In a world that moves too fast and speaks too loudly, poetry reminds us that understanding begins not with answers, but with presence.

Enjoy the following poetry readings throughout April in collaboration with [Interfaith Alignment](#):

Sunday, April 19

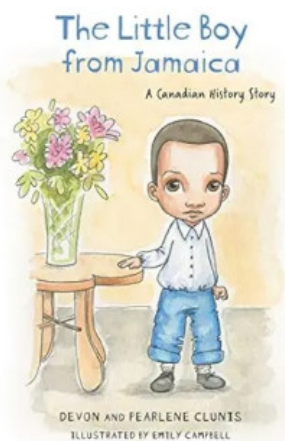
[A Furious Blooming: Writing into Grief with Bushra Rehman](#)

Wednesday, April 22

[A Global Poetry Open Mic](#)

Sunday, April 26

[Poetry as Medicine with Kaitlin Curtice](#)



Global Read for Kids+Co: The Little Boy From Jamaica by Devon & Pearlene Clunis

Saturday, April 18

10am PDT / 11am MDT / 12pm CDT / 1pm EDT / 6pm BST / 7pm CEST-SAST

To the young child holding this book in your hand. Do you believe someone just like you could become a history maker? I believe you can. Read this story and discover how Devon, a little boy from Jamaica, became a Canadian history maker. You will see that anything is possible and that dreams can come true.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)



Allies in Action: Community & Partner Chat

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

Together, we can harness the power of collaboration to create tangible change at the local, national, and global levels.

April 20 - US Chat

3pm PDT / 4pm MDT / 5pm CDT / 6pm EDT

May 6 - Canada Chat

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

[Learn more and Register here](#)



Global Read: Architects of Abundance with Dr. Lyla June Johnston

Wednesday, April 22

10:30am PDT / 11:30am MDT / 12:30pm CDT / 1:30pm EDT / 6:30pm BST / 7:30pm CEST-SAST / 11pm IST

This Global Read is an unusual—and profoundly important—offering. Together, we will explore the groundbreaking Ph.D. dissertation of **Dr. Lyla June Johnston**, titled [Architects of Abundance: Indigenous Regenerative Food and Land Management Systems and the Excavation of Hidden History.](#)

Dr. Lyla June was one of the recipients of the Charter's 2025 Karen Armstrong Humanitarian Award.

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Compassion Circle: The Charter Sangha

Saturday, April 25

9am PDT / 10am MDT / 11am CDT / 12pm EDT / 5pm GMT / 6pm CEST-SAST / 9.30pm IST

On the last Saturday of every month, the Charter for Compassion offers a 90-minute practice of people coming together to be in a Circle, a Sangha.

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Embodied Presence Course with Eckhart Tolle and Kim Eng

Embodied Presence is a **self-paced online video course** offering an introduction to Eckhart Tolle's timeless teachings—presented in a way that is accessible, practical, and deeply relevant to modern life.

This course invites you to step into the power of presence—living with greater awareness, compassion, and inner strength. You may choose to engage individually or within small groups, making it ideal for personal growth, community circles, or study gatherings.

The program unfolds over eight modules. While you can move at your own pace, we recommend completing one module per week for the most enriching experience.

This program is offered by the Charter for Compassion in partnership with the Eckhart Tolle Foundation, a global coalition working to build a just, compassionate, and sustainable world.

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From our Partners



How Can We Grow The Capacity to Open Space: Open Space Online Gathering

Two cohorts begin on April 22 and April 23, brought by our partners Foundation for Peace and Compassionate Leadership.

Across the world, people are learning how to gather in ways that allow us to be fully ourselves, to connect meaningfully with others—especially when issues are complex, perspectives differ, conflict (real or imagined) is present, and time feels urgent.

Some will recognize these conditions as those where Open Space Technology shines: a simple yet powerful practice that enables groups of any size to self-organize around what truly matters, trusting that insight and breakthrough emerge from the life of the space itself.

[Learn More Here](#)



Global Healing Day

Global Healing Day is an annual planetary collaborative dedicated to catalyzing personal, cultural, cross-species, and ecological healing.

Falling on the last Saturday of April, it follows on from Earth Day, and aligns with Indigenous spring gatherings and World Healing Day, to create a shared global focus and rhythm for healing and renewal.

The event integrates ancestral wisdom, contemplative and embodied approaches, forgiveness circles, and trauma-informed practices to foster reconciliation, restoration, and regenerative futures.

Planting Love in the World

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URI Intro Workshop Series 2026

URI is launching the 2026 Intro Workshop Series, a global online learning program for interfaith peacebuilders.

Across seven interactive workshops, participants gain practical tools to prevent violence, interrupt hate speech, navigate difficult conversations, strengthen interfaith collaboration, and support earth restoration.

Participants can attend individual sessions or complete pathways to earn certificates.

[Learn More About Upcoming Offerings with URI Here](#)



Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons Announces Call for Nominations for the 2026 Mikhail Gorbachev / George Shultz Youth Award

Nominations are now open and will close on June 30, 2026. The selection committee will announce its decision prior to August 6, 2026.

Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons, a Cooperation Circle of the United Religions Initiative (URI), proudly announces the opening of nominations for the Mikhail Gorbachev / George Shultz Youth Award, given each year on August 6, the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

The award honors the courage of young people (ages 18–35) who are working to eliminate nuclear weapons and shape a safer, more compassionate world.

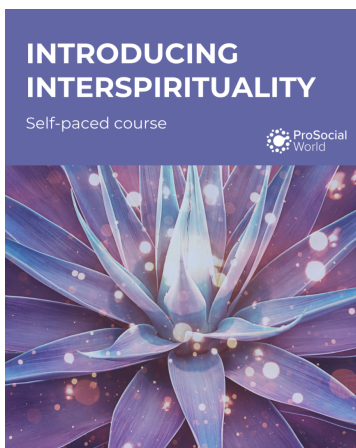
[**Learn More About the Nomination Process Here**](#)



GoldenRuleism Resources

In celebration of April 5, our strategic partner **GoldenRuleism** is offering a complimentary copy of their book to our community. We invite you to receive your free copy and explore the enduring wisdom of the Golden Rule

[Visit GoldenRuleismCan 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.

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