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When in Doubt, Pause

April 5th is almost here. It is the designated date to celebrate and put into practice the Golden Rule. Whether you follow the Confucian version of the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would wish them to do unto you," or the more direct message from the sage Hillel, "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor," or the contemporary version now called GoldenRuleism, "Do for all others, both directly and indirectly, what you would want done for you. Don't do to any others, either directly or indirectly, what you wouldn't want done to you."

The messages are clear, but what's our problem with not heeding them? Are we selfish? Do we have trouble seeing beyond our own face?...

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Join us on **Friday, April 5** for a day full of conversations, panels, and presentations online for anyone in the world to participate with the **“Lens of the Golden Rule.”** Register to tune in via zoom, or watch through our social media channels as we go LIVE throughout the day!

Check out Golden Rule Day 2024 Program Here



Expressing the Golden Rule through the Creativity of Arts with Sharon Davson

12am PT / 3am ET / 8am BST / 12.30pm IST / 6pm AEDT

Hosted by the Australian Compassion Council.

[Register Here](#)



Conversation with Sheryl Webster, author of Kindness Rocks

2am PT / 5am ET / 10am BST / 2.30pm IST / 8pm AEDT

Hosted by GoldenRuleism

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We and Us: How can we embed the Golden Rule in our communities?

4am PT / 7am ET / 12pm BST / 4.30pm IST / 10pm AEDT

Hosted by Global Compassion Coalition.

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Politics & the Golden Rule

7am PT / 10am ET / 3pm BST / 7.30pm IST / 1am AEDT (April 6)

Hosted by the Charter for Compassion's Youth Network.

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Alice's Adventures in the Golden Rule Land with Dr. Nayana Shah

9am PT / 12pm ET / 5pm BST / 9.30pm IST / 3am AEDT (April 6)

Hosted by Animal Interfaith Alliance, In Defense of Animals, and Interfaith Vegan Coalition.

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Conversation with Laura Silva Kirkpatrick, author of The Invisible Gift/El Regalo Invisible

11am PT / 2pm ET / 7pm BST / 11.30pm IST / 5am AEDT (April 6)

Hosted by GoldenRuleism

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Laudato Si' & the Golden Rule

3pm PT / 6pm ET / 11pm BST / 3.30pm IST / 9am AEDT (April 6)

Hosted by the Charter for Compassion

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5.30am & 1pm PT / 8.30am & 4pm ET / 1.30pm & 9pm BST / 6pm & 1.30am IST / 11.30pm & 7am AEDT (April 6)

Watch more contributions from our partners from around the world as we go LIVE on our social media platforms during April 5!

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Charter for Compassion News, Programs, and Webinars



Charter Circle of Trust: The Charter Sangha

Saturday, March 30, at 9am PT/12pm ET/4pm GMT/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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CHARTER EDUCATION INSTITUTE



Poetry for Inspiration and Well-Being with John Smelcer

Course Begins April 1, 2024

Back by popular demand! Here's your chance to be part of a global community of like-minded thinkers who want to learn more about how poetry can change the world, save the planet, inspire compassion and social justice, and how it can also be therapeutic, improving emotional, spiritual, and even physical well-being.

Get John's poem "Infinity" in a downloadable and frammable e-file version to print when you sign up for the course.

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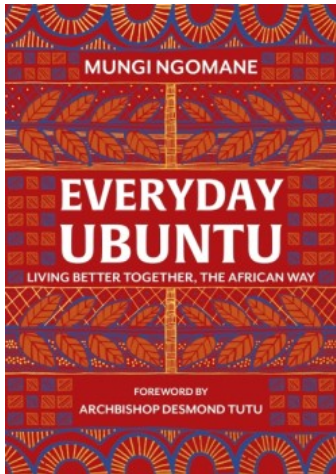
The Magical Ability of Music to Inspire Action with Marilyn Turkovich

Every Wednesday at 8am PT/11am ET/3pm GMT/8.30pm IST

Our Executive Director, (and now DJ) Marilyn Turkovich, brings to the session a few pieces of music that allow space for reflection, helping to transcend cultural barriers, inspire kindness, and evoke a sense of peace. Let's see what happens when we come together!

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GLOBAL READ

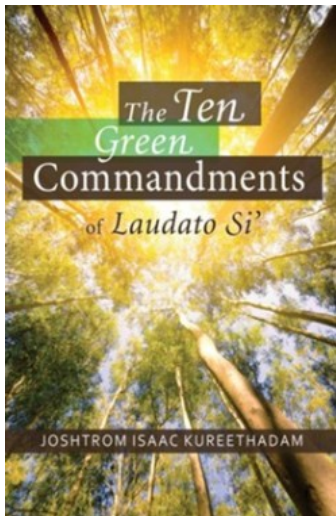


Everyday Ubuntu by Mungi Ngomane (*Desmond Tutu's Granddaughter*)

Wednesday, April 3, 9am PT/11am ET/3pm GMT/8.30pm IST

Mungi Ngomane, granddaughter of Nobel Peace Prize–winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu, offers an introduction to ubuntu, the Southern African philosophy that celebrates the universal human bond in this beautiful definitive guide, illustrated with full-color photos and filled with lessons on how to live harmoniously with all people.

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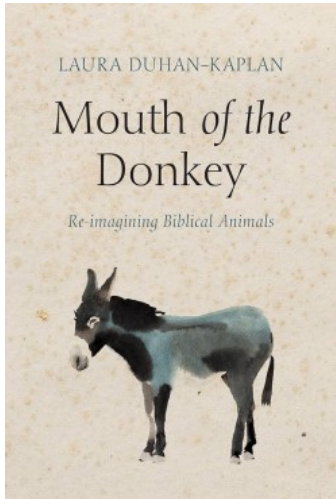


The Ten Green Commandments of Laudato Si' By Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam

Tuesday, April 9, 8am PT/11am ET/4pm BST/8.30pm IST

The publication of Laudato Si'—a papal encyclical on a defining issue of our times—was a moment of great importance for Catholics and for the world. Now Fr. Joshtrom Kureethadam, one of the church's top experts on the document, provides a thoughtful, passionate, and highly accessible commentary on its key ideas and themes.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Mouth of the Donkey by Rabbi Laura Duhan-Kaplan

**Wednesday, April 17, 9am PT / 12pm ET /
5pm GMT / 9.30pm IST**

The Hebrew Bible is filled with animals. Snakes and ravens share meals with people; donkeys and sheep work alongside us; eagles and lions inspire us; locusts warn us. How should we read their stories? What can they teach us about ecology, spirituality, and ethics? Author Laura Duhan-Kaplan explores these questions, weaving together biology, Kabbalah, rabbinic midrash, Indigenous wisdom, modern literary methods, and personal experiences.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



April is Earth Month !

Join us for any and all of the events we are offering during Earth month!

April 5 - Golden Rule Day

April 9 - Global Read: The Ten Green Commandments of Laudato Si'

April 16 - Global Screening of "The Letter"

April 29 - Compassionate Spiritual Ecology course begins

[Learn More About all these events and Register Here](#)



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April 11 - With Special Guest Pete Earley, Author of 'Crazy' and our guest for our [May Global Read](#).

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

From our Partners



Watch Common Ground - Virtual Screening on Earth Day, April 22, hosted by Films for the Planet

"Common Ground," the eagerly awaited sequel to "Kiss the Ground," showcases a striking contrast between our broken food system and the inspiring movement of farmers adopting alternative, "regenerative" agricultural models. These methods, deeply inspired by indigenous practices, significantly improve soil health, enhance biodiversity, and lower carbon emissions.

Join the movement to restore Earth's ecosystems one acre at a time, and pave the way towards safeguarding our health and the health of our planet to ensure a thriving future for generations to come.

Register to Watch for Free Here!

From Compassionate Appleton, Wisconsin, USA.

Stories of Forgiveness Exhibition



Exhibit at 2600 Philip Lane, Appleton
These are confirmed days of exhibit.
April 3 through April 5:
10:00 am—8:00 pm
Sunday, April 7: 12:30 pm—4:30 pm
Final day: April 8: 10:00 am—3:30 pm
Free admission



The Fellowship
a Unitarian Universalist congregation



Stories of Forgiveness Exhibition:
a thought provoking
collection of arresting images
and personal narratives
exploring forgiveness in the
face of atrocity



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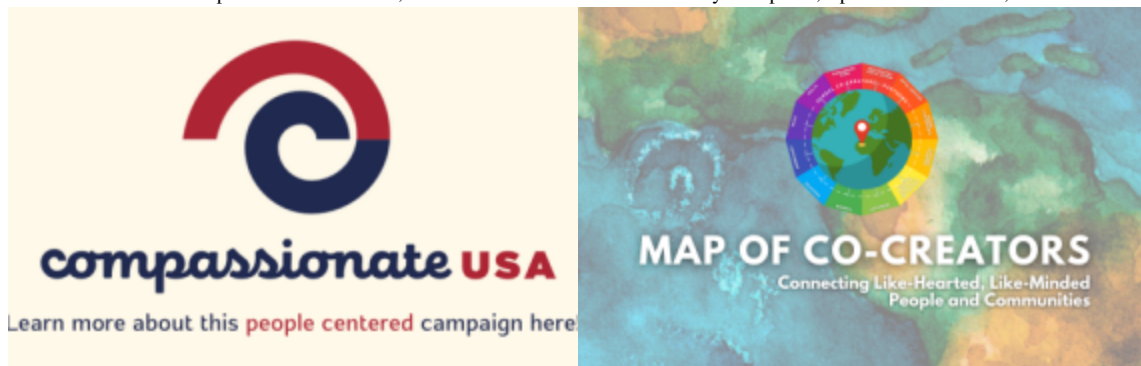
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