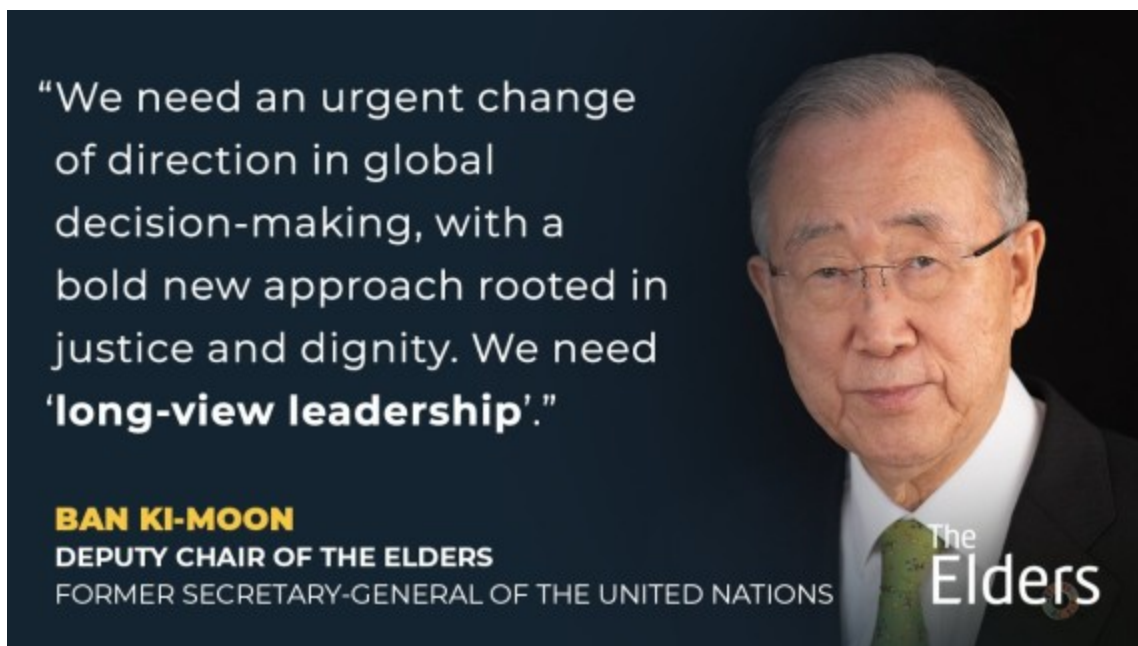




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Is Anyone Listening?

For this newsletter we are sharing a recent letter issued by The Elders and penned by the former Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon. The Elders was founded by Nelson Mandela in 2007. They are an independent group of global leaders working for peace, justice, human rights and a sustainable planet. Please join me in signing The Elders' letter to global leaders.

Despite the urgency of the multiple crises our world is facing, there is a dangerous lack of cooperation and accountability among leaders. We need an urgent change of direction in global decision-making, with a bold new approach rooted in justice and dignity. We need 'long-view leadership.'

Last month, on the eve of the Munich Security Conference, The Elders published an [open letter](#) in partnership with the [Future of Life Institute](#). Together, we called for long-view leadership

from decision-makers who understand the urgency of the existential threats we face, and believe in our ability to overcome them. This letter was co-signed by over 150 former leaders, Nobel Laureates, scientists, philanthropists, campaigners, activists, artists, and public commentators, demonstrating the strength of our shared concern.

We invite all those who want to see greater urgency from decision-makers to also sign and share this letter. [You can add your name here.](#)

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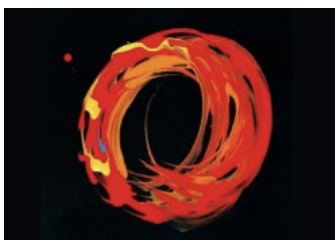


The Magical Ability of Music to Inspire Action with Marilyn Turkovich

Every Wednesday in March 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!

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



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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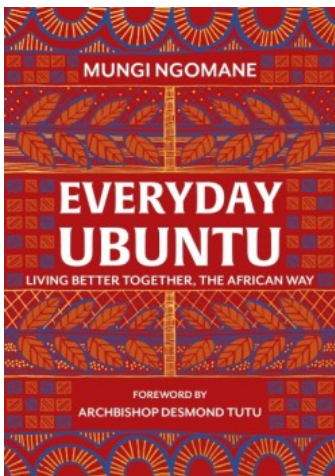
Poetry for Inspiration and Well-Being with John Smelcer

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.

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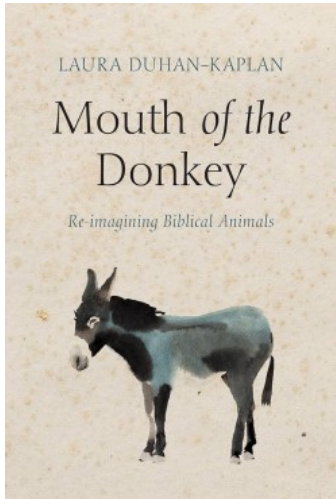


Everyday Ubuntu by Mungi Ngomane (*Desmond Tutu's Granddaughter*)

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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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.

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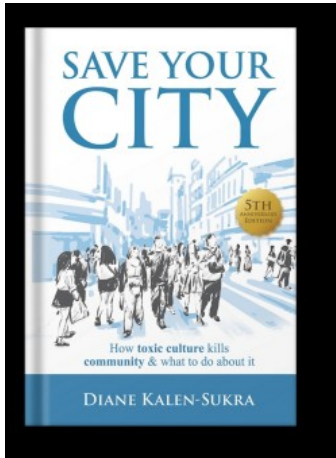


March 14 - With Special Guest Babalwa Ngcongolo talking about Ubuntu Festival

March 28 - With Special Guest John Smelcer, Instructor for the upcoming course "Poetry for Inspiration and Well-Being."

If you'd like to be featured in the LIVE show email
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On the Blog



How Does Compassion Address Rising Incivility in the Public Square? By Diane Kalen-Sukra

Six years ago, I left my career as a municipal chief administrative officer to sound the alarm on what I had experienced as the rampant spread of incivility and toxic culture in communities, the threat it posed to local democracy, and the well-being of all—most urgently those serving in local government.

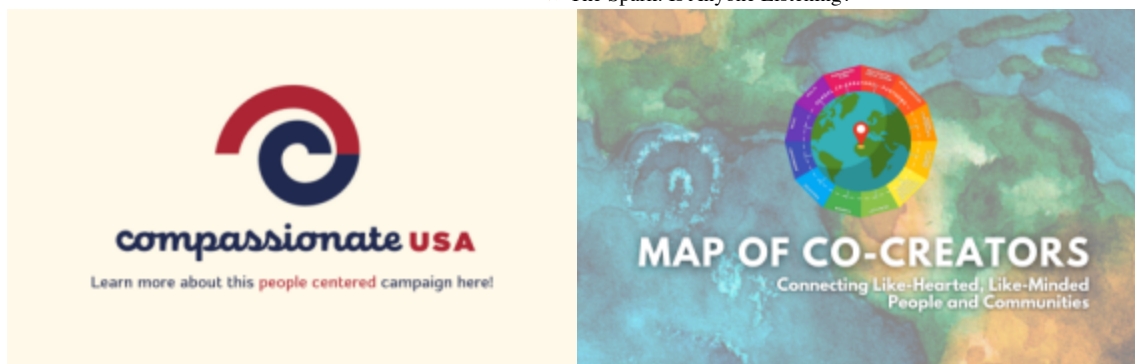
First, I wrote a book about it titled, *Save Your City: How Toxic Culture Kills Community & What To Do About It* then I embarked on a civility tour of communities that has not ended to this day.

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