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The Ground Upon Which We Stand: Introducing the Seven Pillars of Shared Humanity

Over the next four newsletters, we will be sharing what the Charter for

Compassion has spent the last 18 months deeply considering: **The Ground Upon Which We Stand.**

At the heart of this exploration is a central question: *What are the principles that underlie the way we think about the world, how we live in it, and how we might flourish within it—while also sustaining and nurturing it for others?* This reflection has led us on a journey of learning, unlearning, and seeking wisdom—not only from current perspectives, but from the traditions, ethics, and cultures of our ancestors.

We've asked:

- How do we honor the sacred in one another?
- What are the shared needs that bind us together?
- How do we truly see ourselves in others?

These questions have led us to an exciting moment—one in which we invite you to take part. [**We are reimagining the Charter for Compassion 2.0 and are inviting you to help shape it.**](#)

From Sectors to Pillars

Informed by countless dialogues and reflections, we are moving away from working in siloed sectors and instead reinforcing our efforts around seven foundational pillars...

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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.

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Allies in Action: Community & Partner Chats

UK Chat

**Tuesday, June 24
5pm UTC / 9am PT**

US Chat

**Tuesday, June 24
1pm PDT / 2pm MDT / 3pm CDT / 4pm EDT**

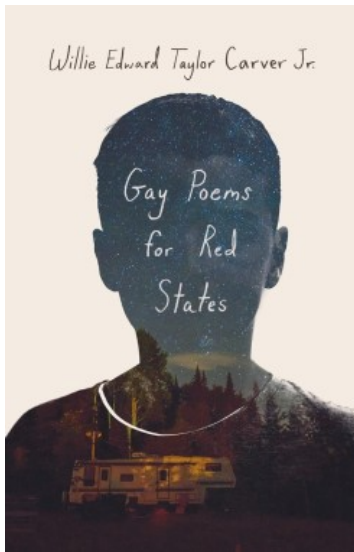
New Zealand & Australia Chat

**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.

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Global Read: Gay Poems for Red States By Willie Edward Taylor Carver Jr.

Wednesday, July 2
9am PDT / 10am MDT / 11am CDT / 12pm
EDT / 5pm UTC / 6pm SAST / 9:30pm IST

In *Gay Poems for Red States*, Carver counters the injustice of a persistent anti-LGBTQ+ movement by asserting that a life full of beauty and pride is possible for everyone. More than a collection of poetry, Carver's earnest and heartfelt verses are for those wishing to discover and understand the vastness of Appalachia, and for the LGBTQ+ Appalachians who long for a future—for a home—in an often unwelcoming place.

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

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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](#)



Compassion Circle: The Charter Sangha

Saturday, June 28

**9am PDT / 10am MDT / 11am CDT / 12pm
EDT / 5pm UTC / 6pm 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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Kitchen Table Chat with the Health Sector

Friday, July 11

**8:30am PDT / 9:30am MDT / 10:30am CDT
/ 11:30am EDT / 4:30pm UTC / 5:30pm
SAST / 9pm IST**

Every First Friday of Every Month the Health sector invites everyone to join and share what's happening with friends in our work to elevate compassion in Health. Not this July due to USA's Independence Day.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



ICYMI: In Case You Missed It!

June 12

[Global Read: Why Didn't You Come Sooner?
by Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi](#)

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!

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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



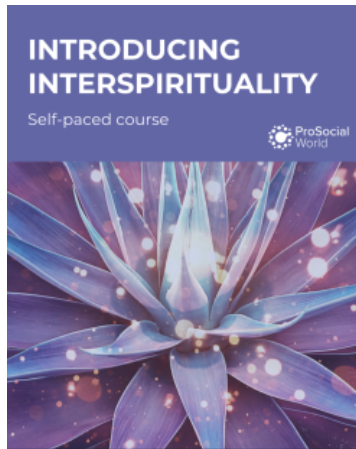
WorldPride 2025 + OUR PRIDE Shorts & Arts Fest

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,
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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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