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The Truth Will Stand – Even When the World's on Fire

**Join Us May 14–15 for the Charter's First-
Ever Virtual Compassionate Action**


Conference

Dear Friends,

There's a powerful Appalachian proverb that says:
"The truth will stand when the world's on fire."

Right now, it feels like we are standing on that very precipice. The world is aching—with fear, confusion, and uncertainty. But here's the truth we know: across every continent, millions of people are rising up with courage, compassion, and love.

From small acts of kindness to global movements for justice, from youth changemakers to wisdom-filled elders, we are seeing a world that is not only surviving—but transforming. And now, it's time to come together, to learn, celebrate, and amplify the power of compassion in action.


 **On May 14–15, we invite you to the Charter for Compassion's first-ever Virtual Action Conference**, featuring powerful voices and real-world solutions from around the globe:

Jennifer Nadel, UK journalist and author, will share hard truths and hopeful visions about compassion in politics—and why world leaders must embrace it now.

Diane Kalen-Sukra, award-winning political strategist, will unveil her dynamic "Save Our City" model for communities in crisis.

🔥 **Hear stories of compassion in action from South Africa to Canada, Mexico to India—and so many places in between.** 🔥

This isn't just a conference—it's a movement space. You'll engage in live sessions, private conversation rooms, interactive meetups, networking and there will be immediate access to recordings of every session (available for several months afterward).

 **Our mission is clear:** to offer hope, to share practical solutions, and to remind the world that compassion, when put into action, is unstoppable.

We need your voice. We need your energy. We need your commitment and willingness to bring others to the conference.

If you can't donate, donate your time and your presence.
If you're part of an organization, promote the conference—on your website, in your newsletters, and across your networks.

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This is more than an invitation.

It's a prescription for these times.

Join us—and help light the way.

👉 [Register Now](#)

With hope and in solidarity,

Marilyn



Dear Friends,

The world is at a crossroads. Division, fear, and apathy threaten the very fabric of our shared humanity. But there is hope. A new generation of compassionate leaders is emerging—young people who believe in justice, in kindness, in the power of human connection to transform lives.

At the Charter for Compassion, we believe that compassion is not just an ideal; it is a teachable, learnable skill. Through [Cognitive-Based Compassion Training \(CBCT\)](#), offered through Emory University, we are equipping youth with the tools they need to lead with empathy, courage, and resilience. We also want to train leaders in our compassionate communities. This training is now needed more than ever. We intend to train cadres of people to:

✓ **Cultivate Emotional Intelligence** – Learning to recognize our own emotions and those of others.

✓ **Develop Deep Listening and Nonviolent Communication Skills** – Essential for resolving conflict and building stronger communities.

✓ **Strengthen Resilience and Self-Compassion** – To navigate adversity with grace and strength.

✓ **Become Change Agents for Peace and Justice** – Bringing compassion into policy, social movements, and everyday leadership.

But we cannot do this alone. **We need your support.**

Hopefully, with your help, we can begin training significant numbers of facilitators starting early this fall.

Your gift will provide critical resources to expand our programs, ensuring that youth around the world have access to life-changing compassion education.

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News, Programs, and Webinars



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

Every Wednesday

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](#)



Compassionate Ambassador Program Follow-Up Meeting

Wednesday, April 16

**1pm PDT / 2pm MDT / 3pm CDT / 4pm EDT
/ 9pm UTC / 6am AEDT (April 17) / 8am
NZST (April 17)**

For those of you that registered to the launch of the Compassionate Cities Ambassador Program last February 28, 2025 we have a follow-up meeting!

This initiative is designed to strengthen the bridge between grassroots compassion teams and local government leaders, including mayors, city managers, council members, and municipal departments.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Allies in Action: Community & Partner Chats

CANADA

Wednesday, April 16

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

NEW ZEALAND

Tuesday, April 23

9am NZDT / 2pm PDT (April 22)

USA

Thursday, April 24

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

FLORIDA, USA

Wednesday, April 30

3pm PDT / 6pm EDT

UNITED KINGDOM (UK)

Wednesday, May 6

5pm UTC / 9am PDT

At this gathering, 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 any of the locations listed above, please register below.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Global Read: Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living By Krista Tippett

Wednesday, April 23

**9am PDT / 10am MDT / 11am CDT / 12pm EST / 5pm UTC / 6pm
SAST / 9:30pm IST**

In *Becoming Wise*, Krista Tippett has created a master class in living for a fractured world. Fracture, she says, is not the whole story of our time. The enduring question of what it means to be human has become inextricable from the challenge of who we are to one another.

She insists on the possibility of personal depth and common life for this century, nurtured by science and “spiritual technologies,” with civility and love as muscular public practice. And, accompanied by a cross-disciplinary dream team of a teaching faculty, she shows us how.

The conversation will be moderated by our friend Parker J. Palmer.

Do not miss this Incredible Experience!



Compassion Circle: The Charter Sangha

Saturday, April 26

**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.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



ICYMI: In Case You Missed It!

April 5

[Golden Rule Day](#)

April 9

[Global Read: Changemakers](#) with [Marc Dullaert, Julius Dullaert, and Inge Ikink](#), founders of [KidsRights](#) and the [International Children's Peace Prize](#).

From our Partners



Guns, Gangs, & Violence

Wednesday, April 23

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

From Canadian Multifaith Federation & Anti-Racism Initiative of the G20 Interfaith Forum Foundation. Our last Global Read Guest Author, Devon Clunis, will be part of an insightful panel on addressing guns, gangs, and violence within multi/interfaith spaces.

[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



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email felipe@charterforcompassion.org*

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