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The Interconnected Path to Survival

In a world that often seems fraught with division and uncertainty, we may wonder what will carry us through these turbulent times. The answer lies in three fundamental forces: love, hope, and compassion. These are not just lofty ideals or distant dreams—they are practical necessities for our survival, both as individuals and as a global community.

At their core, love, hope, and compassion are deeply interconnected. Love, the most powerful human emotion, forms the foundation. It is through love that we form relationships, communities, and a sense of belonging. Love opens the door for hope, for it is in the people and the world we care about that we find reasons to believe in a better future. Compassion, then, is love in action. It is our ability to step outside of ourselves and respond to the pain and needs of others, and it is what transforms love and hope into tangible, life-saving acts.

Together, these three values create a feedback loop. Compassion fosters hope by helping others believe that someone cares for them. Hope nurtures love, reminding us that there is a future worth working toward. And love sustains compassion, driving us to continue our work in the face of challenges. Each feeds into the other, forming a powerful cycle that keeps us going.

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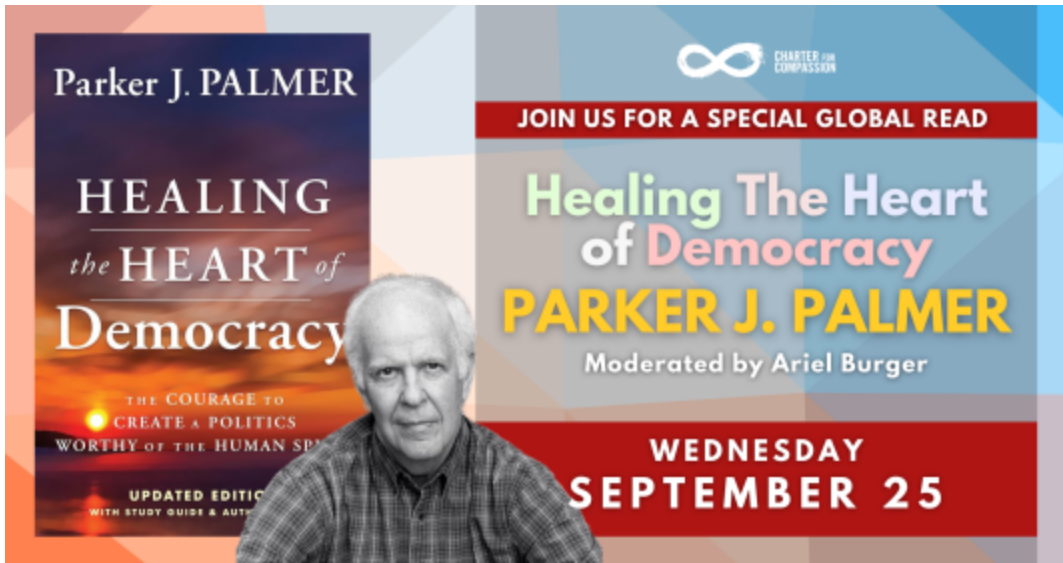
Global Youth Conference: Youth for Compassionate Advocacy & Actions

Join us in empowering young individuals to champion youth advocacy through compassionate actions as we bring together global youth leaders, youth activists and experts to reflect on ideas and ground-breaking insights on a world with more compassionate action.

[Apply to lead a session at the Global Youth Conference: Global Youth Conference Proposal Form](#)

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Charter for Compassion News, Programs, and Webinars



Global Read: Healing The Heart of Democracy with Parker J. Palmer

TOMORROW! Wednesday, September 25, at 9am PT / 12pm ET / 5pm GMT / 9.30pm IST.

How "We the People" can reclaim our democracy—updated with a discussion guide, author videos, and a new chapter-length Introduction.

In this updated edition of his prophetic book, renowned author and activist Parker J. Palmer celebrates the power of "We the People" to resist the politics of divide and conquer. With the U.S. now on a global list of "backsliding democracies," Palmer writes about what we can do to restore civil discourse, reach for understanding across lines of difference, focus on our shared values, and hold elected officials accountable. He explores ways we can reweave the communal fabric on which democracy depends in everyday settings such as families, neighborhoods, classrooms, congregations, workplaces, and various public spaces—including five "habits of the heart" we can cultivate as we work to fulfill America's promise of human equality.

Learn More and Register for this special Global Read



Allies in Action: Community and Partner Chat

[Canada](#)

Wed. Sept. 25, 4.30pm PT / 7.30pm ET

We are excited to extend an invitation to you, our esteemed members, partners, and compassionate communities, to come together for a special gathering focused on dialogue, idea generation, project sharing, and mutual support.

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.

[Learn More About These Chats Here](#)



St. Augustine Compassionate Village in Florida, USA is looking for a new Executive Director!

[St. Augustine Compassionate Village \(STACV\)](#), an initiative of the non-profit corporation [Compassionate St. Augustine](#), is built to enhance the quality of life for residents of St. Augustine and portions of St. Johns County for members to live their lives to the fullest, aging in place in their own homes, as they grow older.

[Learn About This Job Opportunity Here](#)



On Love, Hope, and Compassion

A new 4-part webinar for you to reflect and enjoy!

Part 1: The Power of Stories – An Open Forum on Hope, Love, and Compassion with Sue Cooper and Marilyn Turkovich

Part 2: Choosing Love and Shining Hope – Insights from Scarlett Lewis and Kathryn Goetzke

Part 3: Imagining the Future – A World Built on Hope, Love, and Compassion with Jacqueline Winspear and Gard Jameson.

Part 4: Compassion in Action – Turning Values into Practice with the Interfaith Amigos



From our Partners



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Your Vote Matters: Empower Yourself and Strengthen Our Society

As we approach the November elections, it's crucial to remember the power of your vote. Voting is a powerful way to contribute to the health and well-being of our society. Every vote is a commitment to the values you hold dear and a step toward creating a better future.

Participating in the electoral process enhances your sense of empowerment and connection to the larger community. It's a reminder that we are part of a bigger whole, working together towards common goals. This engagement is non-partisan and benefits everyone.

Visit Heal Democracy for comprehensive tools to help you register, get informed, and participate fully in the electoral process.

[**Learn More Here**](#)



Faith in Elections Playbook by Interfaith America & Protect Democracy

Our freedoms depend on free and fair elections — and communities of faith can play a critical role in defending them.

The Faith in Elections Playbook supports faith-based, civic and campus communities with accessible, actionable resources to support the 2024 election.

This playbook is designed to make it easier for faith and community leaders to join work that is already happening across America to help the 2024 elections run smoothly, so that all eligible voters can access a ballot and every valid vote is counted.

Their purpose in compiling and curating this information, is to enable organizations to focus on taking actions that best align with their interests, their skills, and the needs of their communities.

[Learn More Here](#)



GoldenRuleism Resources

Many school children are returning to schools and education centres across the world this week in the Global South and North! We have two relevant and practical children's and educators/parents resources that have been designed by the GoldenRuleism Team, to be fun, interactive and functional ways to ease children back into their education environments and assist in navigating some of the completely rational nerves and excitement that comes with starting or restarting school again!

[Check Resources Here!](#)



It's Time for a Human Revolution

Save the Date! October 8-9, 2024

The Club of Rome, the Fifth Element and Soka Gakkai (SG) are co-organising an insightful one-day conference titled 'It's Time for a Human Revolution!'. This event will take place on 9 October 2024 at the SGI-UK Grand Culture Centre, Taplow Court, and is supported by SGI-UK and the Centre for Applied Buddhism.

This conference aims to bring together a diverse group of participants, including academics, professionals, youth activists, students, educators, and representatives from NGOs and international organisations. The discussions will focus on the critical theme of inner transformation and mutual learning, addressing the complex and interconnected global challenges humanity faces—what we call “the global problematique.”

The event seeks to foster deeper connections with the self, others, nature, and the environment.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



GLOW 2024

November 20 & 21, 2024

Learn more about the 3rd Annual **G**lobal **L**earning for an **O**pen **W**orld Conference.

GLOW is a premier virtual event dedicated to global education and innovation. This conference aims to enhance global competencies, foster cross-border collaboration, nurture dynamic global citizenship, and ensure equitable access to quality education for all.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Loving Classroom South Africa

Loving Classroom South Africa is an award winning organization that has transformed the lives of over 106,000 Children, in South Africa, by training teachers to cultivate Loving Classrooms through the Loving Classroom, Positive Relationship Education, program. The results were astounding! ***Help them transform the lives of even more Children through this fundraiser!***

Learn more and Support here!

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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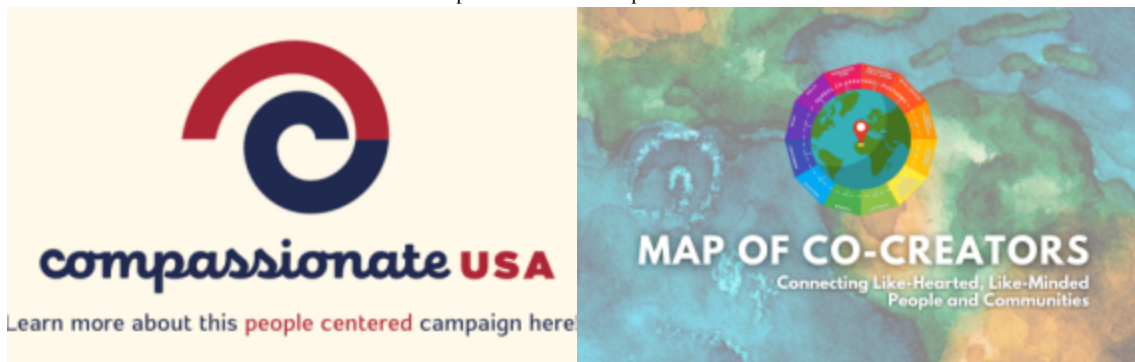
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