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Interdependency in Action:

Why Compassion Must Be a Networked Movement

In a world as intricately connected as ours, the truth of our

interdependency has never been clearer—or more urgent. The climate crisis, global conflict, rising inequality, and the mental health epidemic are not isolated challenges. They are shared struggles that demand collective solutions. At the Charter for Compassion, we believe that compassion is more than a feeling—it is a powerful connective force that reminds us: we belong to each other.

This is why we do what we do. As a global network of individuals, communities, and institutions committed to building a compassionate world, the Charter for Compassion thrives at the intersection of values and action, local needs and global partnerships, personal transformation and societal systems change. Our strength lies in connection.

We invite you to experience this interconnectedness for yourself at our upcoming Compassion in Action Conference, happening May 14–15. During these two days, you'll see our network come alive—educators, changemakers, youth leaders, business innovators, faith-based actors, and grassroots organizers from all over the world, sharing, learning, and building something greater than the sum of our parts.

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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.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Allies in Action: Community & Partner Chats

UNITED KINGDOM (UK)
Tuesday, April 29
5pm UTC / 9am PDT

FLORIDA, USA
Wednesday, April 30
3pm PDT / 6pm EDT

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.

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[RESCHEDULED DUE TO ZOOM OUTAGE] Compassionate Ambassador Program Follow-Up Meeting

Wednesday, April 30

**1pm PDT / 2pm MDT / 3pm CDT / 4pm EDT
/ 9pm UTC / 10pm SAST / (May 1) 6am
AEDT / (May 1) 8am NZST**

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.

If you signed up for the original time on April 16, you don't need to sign up again.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Join us on May 14 & 15, virtually, for our "Compassionate Action Conference: Transforming the World Together"

Everyone is Welcome!

Thank you to our Founding Conference Partner, Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, [Fund for Innovation and Transformation](#).

Learn More and Register Here



**EdNet Forum: Prison Narratives:
A Practice Of Empathy And Human
Dignity with Natalie Updike from
Shorecrest Preparatory School**

Thursday, May 15

**7:30am PDT / 8:30am MDT / 9:30am CDT /
10:30am EDT / 3:30pm UTC / 4:30pm SAST
/ 8pm IST**

In English 12 Honors: Prison Narratives at Shorecrest Preparatory School in St. Petersburg, Florida, students enter a semester-long, senior elective to investigate twentieth- and twenty-first century autobiographies by imprisoned and formerly imprisoned people in the United States—the country with the highest imprisonment rate in the world.

Learn More and Register Here



Global Read: Sage Warrior by VALARIE KAUR

Wednesday, May 19

**2pm PDT / 3pm MDT / 4pm CDT / 5pm EDT / 10pm UTC
(MAY 20) 7am AEST / 9am NZST**

How do we find the wisdom to envision a new world and the courage to fight for it?

How do we survive seemingly apocalyptic times?

In a world on fire, how do we find love and joy?

We are not the first to ask these questions—in fact, seeking answers to them forged one of the world's great wisdom traditions. In a time riven by caste, conquest, and cruelty, Sikhs blazed the path of the sant sipahi, the sage warrior. The sage radiates love and Oneness; the warrior activates that ethical power to fight for humanity. These energies empowered the first Sikhs to survive near-annihilation in South Asia nearly half a millennium ago. The sage warrior is the essential archetype for our time of turmoil—one we can all embody to cultivate our souls and transform the world.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Planting Seeds of Compassion: A Guide on how to Start Your Compassionate Community Initiative

May 20 & 27 Morning for Pacific Time
8am PDT / 9am MDT / 10am CDT / 11am
EDT / 4pm UTC / 5pm SAST / 8:30pm IST
[REGISTER HERE FOR AM SESSIONS](#)

or

May 21 & 28 Afternoon for Pacific Time
4pm PDT / 5pm MDT / 6pm CDT / 7pm EDT
/ (May 22 & 29) 9am AEDT / 11am NZST
[REGISTER HERE FOR PM SESSIONS](#)

You're ready to make a difference—and we're here to help you take that first step.

No matter where you live or what your community looks like, the principles of starting a compassionate community initiative are the same. It all begins with building a team, anchoring your effort in trust, shared values, and a collective vision.

Join us for this two-part global course, designed to meet the needs of changemakers in every time zone. Each session is 90 minutes and offered at two different times to ensure accessibility for participants around the world.

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It!

April 23

[Global Read: Becoming Wise with KRISTA TIPPETT](#)



From our Partners



Our Strategic Partner *United Religions Initiative (URI)* is seeking to employ a North America Regional Coordinator

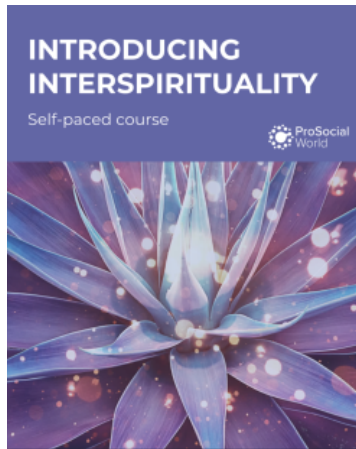
The North America Regional Coordinator (RC) will serve as a regional member of the URI Global Staff to work to implement the strategic priorities and guide URI development in the region. The URI North America region consists of 82 interfaith organizations that have joined the URI network as Cooperation Circles ("CCs") as well as over a hundred Individual Members.

The candidate is committed to practicing, modeling, and living out practices of cultivating diversity, equity, and belonging at the heart of URI's purpose and guiding principles.

URI highly encourages candidates from diverse social and cultural communities to apply with special attention to applicants with collaborative work experience in North American indigenous, migrant, and religious communities.

URI is seeking either one full-time staff (40hrs/wk) or two part-time staff (20hrs/wk) for this role. Please apply if you have interest and capacity either in the full-time or part-time opportunity.

[Find out more about this Opportunity 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,
email felipe@charterforcompassion.org*

Featured items on the Store



Baby Onesie

US\$22

Dress your baby to the nines with this 100% cotton one piece. It has three snap leg closure for easy changing, a comfortable envelope neckline, and a beautiful print that's bound to get the baby all happy and giggling.

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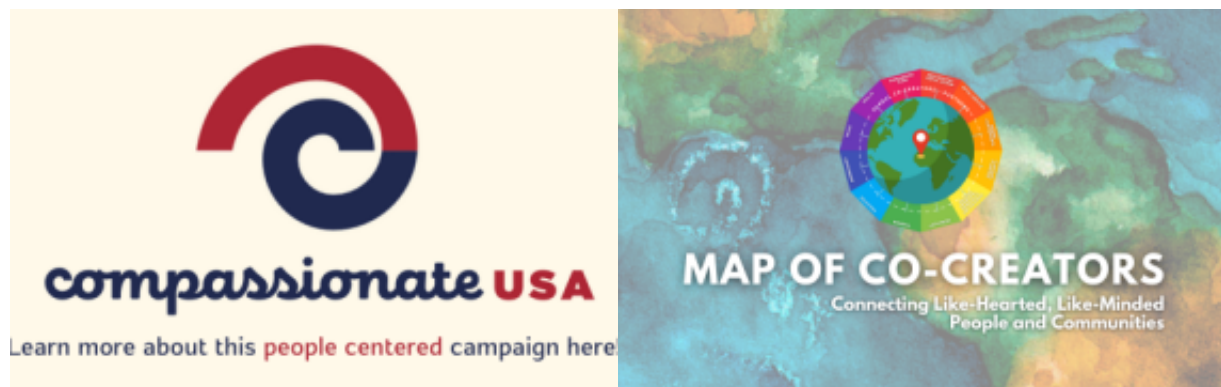


Stainless Steel Water Bottle

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This 17-ounce, double-walled stainless steel water bottle is perfect for your daily outings. It will keep your drink of choice hot or cold for hours. It also features an odor- and leak-proof cap.

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