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Cucumbers, Salmon, and the Soul of Trusteeship

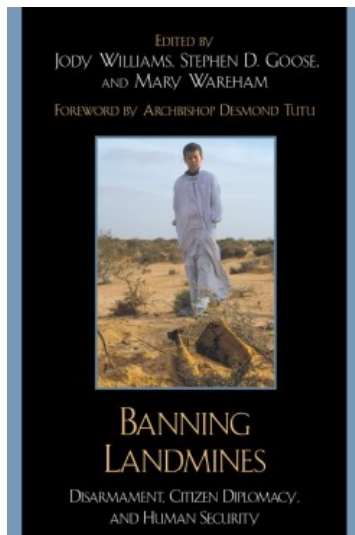
It is summer in the northern hemisphere, and gardens are blooming—at least here in the Pacific Northwest. Cucumbers are abundant, as are zucchini and artichokes. Berry picking has become an essential ritual: for pies, for crisps, and for sharing with neighbors.

I live on what some might call a semi-rural road adjacent to Puget Sound. The old-timers around here lament that when they pull in their pots these days, the crabs aren't as plentiful as they once were. But there are still crabs. And salmon. And what is perhaps most remarkable is this: the bounty that sea and land provide is regularly shared.

I sometimes feel a twinge of guilt when our stack of cucumbers and zucchini earns us a salmon. Yet, I also feel a quiet joy knowing that when the tomatoes are ripe, the apples are heavy, and the pears are ready to fall, I will return the gift. When the fishing season ends, my giving will increase, so that over time, what I receive and what I give remain in balance...

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News, Programs, and Webinars



Global Read: Banning Landmines with Nobel Peace Laureate Jody Williams

Wednesday, August 13

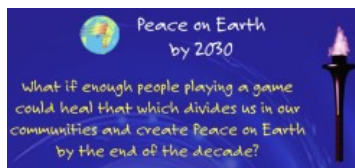
**9am PDT / 10am MDT / 11am CDT / 12pm
EDT / 5pm UTC / 6pm SAST / 9.30pm IST**

Banning Landmines: Disarmament, Citizen Diplomacy, and Human Security looks at accomplishments and setbacks in the crucial first decade of the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty.

Edited by Nobel Peace Laureate Jody Williams and two other long-time leaders of the mine ban movement, Stephen Goose and Mary Wareham, Banning Landmines features contributions by grassroots activists, diplomatic negotiators, mine survivors, arms experts, and human rights defenders.

The conversation will be moderated by our friend Joy Ngoma.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Peace Game Info Meeting

Wednesday, August 13

**5pm PDT / 6pm MDT / 7pm CDT / 8pm EDT
/ 5:30am IST / 10am AEST / 12pm NZST**

Join David Gershon, architect of the Peace Game and Peace on Earth by 2030 movement, who will share the vision and practices for achieving Peace on Earth by 2030, and how you can participate through playing the Peace Game.

[To Learn More, Register Here](#)



Allies in Action Community & Partner Chats

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 **in different parts of the world!**

Join us as we unite our efforts, share our experiences, and ignite inspiration to drive positive impact in our communities and beyond.

New Zealand & Australia Chat

Wednesday, August 20

7am AEDT/9am NZDT

(Tuesday, August 19, 2pm PDT)

USA Chat

Wednesday, August 20

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

UK Chat

Tuesday, August 26

5pm BST / 9am PDT

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Compassion Circle: The Charter Sangha

Saturday, August 30

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](#)



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

We'll be back on September 3!

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.

[Register For Series 3 Here!](#)



Announcing New Course! Catalyzing Healthy Cultural Transformation

6-session course starting Sept. 9 through Oct. 28

Tuesdays, September 9 – October 28, 2025

4pm PDT / 5pm MDT / 6pm CDT / 7pm EDT

which is

Wednesdays, September 10 – October 29, 2025

9am AEST / 11am NZST

In a time of growing uncertainty and challenge, this course offers more than insight — it offers community. A place to weather the storms, deepen your thinking, and explore new ways of being.

You won't just be absorbing new information (you already carry a wealth of knowledge). Instead, you'll be developing the tools — with others — to become a more effective change agent. Spoiler alert: the heart of this work is helping people think more deeply and holistically. You'll learn how to guide others in observing their emotions and reactions, and in creating the space needed to process and grow. We call those who do this *Evolutionary Catalysts*. And we'll be equipping you with the tools to become one.

[Stable Planet Alliance](#), the sponsor of this course, supports a growing cohort of Evolutionary Catalysts. Our mission is bold: to spark a global commitment to do everything necessary — within the realm of care — to pull out of our ecological nosedive and build a just, compassionate, and sustainable world.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



ICYMI: In Case You Missed It!

July 2

[Global Read: Gay Poems for Red States by Willie Edward Taylor Carver Jr.](#)

June 12

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



Join us for the second edition of the virtual [Charter for Compassion Global Youth Conference: Compassionate Leadership for Action & Impact](#) on October 28–30, 2025, featuring special programming by [KidsRights](#) through their [State of Youth Program](#) on October 30, bringing powerful energy to our closing day.

This year's conference will bring together a powerful collective of youth leaders, and changemakers from across the world to explore how young people are rising to meet today's challenges with empathy, courage, compassion, and a deep commitment to justice and transformation.

Through visionary ideas, purpose-driven dialogue, and collaborative leadership, this conference will equip participants to turn compassion into tangible action, locally and globally.

Apply to Lead a Session: [Global Youth Conference Proposal Form](#)

We are now accepting proposals for youth-led sessions and workshops. Share your voice, your vision, and your leadership.

Compassionate Youth Awards

We are honored to launch the Compassionate Youth Awards, a celebration of outstanding young changemakers who are leading with compassion and creating meaningful impact in their communities and the world. Awardees will be recognized at the Global Youth Conference 2025.

Nominate a Young Leader: [Compassionate Youth Awards Nomination Form](#)

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



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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It's still very fresh and needs lots more content to be uploaded, but...

We have created our own Substack! It's still fresh and needs plenty of more content to be uploaded, but if you are active in this platform, we invite you to become a subscriber.

[Visit the Charter for Compassion's Substack Here](#)

From our Partners



**The 9th Annual Interfaith Awareness Week:
"Celebrate & Connect"**

August 10-16

We invite you to join our partner **World Interfaith Network** for this engaging 7- day celebration of interfaith activities in August.

Merida and Steve from the Charter for Compassion are hosting A **Compassion Circle: The Charter Sangha** on **Friday August 15th at 10am PDT**. We'd love to see you there or at any of these offerings.

This program is informative only at present. Please continue to monitor the website <https://world-interfaith.com> for the live links to be added and to be able to register.

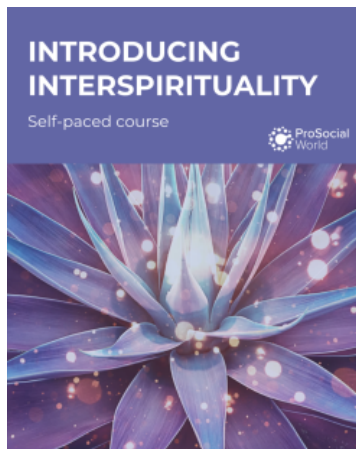
[Check out this Year's Programming](#)



GoldenRuleism Children's Resources

We invite you to enjoy and share our new GoldenRuleism Children's Resources throughout the year. These resources are designed to inspire learning and compassion, encouraging young minds to embrace the principles of kindness and understanding. Share them with others to spread awareness and promote a nurturing atmosphere for all.

[Explore Resources 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](#)



Festival of Compassion 2025 by Global Compassion Coalition

10-12 September, 2025
Cape Town, South Africa & Online

A global call to *Come Home* – to self, community, and planet.

We are at the convergence of polycrises brought on by ecological collapse, social fragmentation, and economies of exclusion. In the face of increasing isolation, inequality, and despair, we believe compassion is not a soft sentiment but a radical and vital force for transformation. Now more than ever, we need spaces that bring people together to remember who we are

and how we belong to ourselves, to one another, and to the Earth – we need to come home.

So the [Global Compassion Coalition](#) is convening the first annual Global Compassion Festival. Artists, scholars, educators, clinicians, movement builders, policymakers, and thousands of others from around the world will gather for three days of reflection, connection, and action to build a better world.

[Learn More and Register 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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ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

Icons for Charter for Compassion, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, and YouTube.

If you'd like to be featured in the LIVE show, email felipe@charterforcompassion.org

Featured items on the Store



Compassion Heart Sticker

US\$4

These stickers are printed on durable, high opacity adhesive vinyl which makes them perfect for regular use, as well as for covering other stickers or paint.

[Shop Stickers](#)

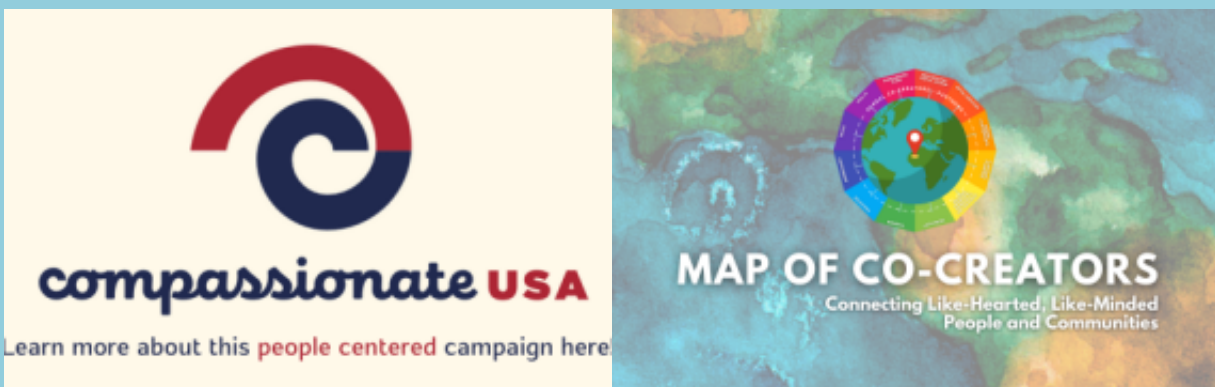


Do Good Onesie

US\$30

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.

[Shop Onesies](#)





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