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A Special Golden Rule Day Broadcast

Good morning,

This is not the world you went to sleep in. At exactly midnight, across time zones and borders, something unprecedented occurred. No declaration was signed. No treaty negotiated. No single leader claimed responsibility. And

yet, everywhere, people awoke with the same quiet resolve: To treat others as they themselves wish to be treated.

War Rooms Fell Silent. Reports confirm that overnight, active conflicts in multiple regions have ceased. Soldiers—many of them young—refused to fire. In some places, opposing forces emerged from trenches and checkpoints, not with weapons raised, but with hands open. Observers from interfaith councils noted that this moment echoes teachings found across traditions:

- In Christianity: *"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."*
- In Islam: *"None of you truly believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself."*
- In Judaism: *"What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor."*

It seems these were not just words remembered—but words lived...

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Monday, April 6 Celebrate Golden Rule Day with us!

While April 5 is Golden Rule Day, we'll celebrate on **Monday, April 6**
8am PDT / 9am MDT / 10am CDT / 11am EDT / 4pm PST / 5pm

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**and a re-run at
4pm PDT / 5pm MDT / 6pm CDT / 7pm EDT / (April 7) 9am AEST / 11 am NZST.**

Join us for a special 90-minute celebration as the Charter for Compassion, United Religions Initiative, GoldenRuleism, and Interfaith Vegan Coalition come together to explore the timeless wisdom of the Golden Rule. We'll discover how this universal principle—found in every major tradition—speaks to our lives today, from everywhere, to everyone.

Whether you're new to the Golden Rule or have lived by it for years, this gathering promises fresh insights, inspiring stories, and practical ways to bring compassion into action. Come celebrate with us!

[Learn more and Register Here](#)

News, Programs, and Webinars



Allies in Action: Community & Partner Chat

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.

[March 31 - UK Chat](#)

9am PDT / 5pm BST

[April 8 - Canada Chat](#)

4:30pm PDT / 7:30pm EDT

[Learn more and Register here](#)



April is Poetry Month at the Charter!

Poetry and compassion require us to slow down, pay attention, and truly see what often goes unnoticed. Poetry teaches us to listen deeply to language, rhythm, and silence—the same skills needed to listen deeply to another human being.

When we encounter a poem, we step into another's perspective, feel their metaphors, and sit with their truth. This practice of empathetic attention is compassion in action. In a world that moves too fast and speaks too loudly, poetry reminds us that understanding begins not with answers, but with presence.

Enjoy the following poetry readings throughout April in collaboration with [Interfaith Alignment](#):

Sunday, April 5

[**Awakening our Heart of Compassion with Orlaith O'Suillivan**](#)

[**Seeking Peace Through Poetry with Hila Ratzabi**](#)

Wednesday, April 8

[**Poetry as Compassion in Action**](#)

Sunday, April 12

[**Poetry, Prayer, and Protest with Pádraig Ó Tuama**](#)

Sunday, April 19

[**A Furious Blooming: Writing into Grief with Bushra Rehman**](#)

Sunday, April 26

[**Poetry as Medicine with Kaitlin Curtice**](#)



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

Every Wednesday
8am PDT / 9am MDT / 10am CDT / 11am EDT / 4pm BST / 5pm CEST-SAST / 8:30pm IST

Special Golden Rule Episode on April 1!

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 4 Here!](#)



Talk. Listen. Connect. Upcoming TLC Trainings!

TLC: Training for Local Bridge Builders, developed by **Compassionate Communities UK**, is a 90-minute interactive workshop designed to equip everyday citizens with practical tools to become **connectors, bridge builders, and catalysts for kindness** in their communities.

This training recognizes a simple truth: communities thrive when people know how to find one another, listen well, and act with compassion—especially in times of challenge.

Upcoming sessions:

April 8 - [Introduction to Local Bridge Builders TLC with Mary Ann Boe](#)

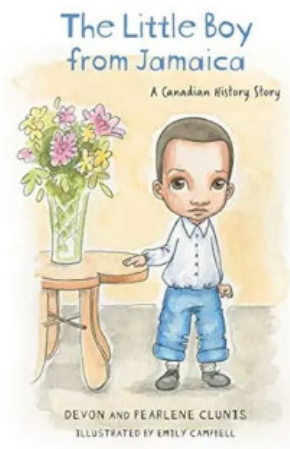
April 13 - [Introduction to Local Bridge Builders TLC with Marilyn Turkovich](#)

April 14 - [Train the Trainers for Local Bridge Builders](#)

April 21 - [Introduction to Local Bridge Builders TLC with Marilyn Turkovich](#)

April 27 - [Introduction to Local Bridge Builders TLC with **TBA](#)**

[Learn more and Register here](#)



Global Read for Kids+Co: The Little Boy From Jamaica by Devon & Pearlene Clunis

Saturday, April 18

10am PDT / 11am MDT / 12pm CDT / 1pm EDT / 6pm BST / 7pm CEST-SAST

To the young child holding this book in your hand. Do you believe someone just like you could become a history maker? I believe you can. Read this story and discover how Devon, a little boy from Jamaica, became a Canadian history maker. You will see that anything is possible and that dreams can come true.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)



Embodied Presence Course with Eckhart Tolle and Kim Eng

Embodied Presence is a **self-paced online video course** offering an introduction to Eckhart Tolle's timeless teachings—presented in a way that is accessible, practical, and deeply relevant to modern life.

This course invites you to step into the power of presence—living with greater awareness, compassion, and inner strength. You may choose to engage individually or within small groups, making it ideal for personal growth, community circles, or study gatherings.

The program unfolds over eight modules. While you can move at your own pace, we recommend completing one module per week for the most enriching experience.

This program is offered by the Charter for Compassion in partnership with the Eckhart Tolle Foundation, a global coalition working to build a just, compassionate, and sustainable world.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)



The Compassionate Action Conference - A Living Framework: Where Pillars Converge

On May 13-14, 2026 the Charter for Compassion will convene its annual Compassionate Action Conference, a global virtual gathering rooted in one essential truth: compassion becomes transformative when it is lived, shared, and put into action—locally and collectively.

This year's conference is grounded in a unifying vision:

A Living Framework: Where Pillars Converge

Seven interconnected pathways. One shared commitment. Compassion is practiced across systems, cultures, and generations.

The conference brings together the Charter's seven pillars—Education and Wisdom, Health, Environmental Stewardship, Justice and Integrity, Music and the Arts, Play and Innovation, and Spirituality—not as separate tracks, but as an integrated framework shaping how communities learn, govern, heal, create, and belong. Participants will experience how these pillars intersect in real-world settings, reinforcing compassion as both a moral orientation and a practical strategy for social transformation.

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

From our Partners



Friday, April 3
5pm PDT / 6pm MDT / 7pm CDT / 8pm EDT / (April 4) 11am AEDT
/ 1pm NZDT

You're invited to join a small circle of **partners, innovators,** and **community leaders** for a **live, co-creative evening** exploring a powerful idea:

What if cooperation is the key to our collective future?

Join in person in Seattle at Water Sines Studio, Pioneer Square—or from anywhere via global livestream

[Learn More and Join Here](#)



URI Intro Workshop Series 2026

URI is launching the 2026 Intro Workshop Series, a global online learning program for interfaith peacebuilders.

Across seven interactive workshops, participants gain practical tools to prevent violence, interrupt hate speech, navigate difficult conversations, strengthen interfaith collaboration, and support earth restoration.

Participants can attend individual sessions or complete pathways to earn certificates.

**Learn More About Upcoming Offerings
with URI Here**



Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons Announces Call for Nominations for the 2026 Mikhail Gorbachev / George Shultz Youth Award

Nominations are now open and will close on June 30, 2026. The selection committee will announce its decision prior to August 6, 2026.

Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons, a Cooperation Circle of the United Religions Initiative (URI), proudly announces the opening of nominations for the Mikhail Gorbachev / George Shultz Youth Award, given each year on August 6, the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

The award honors the courage of young people (ages 18–35) who are working to eliminate nuclear weapons and shape a safer, more compassionate world.

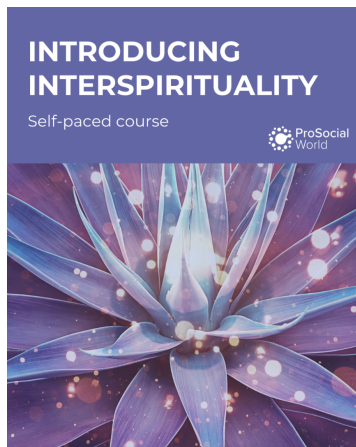
[Learn More About the Nomination Process Here](#)



GoldenRuleism Resources

In celebration of April 5, our strategic partner **GoldenRuleism** is offering a complimentary copy of their book to our community. We invite you to receive your free copy and explore the enduring wisdom of the Golden Rule

[Visit GoldenRuleismCan 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](#)

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