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The Essence of Peace: From Vision to Daily Practice

Each September 21, the world marks the **International Day of Peace**. It's a day set aside to remind us that peace is not just an abstract dream, but a possibility—even if fragile and fleeting—that can guide our choices.

Edward Hicks' many versions of *The Peaceable Kingdom* capture that possibility: lions resting with lambs, children playing safely among wolves and leopards. His paintings did not deny the violence of his own century; they offered a counter-image, a vision to steady the heart.

Today, our headlines are filled with wars that tear families and nations apart—**Sudan, Ukraine, Gaza**.

It feels almost impossible to imagine wolves and lambs lying together when people cannot even find food, safety, or refuge. Yet perhaps Hicks' vision still whispers: *what if?*

What if we dared to practice peace in ways small enough to feel possible?

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Bearing Witness: Gaza + Palestine

Famine has now been officially declared in Gaza. This is not a natural disaster. It is a man-made catastrophe.

- More than **500,000 people** are trapped in famine conditions.
- Over **12,000 children** are acutely malnourished—the highest number ever recorded in a single month. Nearly one in four are suffering the most lethal form of hunger.
- At least **273 people, including 112 children**, have already died from starvation. Hundreds more have been killed while seeking food.
- UN agencies warn that *"people are starving not because food is unavailable, but because access is blocked."*

Food exists. Medicine exists. But both are being blocked.

The Charter for Compassion and *Peace for All to Justice for All* have joined with allies worldwide to launch the **Feed Gaza Coalition**—a united movement to demand an immediate lifting of restrictions on food and medicine entering Gaza.

[Join our Efforts Here!](#)

During the month of September the Charter is joining with Justice For All in a campaign to feed the people of Gaza. In a report released on September 3, former President of Ireland, and UN Commissioner on Refugees states emphatically that "Famine has now been officially declared in Gaza. This is the conclusion of the [IPC](#), a UN-backed initiative, which reports that over half a million people in Gaza are currently facing starvation, destitution and death."

Join our Gaza Coalition by donating to roll back starvation in Gaza. The Coalition has so far raised **\$94,728**. We urgently need **\$417,279**.

[Donate Here](#)



Volunteer with us!

The Charter for Compassion *cannot exist* without volunteers.

As we transition from **sectors to pillars**—with a new website launch on **September 17**—we invite you to bring your passion, skills, and concern into action. Volunteers are needed across all seven pillars, but we especially welcome those ready to engage with our **Justice & Integrity Pillar**, uniting social justice, restorative justice, and peacebuilding.

[Read More Here](#)

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.

[Register For Series 3 Here!](#)



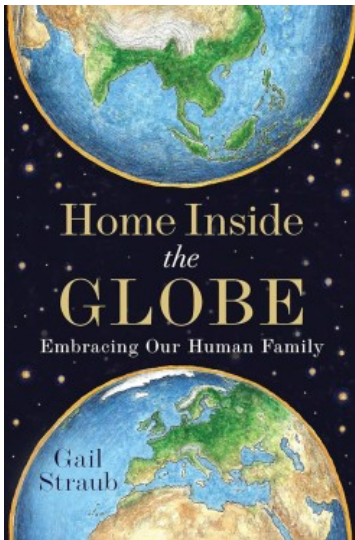
Cultivating Self-Compassion with the AI Compassion Coach

Tuesday, September 16

8am PDT / 9am MDT / 10am CDT / 11am EDT / 4pm UTC / 5pm SAST / 8:30pm IST

Far far away, behind the word mountains, far from the countries [Vokalia and Consonantia](#), there live the blind texts. Separated they live in Bookmarksgrove right at the coast of the Semantics, a large language ocean. A small river named Duden flows by their place and supplies it with the necessary regelialia.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Global Read: Home Inside the Globe by Gail Straub

Wednesday, September 17th

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

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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.

Canada Chat

Wednesday, September 17

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

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



EdNet Forum: New World Game with Medard Gabel

Thursday, September 18

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

The NewWorld Game is an AI-assisted platform that turns compassion and concern into effective, sustainable action. Designed for students, researchers, communities, and individuals, it democratizes access to tools for tackling human needs, environmental challenges, and more.

Join us for a presentation that showcases how this innovative platform transforms compassion into real-world agency, equipping us all to design a more just and resilient future.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Australia National Day of Compassion: Compassion in Action

Sunday, September 21
8am–6pm AEST
(Saturday, September 20
3:30pm PDT / 6:30pm EDT)

The Charter for Compassion, Australia (CFCA) and the Global Compassion Coalition, Australia (GCCA) warmly invite you to join our 5th National Day of Compassion.

This soulful day offers all Australians (and friends around the globe) an opportunity to learn about & practice compassion - so needed in our stressful times.

[Learn more and Register Here](#)



ICYMI: In Case You Missed It!

August 13

[Global Read: Banning Landmines with Nobel Laureate Jody Williams](#)

July 2

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



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.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Join us and American Friends of the Parents Circle in signing this Pledge for Peace to honor the International Day of Peace! **Peace is not weakness—it is courage.** We pledge to walk the path of peace every day in thoughts, words, and actions.

[Sign Here](#)



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

Announcing 2 impactful Virtual Conferences:



The 4th Annual Global Learning For an Open World Conference

November 19-20, 2025

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 Here](#)



Thrive: United for Democracy and Global Action

January 21-22, 2026

Join democracy practitioners, educators, business leaders, and community organizers from around the world for two days of cutting-edge strategies, cross-sector partnerships, and practical skill-building to strengthen democracy globally.

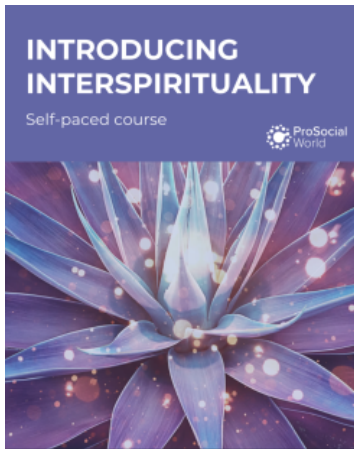
[Learn More Here](#)



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](#)

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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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.

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Do Good Onesie

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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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