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Heed the Call to be More Than Merely Consumers by Choosing Connection, Compassion, and Community

"Human beings are called to be co-workers in the work of creation, not merely passive consumers of content generated"

by artificial technology. Our dignity lies in our ability to reflect, choose freely, love unconditionally and enter into authentic relationships with others."

~Pope Leo XIV, Address to Participants in the
Conference "Artificial Intelligence and Care for Our Common
Home," December 5, 2025

At a time when technology increasingly shapes our lives—often inviting us to consume rather than create, to scroll rather than engage—this call from Pope Leo XIV lands with both urgency and clarity. It reminds us that our humanity is not defined by what we absorb, but by how we relate: how we reflect, how we choose, how we love, and how we enter into authentic relationships with one another.

At the Charter for Compassion, we take this call to heart.

Our work is grounded in the belief that authentic relationships are not simply a byproduct of community—they are the foundation upon which compassionate communities are built. In a world that can feel fragmented and divided, we are committed to creating spaces where people can come together, listen deeply, and learn from one another in meaningful ways.

One such space is our upcoming...

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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



New episode of our podcast "WITH COMPASSION": Embracing Compassion 2.0: Transforming Inner Healing to Planetary Flourishing with Sue Cooper.

Join us for a heartfelt conversation exploring the evolution of the Charter for Compassion - already signed by more than two million people - into its next chapter, [Compassion 2.0](#).

At a time when compassion couldn't be more needed, Sue Cooper, explains how the Charter is evolving to meet the interlocking crises our world is currently facing.

[Watch/Listen to the Latest Episode 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 BST / 5pm CEST-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 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:

May 12 - [Train the Trainer session for Local Bridge Builders TLC](#)

May 18 - [Introduction to Local Bridge Builders TLC for UK & Republic of Ireland](#)

May 19 - [Introduction to Local Bridge Builders TLC](#)

May 27 - [Train the Trainer session for Local Bridge Builders TLC](#)

[Learn more & Register here](#)



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.

May 6 - [Canada Chat](#)

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

May 11 - [US Chat](#)

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

May 12 - [Washington State Chat](#)

5:30 PM PDT

May 13 - [A Northwest Gathering for Connection](#)

(Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Wyoming)

5:30 PM PDT / 6:30 PM MDT

May 18 - [Texas Chat](#)

6 PM CDT / 4 PM PDT

May 18 - [California Chat](#)

5:30 PM PDT

May 19 - [New Zealand Chat](#)

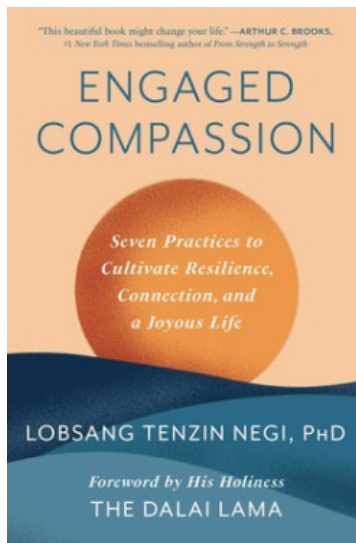
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which is Monday, May 18, at 2:30 PM PDT

May 26 - [UK Chat](#)

5 PM BST / 9 AM PDT

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Global Read: Engaged Compassion by Dr. Lobsang Tenzin Negi

Wednesday, May 20

**9:30am PDT / 10:30am MDT / 11:30am CDT
/ 12:30 pm EDT / 5:30pm BST / 6:30pm
CEST-SAST / 10pm IST**

Former Tibetan Buddhist monk and current Emory professor and scholar, Lobsang Tenzin Negi was tasked by the Dalai Lama himself to find new ways of sharing ancient Tibetan wisdom to create a more compassionate, peaceful, and happier modern world.

Through seven evidence-based steps, readers learn to transform their relationship with suffering—both their own and others’—into a source of resilience rather than exhaustion.

Bridging time-tested contemplative methods with insights from cutting-edge psychology, it demonstrates how genuine compassion energizes us when practiced skillfully.

The result? Discovering compassion as the key to making a meaningful difference in the world without sacrificing your own well-being.

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Compassion Circle: The Charter Sangha

Saturday, May 30

**9am PDT / 10am MDT / 11am CDT / 12pm
EDT / 5pm GMT / 6pm CEST-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 & 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](#)

From our Partners



The Gaza Education Tent

Founded by educator Ruwaida Kamal Amer in the Khan Younis refugee camp, this powerful grassroots initiative is bringing access to education for children in Gaza whose schools and childhoods have been shattered by the genocide.

The Gaza Education Tent is restoring hope and healing through trauma-informed learning and emotional support. Discover how you can help sustain this important work.

[Learn More & Register 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](#)



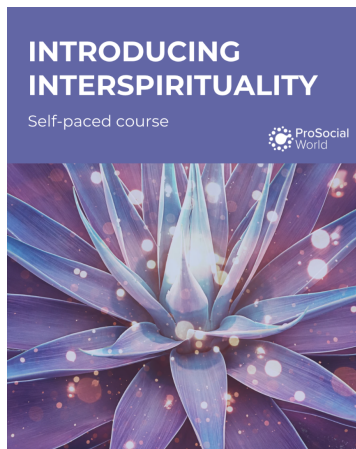
Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons Announces Call for Nominations for the 2026 Mikhail Gorbachev / George Shultz Youth Award

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**](#)



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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