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## **A Thank-You Story — and a Call to Roll Up Our Sleeves**

There was a time, not so long ago, when a woman — let’s call her Karen — had an idea. It wasn’t a thunderbolt, but a particle of a thought: *perhaps compassion is not simply a virtue, but a key — a key capable of unlocking some of the overwhelming problems our communities face.*

Karen was a religious scholar, one of the rare minds who could move gracefully from the Hebrew prophets to the Buddha, from Muhammad's revelations to the teachings of Jesus, from the Bhagavad Gita to the humanist wisdom of the Magna Carta. Across centuries and continents, she noticed something extraordinary: the same luminous principles kept appearing, echoing from scripture to scripture, tradition to tradition. Compassion was always there, quietly insisting on its place at the center of human life.

She kept writing about these ideas — still does, in fact — but compassion always remained the steady heartbeat of her work.

Then something unexpected happened. A big organization — let's call it TED — listened. And TED said, "We'll give you a wish. What do you need to do something about this idea of compassion?"

TED didn't simply listen; they leaned in. They contributed ideas, support, and seed funding. And in time, from that small particle of inspiration, the Charter for Compassion was born...

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**We will be uploading the Unveiling of the Charter 2.0 that occurred on Tuesday, November 12, 2025, AND the 2025 Global Gala & Karen Armstrong Humanitarian Awards that occurred on Saturday, November 15, 2025, during the week!**

***Stay Tuned!***



## Announcing "With Compassion", the Charter for Compassion's New Podcast.

**"With Compassion" launches November 19, 2025 on Substack!**

The Charter for Compassion is proud to announce the launch of its newest initiative, **With Compassion**, a global podcast series that brings together visionary voices from around the world to explore how compassion can serve as both compass and catalyst for transformational change.

The podcast premieres November 19, as part of the soft launch of the Compassion Transformation Institute, the Charter's new educational and cultural hub designed to support the next generation of compassion leaders, educators, and changemakers.

Hosted by Jennifer Nadel, co-founder of *Compassion in Politics*, journalist, lawyer, and lifelong advocate for justice, *With Compassion* will feature active, challenging, and deeply engaged conversations that reimagine how compassion can reshape our systems, our stories, and our shared future.

[Read more about the "With Compassion" Here!](#)

## News, Programs, and Webinars



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

**Every Wednesday through Dec. 17  
8am PST / 9am MST / 10am CST / 11am  
EST / 3pm GMT / 4pm CET / 5pm SAST/  
9:30pm 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!](#)



## EdNet Forum: The Community Resiliency Model (CRM)<sup>®</sup> Workshops with Elaine Miller-Karas

**Thursday, November 20**  
**7:30am PST / 8:30am MST / 9:30am CST / 10:30am EST / 3:30pm GMT / 4:30pm CET / 5:30pm SAST / 9pm IST**

**The Community Resiliency Model (CRM)<sup>®</sup> Workshops** introduces participants to six wellness skills. CRM Workshops help create “trauma-informed” and “resiliency-informed” individuals and communities that share a common understanding of the impact of trauma and chronic stress on the nervous system and how resiliency can be restored or increased using this skills-based approach.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

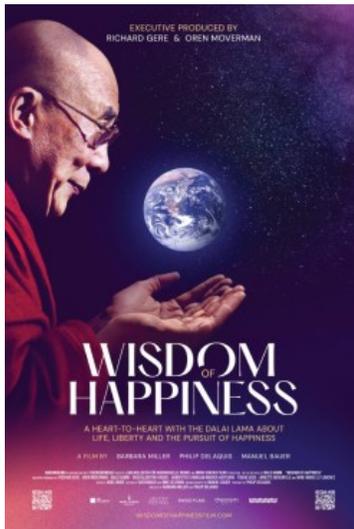


## Compassion Circle: The Charter Sangha

**Saturday, November 29**  
**9am PST / 10am MST / 11am CST / 12pm EST / 5pm GMT / 6pm CET / 7pm SAST / 10.30pm 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](#)



## Wisdom of Happiness - Special Virtual Screening for Charter for Compassion in USA & Canada!

**Tuesday, December 2  
5pm PST / 6pm MST / 7pm CST / 8pm EST**

WISDOM OF HAPPINESS shows us a timeless truth: happiness is still possible, even in the midst of chaos and uncertainty. This powerful message of hope is delivered as a personal audience with one of the greatest living thinkers, Nobel Peace Prize winner Tenzin Gyatso, known to billions around the world as the Dalai Lama.

Speaking as a member of our single global community, he shares practical wisdom for finding peace, compassion, and hope in the midst of chaos. With disarming clarity and deep humanity, he invites us to imagine — and help create — a world where compassion is activated as our strongest force for change, and happiness is within reach for everyone.

This is a special screening for Charter for Compassion family and friends in the US & Canada only.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)



## Kitchen Table Chat with the Health Pillar

**Friday, December 5**  
**8:30am PST / 9:30am MST / 10:30am CST / 11:30am EST / 4:30pm GMT / 5:30pm CET / 6:30pm SAST / 10pm IST**

Every First Friday of the month, the Health sector invites everyone to join and share what's happening with friends in our work to elevate compassion in Health.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)



## Allies in Action: Community & Partner Chat - CANADA

**Tuesday, December 9**  
**4pm PST / 5pm MST / 6pm CST / 7pm EST**

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 **Canada!**

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

[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

### 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](#)



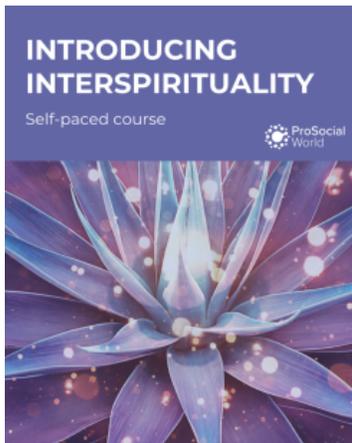
## Dutch Movement for Compassion Prize 2025

The **2025 Compassion Prize** will be awarded on **Friday, November 21st, in Amsterdam** — a remarkable event that will honor no fewer than fifteen organizations and individuals whose work embodies compassion in action.

**\*\* For information about attending the event, please contact**

**[secretariaat@barmhartigheid.nl](mailto:secretariaat@barmhartigheid.nl) \*\***

[Read More about this event and the Dutch Movement for Compassion 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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**12/04/25** - With special guest *Asa Kaur*, from our new partners at [Namdhari Sikh Sangat UK](#)

*If you'd like to be featured in the LIVE show,  
email [felipe@charterforcompassion.org](mailto:felipe@charterforcompassion.org)*

## Featured items on the Store



### Compassion 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](#)



### Compassion Water Bottle

**US\$25**

This 17-ounce, double-walled stainless steel water bottle is perfect for your daily outings. It features an odor- and leak-proof cap and Compassion in rainbow colors as design.

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