

# We Remember



Charter for **Compassion**

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In 2018, we must remember the Holocaust because anti-Semitism is on the rise...because the survivors among us are dwindling...because Holocaust deniers are relentless....because genocides still occur...and because it is critical that we educate the next generation.

The nine Holocaust Survivors in the video have come together to send you an unforgettable message. Listen to their urgent plea to remember the past and to see how it is being repeated today. For International Holocaust Remembrance Day, let's show them we are listening. Post your picture holding a sign with the words "We Remember" and post it on social media with #WeRemember or send it to them by e-mail.

## **World Interfaith Harmony Week**

"We've come a long way to be together, you and I" is the theme for this year's Charter for Compassion's contribution to the World Interfaith Harmony Week. Our two-part program will delve deeply into the real purpose of "Interfaith" and explore how its concept should be a guiding light into the harmony that is possible through interfaith practice which is the true foundation of living in a more peaceful and just world.

Getting to know the other as the Jewish philosopher, Martin Buber implied, is the ability to look at another from a different perspective, not leaving our own perspective behind, but broadening our understanding of the other—totally recognizing our willingness to accept an "I" and "Thou" relationship that is not separated by culture or faith or other bounds. This relationship conceivably leads us to the threshold of realizing the Eternal "Thou."

**Highlights of Program One, February, Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7 am PT. [Register here.](#)**

Karen Armstrong addresses how "Little We Know" about religions and our own perspectives. Musical lessons are offered by the a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock and Bernice Johnson Reagon. In addition two short documentary films: one prepared by the ASHA Centre, located in Gloucester, UK and a student produced film from De Paul University students in Chicago introduce us to Interfaith history and practice.

**Highlights of Program Two, February, Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7 am PT. [Register here.](#)**

Rabbi Ted Falcon, Pastor Don Mackenzie, and Imam Jamal Rahman, the Interfaith Amigos, address the topic "Breaking the Taboos of Interfaith Dialogue." In the Interfaith movement we learn first to set aside our discomforts and prejudices, experience listening to and learning from others, come to know the other, accept and acknowledge differences and then appreciate that difference. In his speech, Eli Wiesel helps us understand that the person we see in the street is a fellow sojourner, a potential friend. Musical renditions include the First Nation group, the Ulali Project, Noa and Mira Awad and Susan Salidor. We close with an interfaith service, Way of Unity and Peace, an event sponsored by the Vatican in 2015. The closing song, Amazing Grace, is sung here by Darlene Zschech, best known as a Pentecostal singer and songwriter from Australia, Don Moen, American singer-songwriter, pastor, and producer of Christian worship music, Italian tenor, Andrea Bocelli and once again, Israeli singer, Noa.

## **Upcoming Webinars**

The Internationalists: How a Radical Plan to Outlaw War Remade the World. February 9, 2018 8:00am Pacific Time. [Register here.](#)

The Internationalists is a bold and provocative history of the men who fought to outlaw war and how an often overlooked treaty signed in 1928 was among the most transformative events in modern history. Authors Oona A. Hathaway and Scott J. Shapir tell the story of the Peace Pact by placing it in the long history of international law from the seventeenth century through the present, tracing this rich history through a fascinating and diverse array of lawyers, politicians and intellectuals.

## **Special Gift! Special Course! Special Price! \$10!**

How to Bring Balance and Compassion to Life (February 5 - March 4) Registration open now  
Life is richer and more productive when it is in balance and includes self-compassion. We can give more to others when we have more to give! Self-compassion and balance can generate the energy and space you need to contribute your distinctive talents and compassionate action into the world. Everyone has something precious to contribute to humanity; and every precious piece is needed. This course proposes that minor shifts can create major change. These minor shifts can be implemented immediately!

## **Affirm the Charter for Compassion!**

Join our campaign to get one million new affirmations to the Charter for Compassion by November 12, 2019, commemorating the tenth year in which the Charter was launched! Read the Charter for Compassion. Sign here. Get your friends, your family, your colleagues, and your religious/spiritual community members to join you! We encourage everyone to read and sign the Charter directly on the Charter website (or to find a volunteer who would be willing to electronically sign on behalf of others' handwritten signatures). If this isn't possible, we've attached a contact information form that you may send to us (P.O. Box 10787, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110).

The Charter for Compassion runs on your generosity. We work hard to provide support to our compassionate communities and partners, to host engaging and educational webinars, and to sustain our vast network. If everyone who received this newsletter could donate the cost of a cup of coffee to the Charter, it would immensely aid our ability to operate. Please donate and make it possible for us to keep doing what we do!

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