

***Honoring Beloved Communities Where They Are Happening
Building Beloved Communities with the grassroots where they are not***

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4/29/17: Young Women Empowered Career Day

UW Bothell

Free

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5/20/17: Citizen University – Civic Saturdays

10:30 – noon

Town Hall Seattle

Free

[Click here for details](#)



5/7/17: Building Beloved Community

5:30-7:00pm

Experience community with music, silence, topical conversations in small groups

Free

[Click here for location](#)

Recent highlights:



4/12/17: Interfaith Seder

6:30-9:00pm

St Patrick Church

INSPIRING HOPE IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES!

There is good news to share in this Spring Issue of our Newsletter. Compassion is alive and spreading in homeless camps, neighborhoods, schools, among youth at-risk and our spiritual communities. Challenges tend to awaken our senses to what is most important in our lives and, alone and together, in small acts and large undertakings, we find ways to help and make a difference.

Call of Compassion NW is a vessel serving the community by earning trust and working *with* people on the margins who are seeking to create healthy communities for us all. Read on to learn about our current initiatives: we are raising awareness of the human experiences of homelessness and mobilizing community resources to produce affordable, sustainable housing for extremely poor people. Also, our peer youth counselors are reducing the dropout rate for teen students, and our community facilitators are hosting respectful conversations to identify common ground among those who are poles apart on today's contentious issues.

We experience hope when we live our core values through compassionate action, energized by an entrepreneurial, can-do spirit and inspired by the creative arts. Together we're better, and we are all needed – [click here to join the movement](#)

LOVE WINS LOVE



Love Wins Love is an art collective that believes that housing is a human right. Led by Denise Henrikson and Susan Russell, they host art-making events to paint Unity Flags while building friendly relationships between people who are unhoused and housed. The flags are used to beautify existing tent encampments and shelters and the conversations that occur in the process have been generating momentum for creative and insightful community-based housing solutions.

EcoThrive HOUSING COLLECTIVE



EcoThrive Housing Collective is a collaborative committed to demonstrating that we the people have the capacity to create viable solutions to reduce homelessness in our community. This grassroots initiative includes housed and homeless, builders, landscape designers, social service providers, community development experts, members of faith based communities and a variety of other interested professionals, community organizations and volunteers. We are designing projects *with* those who are impacted, rather than *for* them, and applying the community resources to fit their needs. We are using an entrepreneurial business model that values community ownership, builds on the power of relationships and produces viable solutions that are economically sustainable without ongoing government subsidies. Together we can create Beloved Communities.

Rabbi Ted Falcon
Imam Jamal Rahman
Sr. Ann Holmes Redding
Family friendly
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4/14/17: Turning the Other into a Brother
7:30pm
Town Hall Seattle
Free
[Click her for details](#)



3/9/17
[City of Lake Forest Park declares LFP a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community](#)
First city in the world to confirm and expand their commitment to becoming a Compassionate City
[Click here for resolution](#)



2/18/17: The new African Community Alliance
Emmanuel Dolo, Liberian, with support from Antioch University and colleagues from seven African nations, has launched this inspiring grassroots community-building initiative.

MILLENNIALS NORTHWEST



Millennials Northwest, led by Tamara Johnson, is staffed with youth peer counselors and serves youth at-promise throughout the region, with special focus on the needs in South Seattle/King County. They were recently awarded a grant by United Way to reduce educational barriers for youth that are caused by behavioral health issues. Their work includes outreach and education on behavioral health issues, early screening, and intervention and referrals to appropriate providers for the youth involved. The grant targets youth who are at risk of dropping out of school that may have undiagnosed behavioral health issues, or are not currently receiving services. This program is funded for 18 months and free to youth in South Seattle/King County who meet the profile. If you have a prospect, [click here](#).

NORTHWEST INTERFAITH WISDOM COUNCIL



NICO (Northwest Interfaith Community Outreach) leads our interfaith sector and is concerned about the severely divided environment we experience in the public forum. We are facing severe challenges to our physical, emotional, spiritual and environmental welfare, yet we cannot seem to work together on policies and practices that advance the well-being of everyone. All the world's religions share the universal principles of compassion and the Golden Rule, but we haven't figured out how to apply the spiritual wisdom of these traditions to the broader community when addressing our priority issues of homelessness, youth at-promise, mental health, institutional racism, immigration and the unsustainable depletion of our natural resources.

The NICO Board, as a step toward unleashing smarter faith-based action for the common good, is proposing the formation of the Northwest Interfaith Wisdom Council. We are presenting a framing statement of strategy with spiritual leaders from 9 major religious traditions, hopeful that by coming together we will be able to speak with one voice and offer a compassion lens and narrative for the local, regional and national conversation. If you would like to engage in this initiative, [please click here](#).

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