



Interfaith Season 2015

A Workshop on Compassionate Civility for Self and Others

**Date: Saturday, March 21st, 2015
9:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.**

Facilitator: Ms. Carla Kelley

One needs not to be religious to practice compassion or civility. There is a great need in our world to be able to disagree without demonizing, debate without demeaning, and discuss without degrading. Compassionate discourse is a prerequisite for a more peaceful world.

Our worldviews, made up of our values, beliefs, assumptions, attitudes and ideas impact how we respond to those around us, yet there are a multiplicity of perspectives that declare their worldview is the only “right” way. There is always a separation between one person and another because we do not know what is going on in anyone else’s life but our own. How do we respectfully agree to disagree?

Many religions and spiritual belief systems carry the universal message that respect, love, forgiveness and practicing The Golden Rule are necessary for the betterment of all. Yet we are witnessing that even in religious communities this rule rarely practiced or mentioned. Come join a conversation as we assemble across differing belief systems to discover those places where we are called to be more compassionate and civil in our daily lives. This is a **highly interactive workshop** where all voices are welcomed and respected as a means to encourage us to be more loving human beings. YOUR voice and experience are necessary to this conversation! Teens are encouraged to attend.

“If we cannot now end our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity.” John F. Kennedy



**Place: Cathedral Church of St. Mark-“Deans Hall”
231 East 100 South
Parking behind the church**

Audience: Mature Teens-Adults

Light refreshments will be served.