

GROWING TOGETHER  
MARCH 2012

March 4, 2012: Today's session will focus on topics related to GLBT concerns and is sponsored by our Welcoming Congregations Committee.

Facilitator: Richard Wolf

March 11, 2012: 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life

Today we will examine the "Charter for Compassion" with information on how we, as individuals, can sign this charter and join others in committing ourselves to a compassionate life. We will also look at the "Compassionate Cities Charter" which has been adopted by dozens of cities in the US and more throughout the world. What would it take for Harrisonburg to become a Compassionate City? Facilitator: Paul Revell

March 18, 2012: Chanting and Meditation Series

The Wiccan Tradition: Invoking the names of the Goddess and honoring the inner divine feminine. Chant: "We All Come From the Goddess"

Meditation: "Encounters with the Goddess"

Facilitator: Laura Dent

March 25, 2012

Ken Rutherford: Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for International Stabilization and Recovery (CISR).

As Director of CISR Ken is conducting or participating in post-conflict missions and projects in Burundi, Colombia, Iraq, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Rwanda, Uganda, Vietnam, and Yemen. He is co-founder of the Landmine Survivors Network and a renowned leader in the Nobel Peace Prize-winning coalition that spearheaded 1997 Mine Ban Treaty and the global movement that led to the 2008 Cluster Munitions Ban Treaty. He has worked for the Peace Corps (Mauritania), UN High Commissioner for Refugees (Senegal), International Rescue Committee (Kenya and Somalia), and as a Fulbright Professor (Jordan). Rutherford is author of *Disarming States: The International Movement to Ban Landmines*, co editor of *Reframing the Agenda: The Impact of NGO and Middle Power Corporation in International Security Policy, Landmines and Human Security: The International Movement to Ban Landmines*. He has testified before Congress and published articles in numerous academic and policy journals. He was a Professor of Public Affairs and an Associate Professor in Political Science at Missouri State University prior to joining the JMU faculty in February 2010. Rutherford holds a B.A. and M.B.A. from the University of Colorado and a Ph.D. from Georgetown University.