

Compassion Not Cruelty

A Movement of Faith-Based Compassion that began in the Western Association and now also has a Suffolk chapter. We are hoping others in the NY Conference will join the movement. If you would like to speak with us about establishing a chapter in your area, email us info@CompassionNotCruelty.org



Our Mission

Compassion Not Cruelty is a growing movement of organized Christians dedicated to modeling and mobilizing the compassion that Jesus of Nazareth practiced and taught. Our community seeks to be a living example of Christ's love in action.

Our Values

- *Compassion First:* We affirm the dignity of every human being.
- *Decency for All:* We strive to treat everyone with respect and fairness.
- *Democratic Principles:* We honor our nation's institutions and the rule of law.
- *Nonviolent Love:* We draw strength from Christ's love, recognizing our shared humanity as we work for the common good.

In a nation where government policy often promotes Christian nationalism, cruelty, violence, hatred, and massive wealth for a few, our movement stands as a counterforce—grounded in compassion, justice, and inclusion.

Our History

Compassion Not Cruelty began in July 2025 when pastors in a UCC Community of Practice, disturbed by the government's celebration of cruel detention conditions at "Alligator Alcatraz," formed a movement urging Christians to call for compassion. The movement is growing and now also includes Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic clergy and lay people. There are WNY and Suffolk NY chapters.

Our Actions

- NO KINGS RALLIES, Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY (Oct 2, 2025, March 28, 2026): Our members participated and were speakers at each Rally.
- Prayer Vigil at the Federal Detention Center, Batavia, NY (Oct 25, 2025).
- UCC "Love Knows No Borders" letter-writing campaign to federal representatives.
- BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR NOW event at St. Joseph's University RC Church (April 18, 2026) to build capacity to support WNY immigrants during this perilous time.

Interested in Learning More?

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