



## **PRESS RELEASE**

Diane Hessian Speaks in Westport  
this Sunday 9/19 @ 11:30 AM

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### **CEO and Author Shares Study re Voters in America This Sunday, September 19, at 11:30 AM at The Unitarian Church in Westport**

#### **Summary:**

[Diane Hessian](#), an award-winning start-up entrepreneur and CEO based in Boston, is coming to Westport's Unitarian Universalist congregation to share her research on how different American voters interpret our political world and what we can learn from this for the future. Her research is based on a 4-year tracking of 500+ voters monthly, and is explained in her new book [Our Common Ground](#). The book is, in part, a sharing of her regular column as it appeared in [The Boston Globe](#). Her talk will be in person and virtual, broadcast over ZOOM, at 11:30 AM on Sunday September 19.

#### **Further information:**

How do we talk with each other about politics? How can we really *hear* what each other is saying and engage with civility and understanding? How far apart are we *really* in how we see the world?

Please join award-winning CEO and writer [Diane Hessian](#) as she shares with us her research on this timely issue, as captured in her new book, [Our Common Ground](#). After talking with 500+ voters from different sides of the aisle, monthly, since 2016, Hessian will help us navigate our times by sharing her research and implications for all of us moving forward. As Amazon shares in [its review](#): "*After more than a million individual communications, two things became clear: We have more common ground than we realize. And we are, sadly, failing at understanding each other.*"

Hessian will speak in the main building of the [UU congregation in Westport](#), 10 Lyons Plains Rd, after the 10 AM service on Sunday. Ours is a big and inclusive community: all - of all political stripes and opinions - are welcome. Masks required. The building has multiple side glass walls that will remain open for fresh air and ventilation.

We will broadcast this event on our [worship ZOOM link](#), and will moderate discussion from online as well as in person. See [uuwestport.org](#) for Sunday ZOOM info or click [HERE](#).

Please feel free to invite friends and family; the more the merrier! Questions? Contact Beth Cliff at [beth@uuwestport.org](mailto:beth@uuwestport.org) or call at 203.227.7205 x 16.