Knowledge of world religions and holidays is important for creating welcoming, safe spaces where human rights are respected. Below is a 2020 calendar of some major religious holidays and occasions. The AUPE Human Rights Committee encourages all AUPE members to recognize and learn more about these important religious observances.

### JANUARY
- **Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday (Sikh)**
  - January 2
- **Bodhi Day/Rohatsu (Buddhist)**
  - January 2
- **Epiphany (Christian)**
  - January 6
- **Christmas (Orthodox Christian)**
  - January 7
- **Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)**
  - January 10
- **Maghi (Sikh)**
  - January 13
- **New Year (Orthodox Christian)**
  - January 14
- **Makar Sankranti/Pongal (Hindu)**
  - January 15
- **World Religion Day (Bahá’í)**
  - January 19
- **Chinese Lunar New Year**
  - January 25

### FEBRUARY
- **Magha Puja (Buddhist)**
  - February 7
- **Tu B’Shevat (Jewish)**
  - February 10
- **Nirvana Day (Buddhist)**
  - February 15
- **Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)**
  - February 22
- **Carnival/Shrove Tuesday (Christian)**
  - February 25
- **Ayyám-i-Há (Bahá’í)**
  - February 25–28
- **Ash Wednesday (Christian)**
  - February 26

### MARCH
- **Holi (Hindu)**
  - March 9-10
- **Purim (Jewish)**
  - March 10
- **Holi Mohalla (Sikh)**
  - March 10-12
- **Naw-Ruz/New Year’s Day (Bahá’í)**
  - March 20
- **Isra and Mi’raj (Islamic)**
  - March 22
- **Ramayna (Hindu)**
  - March 25-April 2

### APRIL
- **Rama Navami (Hindu)**
  - April 2
- **Palm Sunday (Christian)**
  - April 5
- **Mahavir Jayanti (Jainism)**
  - April 6
- **Buddha’s Birth (Buddhist)**
  - April 8
- **Maundy Thursday (Christian)**
  - April 9
- **First day of Passover (Jewish)**
  - April 9
- **Good Friday (Christian)**
  - April 10
- **Holy Saturday (Christian)**
  - April 11
- **Easter Sunday (Christian)**
  - April 12
- **Easter Monday (Christian)**
  - April 13
- **Vaisakhi (Sikh)**
  - April 13
- **Last day of Passover (Jewish)**
  - April 16
- **Good Friday (Orthodox Christian)**
  - April 17
- **Yom HaShoah (Jewish)**
  - April 21
- **Ramadan starts (Islamic)**
  - April 24
- **Yom Ha’atzmaut (Jewish)**
  - April 29

### MAY
- **Lag B’Omer (Jewish)**
  - May 12
- **Laylatul Qadr (Islamic)**
  - May 19
- **Ascension Day (Christian)**
  - May 21
- **Eid al-Fitr (Islamic)**
  - May 23
- **Shavuot (Jewish)**
  - May 29
- **Pentecost (Christian)**
  - May 31

### JUNE
- **Whit Monday (Christian)**
  - June 1
- **Trinity Sunday (Christian)**
  - June 7
- **Corpus Christi (Christian)**
  - June 11
- **Race Unity Day (Bahá’í)**
  - June 14
- **Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)**
  - June 16

### JULY
- **Asalha Puja (Buddhist)**
  - July 5
- **Birthday of Haile Selassie (Rastafarian)**
  - July 23
- **Haj (Islamic)**
  - July 28-Aug 2
- **Tisha B’Av (Jewish)**
  - July 30
- **Eid ul Adha (Islamic)**
  - July 31

### AUGUST
- **Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)**
  - August 3
- **Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)**
  - August 11
- **Assumption of Mary (Christian)**
  - August 15
- **Paryushana (Jainism)**
  - August 16
- **Muharram, Islamic New Year**
  - August 20
- **Ashura (Islamic)**
  - August 29

### SEPTEMBER
- **Pitu Paksha begins (Hindu)**
  - September 1
- **Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)**
  - September 19-20
- **Yom Kippur (Jewish)**
  - September 28

### OCTOBER
- **First day of Sukkot (Jewish)**
  - October 2
- **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Christian)**
  - October 4
- **Hoshana Rabbah (Jewish)**
  - October 9
- **Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)**
  - October 10
- **Simchat Torah (Jewish)**
  - October 11
- **Navaratri (Hindu)**
  - October 17-25
- **Birth of the Báb (Bahá’í)**
  - October 18
- **Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikh)**
  - October 20
- **Dasara (Hindu)**
  - October 25
- **Mawlid Al-Nabi (Islamic)**
  - October 28-29
- **Reformation Day (Christian)**
  - October 28/31

### NOVEMBER
- **All Saints’ Day (Christian)**
  - November 1
- **All Souls’ Day (Christian)**
  - November 2
- **Anniversary, Crowning of Haile Selassie (Rastafarian)**
  - November 4
- **Diwali (Hindu)**
  - November 14
- **Bandi-Chhor Divas (Sikh)**
  - November 14
- **Day of the Covenant (Bahá’í)**
  - November 24-25
- **First Sunday of Advent (Christian)**
  - November 29
- **Guru Nanak Dev Ji’s Birthday (Sikh)**
  - November 29

### DECEMBER
- **Feast of Immaculate Conception (Christian)**
  - December 8
- **Bodhi Day (Buddhist)**
  - December 8
- **First Day of Hanukkah (Jewish)**
  - December 11
- **Last Day of Hanukkah (Jewish)**
  - December 18
- **Christmas Eve (Christian)**
  - December 24
- **Christmas Day (Christian)**
  - December 25