Knowledge of world religions and holidays is important for creating welcoming, safe spaces where human rights are respected.

Below is a 2021 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
- **Epiphany (Christian)**: January 6
- **Christmas (Orthodox Christian)**: January 7
- **Maghi (Sikh)**: January 14
- **Makar Sankranti/Pongal (Hindu)**: January 14
- **World Religions Day (Bahá’í)**: January 17
- **Chinese Lunar New Year**: January 25
- **Tu B’Shevat**: January 27-28
- **Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)**: January 28

### FEBRUARY
- **Nirvana Day (Buddhist)**: February 15
- **Carnival/Shrove Tuesday (Christian)**: February 16
- **Ayyám-i-Há (Bahá’í)**: February 24-28
- **Ashe Wednesday (Christian)**: February 17
- **Purim (Jewish)**: February 25-26
- **Mūgha Pūjā**: February 26

### MARCH
- **Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)**: March 11
- **Naw-Ruz/New Year’s Day (Bahá’í)**: March 19-20
- **Hola Mohalla (Sikh)**: March 24-29
- **First Day of Passover (Jewish)**: March 27
- **Holi (Hindu)**: March 28

### APRIL
- **Maundy Thursday (Christian)**: April 1
- **Good Friday (Christian)**: April 2
- **Holy Saturday (Christian)**: April 3
- **Last Day of Passover (Jewish)**: April 4
- **Easter (Christian)**: April 5
- **Easter Monday (Christian)**: April 8
- **Yom HaShoah (Jewish)**: April 8
- **Buddha’s Birth (Buddhism)**: April 9
- **Ramadan starts (Islamic)**: April 13
- **Vaisakhi (Sikh)**: April 21
- **Yom Ha’atzmaut (Jewish)**: April 21
- **Ramayana**: April 25
- **Rama Navami (Hindu)**: April 25
- **Mahavir Jayanti (Jainism)**: April 25
- **Lag B’Omer (Jewish)**: April 29-30
- **Good Friday (Orthodox Christian)**: May 30

### MAY
- **Laylatul Qadr (Islamic)**: May 8
- **Isra and Mi’raj (Islamic)**: May 9
- **Eid al-Fitr (Islamic)**: May 12-13
- **Shavuot (Jewish)**: May 16-18
- **Ascension Day (Christian)**: May 21
- **Pentecost (Christian)**: May 23
- **Whit Monday (Christian)**: May 24
- **Trinity Sunday (Christian)**: May 30

### JUNE
- **Corpus Christi (Christian)**: June 3
- **Race Unity Day (Bahá’í)**: June 13
- **Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)**: June 16

### JULY
- **Haj (Islamic)**: July 17-22
- **Tisha B’Av (Jewish)**: July 17-18
- **Eid al-Adha**: July 19-23
- **Birthday of Haile Selassie (Rastafarian)**: July 23
- **Asalha Puja (Buddhist)**: July 24

### AUGUST
- **Muḥarram, Islamic New Year**: August 9-11
- **Assumption of Mary (Christian)**: August 15
- **Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)**: August 22
- **Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)**: August 22
- **Ashura (Islamic)**: August 18-19
- **Paryushana (Jainism)**: September 4-11
- **Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)**: September 6-8
- **Yom Kippur (Jewish)**: September 15-16
- **First day of Sukkot (Jewish)**: September 20
- **Hoshana Rabbah (Jewish)**: September 26-27
- **Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)**: September 27-29
- **Simchat Torah (Jewish)**: September 28-29
- **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Christian)**: October 4
- **Navaratri (Hindu)**: October 7-15
- **Dussehra (Hindu)**: October 15
- **Birth of the Báb (Bahá’í)**: October 18
- **Mawlid Al-Nabi (Islamic)**: October 18-19
- **Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikh)**: October 20
- **Reformation Day (Christian)**: October 31

### NOVEMBER
- **All Saints’ Day (Christian)**: November 1
- **All Souls’ Day (Christian)**: November 2
- **Anniversary of the Crowning of Haile Selassie (Rastafarian)**: November 2
- **Diwala (Hindu)**: November 4
- **Bandi-Chhor Divas (Sikh)**: November 4
- **Day of the Covenant (Bahá’í)**: November 24-25
- **First Day of Hanukkah (Jewish)**: November 28
- **First Sunday of Advent (Christian)**: November 29
- **Guru Nanak Dev Ji’s Birthday (Sikh)**: November 29

### DECEMBER
- **Last Day of Hanukkah (Jewish)**: December 6
- **Feast of Immaculate Conception (Christian)**: December 8
- **Bodhi Day/Rohatsu (Buddhist)**: December 8
- **Christmas Eve (Christian)**: December 24
- **Christmas Day (Christian)**: December 25