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2014 INTERFAITH CALENDAR

one community, many faiths



Did you know that the St. Louis community celebrates hundreds of different religious holidays?

Diversity Awareness Partnership's Interfaith Calendar is distributed annually and features observances celebrated across 20 religious traditions. Take one with you to meetings, keep it in your office, bring it to your class, or just have it handy at home. Please use this calendar as a guide to better understand, acknowledge, and respect friends', neighbors', employees', and co-workers' holidays. To be more accommodating, please consider the following:

FOOD

Halal and Kosher Restrictions may apply. Consider vegetarian, non-alcoholic, and non-caffeinated options. During some holidays, individuals will be fasting.

HOURS

Consider allowing flexibility in work/school hours, as some holidays may require individuals to attend their place of worship during the day.

ABSENCE

Some individuals may request to use vacation or personal days for holidays that are not recognized as company- or school-wide days off.

DEADLINES

Consider allowing flexibility for deadlines around important holidays, as some individuals may be participating in celebrations or fasting, which could cause decreased stamina.

PRAYER

Consider designating a space for employees or students to pray, as some holidays may require increased prayer throughout the day/evening.

NOTES

- This calendar aims to be as inclusive as possible. Please contact us if you would like the 2015 Interfaith Calendar to include a holiday not currently listed.
- All information in this calendar is based on information available at the time of production. To the greatest extent possible, holidays based on lunar phases or other variables that change yearly have been factored into observance dates. The spelling of certain observances may vary as well.
- The length of some holidays and the extent to which they are observed may vary according to denominational affiliation or regions.
- All Baha'i, Jewish, and Muslim holidays begin at sunset the previous day.
- We encourage all places of worship to be accessible to persons with disabilities by making necessary accommodations. Contact DAP for additional information.
- More About / [Religion] Sources:
<http://pluralism.org/religion/paganism>
Wilkinson, Philip. *Religions*. New York: Metro Books, 2008.

Sync the Interfaith Calendar with your Outlook or Google Account. Download the electronic calendar at dapstl.org.



JANUARY

1 WEDNESDAY

Mary, Mother of God | Catholic Christian

Celebration of the mother of Jesus Christ

Feast of St. Basil | Orthodox Christian

Commemoration of St. Basil the Great, who wrote a Eucharist Liturgy that bears his name

Shogatsu / Gantan-sai | Shinto

New Year's Day celebration

5 SUNDAY

Twelfth Night | Christian
Observance of the close of Christmastide

Guru Gobindh Singh's Birthday | Sikh

Honoring of the birth of the founder of the Khalsa

6 MONDAY

Epiphany | Christian
Commemoration of the manifestations of the divine nature of Jesus Christ

Feast of the Theophany | Orthodox Christian

Feast to recall the revelation of the Holy Trinity in the baptism of the Lord

7 TUESDAY

Orthodox Christmas | Orthodox Christian

A time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ

12 SUNDAY

Baptism of the Lord Jesus | Christian

Commemoration of the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus

13 MONDAY

Maghi | Sikh

Commemoration of a battle in which forty Sikhs died for Guru Gobindh Singh Ji

Mawlid an Nabi | Muslim

Commemoration of the birth of Prophet Muhammad, founder of Islam

Seijin no Hi | Shinto

Holiday honoring those who have reached, or will reach, the age of twenty within the current year

14 TUESDAY

Makar Sakranti | Hindu

Celebration marking the turning of the sun toward the north; observed by flying kites, feeding the poor, and offering libations to the dead

16 THURSDAY

Tu B'Shvat | Jewish

Celebration of the coming of spring

Mahayana New Year | Buddhist (until 1/19)

Buddhist New Year, as celebrated in Mahayana countries

17 FRIDAY

Blessing of the Animals | Christian

Observance of showing respect for domestic animals that are significant to people

18 SATURDAY

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | Christian (until 1/25)

Ecumenical observance focused on prayer for church unity

19 SUNDAY

World Religion Day | Baha'i

Day dedicated to the unity and oneness of all world religions

Timkat | Ethiopian Orthodox Christian

Celebration of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River

25 SATURDAY

Conversion of St. Paul | Christian

Event in the life of Paul the Apostle, after which he became a follower of Jesus

31 FRIDAY

Chinese New Year | Confucian, Taoist, Buddhist

Begins a fifteen-day festival for Chinese people of all religions, who give thanks for family and remember ancestors

FEBRUARY

2 SUNDAY

Imbolc | *Wiccan/Pagan*
Halfway between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox; celebrates the passage from winter to spring

Candlemas | *Christian*
Celebration of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Presentation of Christ in the Temple | *Anglican Christian*
Remembrance of the infant Jesus being brought to the temple in Jerusalem

3 MONDAY

Setsubun-sai | *Shinto*
Celebration of the change of seasons with the coming of spring with shouts of, "Devils Out, Good Fortune in"

4 TUESDAY

Vasant Panchami | *Hindu*
Festival of spring honoring the goddess of learning

9 SUNDAY

Triodion Begins | *Orthodox Christian*
Time period leading up to Lent

14 FRIDAY

Race Relations Day | *Christian*
Day recognizing the importance of interracial relations and learning

St. Valentine's Day | *Christian*
Celebration of the love of God presented in Jesus and in the lives of Christian believers

15 SATURDAY

Nirvana Day | *Buddhist*
Observance of the physical death and spiritual enlightenment of the Buddha

18 TUESDAY

National Founding U.S.A. | *Scientologist*
Founding of the first Church of Scientology in the U.S., the Church of Scientology of Los Angeles, in 1954

23 SUNDAY

Meatfare Sunday | *Orthodox Christian*
Observance preparing the faithful for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ

26 WEDNESDAY

Intercalary Days | *Baha'i* (until 3/1)
Insertion of days into the calendar in order to maintain the solar calendar, thought of as days outside of time, and celebrated by acts of love, fellowship, and charity

28 FRIDAY

Maha Shivaratri | *Hindu*
Festival honoring Lord Shiva and his marriage to the goddess, Parvati

MORE ABOUT / SHINTO

Indigenous religion of Japan
Shinto is typically translated as the "way of the gods"

Focuses on an infinite number of divine beings, or *kami*

Sumo wrestling is based on the Shinto tradition

Mount Fuji is one of the most sacred sites in Shinto

Ancestor spirits are important, because souls join the *kami* pantheon upon death

Wa, or harmony, is one of the most important Shinto moral concepts

MARCH

2 SUNDAY

Nineteen Day Fast |

Baha'i *(until 3/20)*

Fast to be observed by adult Baha'is in good health from sunrise to sundown

3 MONDAY

Clean Monday | Orthodox **Christian**

First day of Lent

4 TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday | **Christian**

Carnival day on the eve of Ash Wednesday

5 WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday | **Christian**

Observance to begin the 40-day season of Lent; Ashes are marked on worshippers as a sign of penitence

9 SUNDAY

Orthodox Sunday |

Orthodox Christian

First Sunday of Lent, at which time restoration of icons to the church is celebrated

13 THURSDAY

Ta'anit Esther | Jewish

Fast on Purim eve, commemorating the fast of the Jewish people in the story of Purim

13 THURSDAY

L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday

| **Scientologist**

Observance day marking the birth of L. Ron Hubbard, the founder

16 SUNDAY

Purim | Jewish

Celebration of the deliverance of the Jewish minority in Persia from genocide

Magha Puja Day | **Buddhist**

Celebration of the presentation of teachings by Lord Buddha to an assembly of holy men

17 MONDAY

St. Patrick's Day | **Christian**

Celebration of Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland in the early days of the faith

Holi | Hindu

Spring festival dedicated to the god of pleasure

Hola Mohalla | Sikh

Weeklong event including mock fights, kirtan, music, poetry, and community meals

20 THURSDAY

Ostara | Wiccan/Pagan

Welcoming of spring and celebration of the goddess-as-maiden (vernal equinox)

21 FRIDAY

Naw-Ruz | Baha'i

Observance of the vernal equinox

Nowruz | Zoroastrian

New year

25 TUESDAY

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | **Christian**

Celebration of Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary of the coming birth of Jesus

28 FRIDAY

Khordad Sal | Zoroastrian

Remembrance of the birth of Prophet Zarathustra

31 MONDAY

Week of the Ramayana |

Hindu *(until 4/8)*

Festival celebrating Lord Rama, in which the Ram Lila is staged and the Ramayana is recited

APRIL

20 SUNDAY

6 SUNDAY

Founding of the Church | Mormon

Commemoration of the appearance of the angel, Moroni, in 1830 to Joseph Smith; Subsequently, the founding of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

8 TUESDAY

Ramanavami | Hindu
Celebration of the birth of Lord Rama

12 SATURDAY

Lazarus Saturday | Orthodox Christian
Celebration of the resurrection of Lazarus by Jesus; revealing that Jesus is "the resurrection and life" of all mankind

13 SUNDAY

Mahavir Jayanti | Jain
Festival honoring Lord Mahavira on the founder's birthday

Palm Sunday | Christian
Celebration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, which begins Holy Week

14 MONDAY

Baisakhi/Vaisakhi | Sikh/Hindu
Festival commemorating the establishment of the Khalsa, or the nation of Sikhs - Hindu beginning of the New Year

15 TUESDAY

Lord's Evening Meal | Jehovah's Witness Christian

Annual celebration commemorating Christ's death as a ransom

Hanuman Jayanti | Hindu
Celebration of Hanuman, an embodiment of Lord Rama. Devotion and selfless works are encouraged

Theravadin New Year | Buddhist

Buddhist New Year, as celebrated in Theravadin countries

Pesach/Passover | Jewish (until 4/22)

8-day celebration of the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt

17 THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday | Christian

Observance of the first Lord's Supper during Holy Week

18 FRIDAY

Good Friday | Christian
Remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus

Holy Friday | Orthodox Christian

Commemoration of the death of Jesus on the cross

Easter | Christian
Holy day that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from His death by crucifixion

Pascha | Orthodox Christian
Holy day that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from His death by crucifixion

21 MONDAY

First Day of Ridvan | Baha'i
Commemoration of the twelve-day period in 1863 when Baha'u'llah declared that he was God's messenger for this age

27 SUNDAY

Yom HaShoah | Jewish
Holocaust Day established to remember the six million Jews killed by the Nazis

29 TUESDAY

Ninth Day of Ridvan | Baha'i

Participate in Yom HaShoah at the **Annual Community Holocaust Commemoration** on April 27 starting at 4:00 p.m.

Location
United Hebrew
Congregation
13788 Conway
St. Louis, MO 63141

MAY

1 THURSDAY

Beltane | Wiccan/Pagan

Celebration of the conjoining of the goddess with the energy of the god in sacred marriage, the basis of all creation

National Day of Prayer | Interfaith

United States day of observance encouraging prayer among all faiths

2 FRIDAY

Twelfth Day of Ridvan | Baha'i

9 FRIDAY

Observance of the Publication of Dianetics | Scientologist

Observance of the publication of Dianetics: the Modern Science of Mental Health, on May 9, 1950, which was the forerunner of the Scientology religion

13 TUESDAY

World Falun Dafa Day/Falun Gong | Buddhist

Celebration of the spiritual discipline introduced in China in 1992

14 WEDNESDAY

Vesak | Buddhist

Day marking the birth, enlightenment, and death of the Buddha

18 SUNDAY

Lag B'Omer | Jewish

Observation of the counting of the day – the link – between Pesach and Shavout

21 WEDNESDAY

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue & Development | Interfaith

United Nations day to deepen understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to learn to live together better

23 FRIDAY

Declaration of the Bab | Baha'i

Recognition of the declaration by Ali Muhammad that he is the anticipated "Coming One" of all religions

27 TUESDAY

Lailat al Miraj | Muslim

Observance of Muhammad's night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem and his ascension to heaven

29 THURSDAY

Ascension of Jesus | Christian

Recognition of the departure of Jesus from earth after the resurrection, celebrated 40 days after Easter/Pascha

Ascension of Baha'u'llah | Baha'i

Recollection of the death of Baha'u'llah, the founder

MORE ABOUT / BAHÁ'Í

Was founded in Persia, or modern Iran, in 1844

Focuses on the Prophet Baha'u'llah, or "The Glory of God"

The Holy Writings of the Baha'í Faith are often revealed in the form of Tablets

Principles are the Oneness of God, The Oneness of Religion, and the Oneness of Humanity

The headquarters of Universal House of Justice is located in Haifa, Israel

Learn more about diversity and inclusion in the workforce, and how to become an ambassador of acceptance, at

Diversity Awareness Partnership's Diversity Summit on May 21.

Visit dapstl.org for more information.

JUNE

4 WEDNESDAY

Shavuot | Jewish | **until 6/5**
Celebration of Moses descent from Mt. Sinai with the Ten Commandments

8 SUNDAY

Race Unity Day | Baha'i
Day to promote racial harmony and understanding

Pentecost | Christian
Observation of the day when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the forms of tongues of fire and rushing wind

14 SATURDAY

Lailat al Bara'a | Muslim
Night of forgiveness

15 SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday | Christian
Day to honor the belief in one God with a threefold nature

16 MONDAY

Guru Arjan Dev's Martyrdom | Sikh
Time of remembering those who have suffered for this faith

19 THURSDAY

New Church Day | Swedenborgian Christian
Annual commemoration of the vision document, "The True Christian Religion," in 1770

Corpus Christi | Catholic Christian
Celebration in recognition of the Eucharist

21 SATURDAY

Litha | Wiccan/Pagan
Celebration of the sacred marriage, in which the energy of the gods is poured into the service of life (summer solstice)

27 FRIDAY

Sacred Heart of Jesus | Catholic Christian
Occasion to pay homage to Christ's all-encompassing love for humanity

29 SUNDAY

Ramadan | Muslim | **until 7/27**
Month devoted to the commemoration of Muhammad's reception of the divine revelation recorded in the Qur'an

MORE ABOUT / SIKHISM

Founded in the late 15th century in India

Sikhism follows the teachings of the 10 Gurus

Belief in One God, with whom Sikhs should have a close relationship

Sikh sacred text is the Guru Granth Sahib, which is always carried above the head to symbolize the book's importance

Believe in karma, whereby living a good life will lead to a good reincarnation

Sikh place of worship is called a *gurdwara*

One of the most important ways to serve God is through *seva*, or service

Sikh adults must keep their heads covered, with a turban or scarf

JULY

9 WEDNESDAY

Martyrdom of the Bab | Baha'i

Observance of the day Ali Muhammad was executed in 1850 by Persian political and religious powers

13 SUNDAY

Asalha Puja Day /Dharma Day | Buddhist

Sacred day that marks the Buddha's first teaching following his enlightenment

24 THURSDAY

Lailat al Qadr | Muslim

Night of destiny, the first revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad

Pioneer Day | Mormon

Observation of the arrival of first settlers at Great Salt Lake, USA

25 FRIDAY

Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I |

Rastafarian
Birthday of the revered Messianic figure among Rastafarians

28 MONDAY

Eid al Fitr | Muslim

Breaking of the month-long Ramadan fast and a festival of thanksgiving to Allah for enjoying the month of Ramadan

MORE ABOUT / MORMONISM

Founded by Joseph Smith in 1830

Popularly known as Mormonism, officially called The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Many early Mormons were persecuted for their religious views

Most sacred texts are the Bible and The Book of Mormon

The Book of Mormon predicts that Jesus Christ will come again

Mormonism has a strong missionary focus

The Church remains very strong in Utah, where Mormon leader Brigham Young took many followers in the 19th century

AUGUST

1 FRIDAY

Lammas | *Wiccan/Pagan*
Celebration of the early harvest

5 TUESDAY

Tish'a B'av | *Jewish*
Day of fasting in remembrance of the destruction of the Temple in 586 BCE and 70 CE

6 WEDNESDAY

Transfiguration of the Lord | *Orthodox Christian*
Commemoration of the experience on Mt. Tabor when Jesus' physical appearance became brilliant as his connection with traditional Jewish holy figures became evident to the disciples

10 SUNDAY

Raksha Bandhan | *Hindu*
Festival honoring the loving ties between brothers and sisters in a family

13 WEDNESDAY

Obon/Ullambana | *Shinto/Buddhist (until 8/15)*
Celebration of the ritual of saving the deceased from torments after death

15 FRIDAY

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | *Catholic Christian*
Observance commemorating the assumption of Mary, mother of Jesus, into heaven

Dormition of the Theotokos | *Orthodox Christian*
Observance of the death, burial, resurrection and transfer to heaven of the Virgin Mary

17 SUNDAY

Krishna Janmashtami | *Hindu*
Commemoration of the birth of Krishna

29 FRIDAY

Beheading of John the Baptist | *Christian*
Remembrance of the death of John

Ganesh Chaturthi | *Hindu*
Festival honoring the god of prosperity, prudence, and success

30 SATURDAY

Paryushana Parva | *Jain*
Festival signifying human emergence into a new world of spiritual and moral refinement, and a celebration of the natural qualities of the soul

MORE ABOUT / JAINISM

One of the oldest religions of India, with no single founder

Most well-known leader is Mahavira, who lived in the 6th century BCE

Jains do not recognize deities or priests, and thus, place importance on the believer's actions

One of the most important principles of Jainism is *ahimsa*, or non-violence, so Jains are strict vegetarians

Strong belief in *karma* and reincarnation

Inside each temple is a statue of one of the *tirthankaras*, the early teachers of Jainism

SEPTEMBER

6 SATURDAY

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | *Christian*
Celebration of the birth of the Virgin Mary

14 SUNDAY

Elevation of the Holy Cross | *Christian*
Celebration of when St. Helen found the Holy Cross

Auditors' Day | *Scientologist*
Scientology Auditors are acknowledged for their dedication in helping their fellow men

22 MONDAY

Mabon | *Wiccan/Pagan*
Observance of the autumnal equinox

25 THURSDAY

Navratri | *Hindu* [until 10/3]
Festival of the divine mother honoring Durga, wife of Shiva, and seeking her blessing

Rosh Hashanah | *Jewish* [until 9/26]
New Year, marked by a call to repentance with the shofar

27 SATURDAY

Meskel | *Ethiopian Orthodox Christian*
Commemoration of the discovery of the True Cross by St. Helen

30 TUESDAY

Dussehra /Durga Puja | *Hindu* [until 10/4]
Festival celebrating the victory of the goddess Durga over demons

MORE ABOUT / PAGANISM

Pagans have no single authoritative text or scripture

Many Pagans view divinity as present in the physical world in multiple forms

In 2008, Pagan journalist Jason Pitzl-Waters estimated over one million American Pagans

The largest of the Pagan religions is Wicca

Pagan traditions include a strong focus on ritual, particularly around deities, natural cycles, and rites of passage

Pagans may practice in groups or congregations, or may practice alone and gather with the community only for special occasions

One of the most prominent Pagan symbols is the pentacle, or five-pointed star, which symbolizes union of the four elements with the spirit

OCTOBER

3 FRIDAY

Waqf al Arafa /Hajj Day | Muslim

Observance during Hajj, the Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, when pilgrims pray for forgiveness and mercy

4 SATURDAY

St. Francis Day | Catholic Christian

Recognition of service to people and appreciation of the natural world, as practiced by St. Francis and the Franciscan monastic order that he founded

Yom Kippur | Jewish

Day of Atonement

5 SUNDAY

Eid al-Adha | Muslim

Feast of Sacrifice, concluding the Hajj

6 MONDAY

Guru Granth Sahib Installation | Sikh

Remembrance of the eternal installation of the holy books, Granth Sahib

7 TUESDAY

Founding of the International Association of Scientologists | Scientologist

Scientologists rededicate themselves to the Aims of Scientology: a world without criminals, suffering and war

9 THURSDAY

Birthday of Guru Ram Das | Sikh

Commemoration of the birth of one of the foremost 10 Gurus of Sikhism

Sukkot | Jewish (until 10/15)

Feast of Tabernacles, which celebrates the harvest and the protection of the people of Israel as they wandered in the wilderness dwelling in tents

14 TUESDAY

Hoshanah Rabbah | Jewish

Commemoration of the last of the Days of Judgment

16 THURSDAY

Shemini Atzeret | Jewish

Completion of the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah

17 FRIDAY

Simchat Torah | Jewish

Day to celebrate the reading of the Law

20 MONDAY

Birth of the Bab | Baha'i

Honoring of the founder of the Babi religion, forerunner to Baha'u'llah and the Baha'i faith

23 THURSDAY

Diwali | Hindu, Jain

Celebration marking the end of the Hindu year

24 FRIDAY

Jain New Year | Jain

25 SATURDAY

Al-Hijra | Muslim

Remembrance of the migration of Muhammad and followers to Medina in 622 CE

28 TUESDAY

Milvian Bridge Day | Christian

Day of solemn reflection on the relationship of the spiritual community and the powers of civil government

31 FRIDAY

All Hallow's Eve | Christian

Celebration combining prayers and merriment involving children and families

Reformation Day | Protestant Christian

Anniversary of the tradition and its emphasis on the place of the Bible and religious freedom

NOVEMBER

1 SATURDAY

All Saints' Day | *Christian*
Day for honoring saints

Samhain | *Wiccan/Pagan*
Celebration of endings
and beginnings

2 SUNDAY

All Souls Day | *Catholic*
Christian
Commemoration of the
faithful departed

**Coronation of Emperor
Haile Selassie I** |
Rastafarian
Celebration of the
coronation of the Messianic
figure of Rastafarianism

3 MONDAY

Ashura | *Muslim*
Optional one-day fast
marking the martyrdom of
Husayn ibn Ali (Shi'a Islam)
and marking the day that
Moses fasted in gratitude
for liberation of the
Israelites (Sunni Islam)

6 THURSDAY

**Guru Nanak Dev Sahib's
Birthday** | *Sikh*
Honoring of the birth of
the founder

12 WEDNESDAY

Birth of Baha'u'llah |
Baha'i
Celebration of the birth of
the founder

16 SUNDAY

**International Day for
Tolerance** | *Interfaith*
United Nations observance
day to generate
public awareness of the
dangers of intolerance

26 WEDNESDAY

Day of the Covenant |
Baha'i
Celebration of the covenant
given in the last will and
testament of Baha'u'llah

27 THURSDAY

Thanksgiving | *Interfaith*
Celebration of the created
earth and community

28 FRIDAY

Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha
| *Baha'i*
Celebration of the rising of
the spirit of Abdu'l-Baha to
the heavenly dwelling

30 SUNDAY

Advent Sunday | *Christian*
Time of preparation for
observing the birth of
Jesus Christ and for
anticipating His return
to earth

MORE ABOUT / RASTAFARIANISM

Founded in Jamaica in 1930

Through migration of
Jamaicans, it became a
movement among
oppressed black people of
the Caribbean and US, as
well

Personal relationship
with God, known as *Jah*,
is important

Ethiopian emperor Haile
Selassie I was believed to
be an incarnation of God

Holds vision of an ideal
African society, known
as "Zion"

Some Rastafarians consider
themselves to be Christians

Join Diversity
Awareness Partnership
at its annual **Diversity
Dinner** featuring
cultural performances
and networking.

Visit dapstl.org for
more information.

DECEMBER

6 SATURDAY

St. Nicholas Day |
Christian

Celebration of the birth of Saint Nicholas, patron saint of children and role model for gift giving

8 MONDAY

Bodhi Day | *Buddhist*
Celebration of the Enlightenment of the Buddha

Immaculate Conception of Mary | *Catholic*

Christian
Day of celebrating the belief that Mary, mother of Jesus, was preserved from original sin all of her life

12 FRIDAY

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe | *Catholic*
Christian

Honoring of a legendary appearance of the Virgin Mary near Mexico City in 1531 CE

17 WEDNESDAY

Hanukkah | *Jewish* *until 12/24*

Festival of Lights commemorating the recapture and rededication of the Jerusalem Temple

21 SUNDAY

Yule | *Wiccan/Pagan*
Celebration of the Winter solstice

25 THURSDAY

Christmas | *Christian*
Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ

26 FRIDAY

Zarathosht Diso | *Zoroastrian*
Anniversary of the death of Prophet Zarathustra

Kwanzaa | *Pan-African* *until 1/1/15*
Holiday celebrating family, community, and culture

28 SUNDAY

Holy Innocents | *Christian*
Day of solemn memory of male children killed by King Herod in the attempt to destroy Jesus

30 TUESDAY

Freedom Day | *Scientologist*
Day celebrating the official recognition of the Church of Scientology in the United States in 1974

31 WEDNESDAY

Watch Night | *Christian*
Occasion to thank God for bringing people safely through another year

JANUARY 2015

1 THURSDAY

Fast of Tevet 10 | *Jewish*
Fast commemorating the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar II

Mary, Mother of God | *Catholic* *Christian*
Celebration of the mother of Jesus Christ

Shogatsu/Gantan-sai | *Shinto*
New Year's Day celebration

Feast of St. Basil | *Orthodox* *Christian*
Commemoration of St. Basil the Great, who wrote a Eucharist Liturgy that bears his name

Diversity Awareness Partnership (DAP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting diversity in the St. Louis region around issues of race, religion, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity. We achieve our mission through youth programs, diversity training, community forums and diversity publications. For more information, visit www.dapstl.org.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION TRAINING

Diversity & Inclusion Training is delivered through presentations, workshops, and roundtables. Trainings raise awareness around the importance of diversity and inclusivity among employees by exposing challenges, generating dialogue, and providing tangible resources needed to create a more inclusive workplace.

DAP CONNECT PROGRAM

The DAP Connect Program has one purpose - to help you diversify your social and professional networks. Too often we build personal and working relationships with others "like us". DAP Connect helps you leave your comfort zone to meet individuals who are different from you, whether by race or ethnicity, age, religion, ability, sexual orientation or gender identity. Through DAP Connect, you will build relationships with leaders throughout the St. Louis region and gain a stronger appreciation for diversity.

GIVE RESPECT, GET RESPECT YOUTH PROGRAM

The Give Respect, Get Respect Youth Program is a collaboration between Diversity Awareness Partnership and local corporations who bring together students and teachers from the St. Louis metro area and company associates to explore race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

EXPLORE CAREER IMMERSION PROGRAM

Diversity Awareness Partnership is investing in St. Louis high school students through an externship program. Together, DAP and local businesses have developed this program to expose, empower, and encourage students of color to pursue STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and other careers.

COMMUNITY FORUMS

Community Forums are free to the public and are typically held once per year. The forums welcome individuals from all over St. Louis to participate in or observe open dialogue around diversity issues.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

Diversity Awareness Partnership provides in-depth professional development seminars for diversity and inclusion practitioners or individuals interested in entering the diversity field. Example seminar topics include: Diversity vs. Inclusion, Creating a Diverse Pipeline, HR, Diversity & Employee Engagement, and more.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS & PUBLICATIONS

Diversity Publications include the Interfaith Calendar, Diversity Sports Poster Series, and We're All Alike, We're All Different Disability Toolkit.

Interested in ordering calendars for your home, office, place of worship, or school?

Request more at dapstl.org today.

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