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**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Community Coalition for Social Justice is a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting the principles of social, environmental, and economic justice and respect for all persons. We oppose discrimination and hate-motivated violence in Morgantown and surrounding communities.

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP:** Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 19th**, at **7:00 p.m.** at **Panera's on Patteson Drive**. We will try to reserve the meeting room. *We will not meet if Monongalia County schools are closed for the day or close early due to inclement weather.*

Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at attfield@comcast.net. Please contact any of the steering committee members to volunteer to help and to share your suggestions for our work or e-mail us at ccsjwv@hotmail.com. Please send items to share with our membership to Barb Howe at barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu.

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR DUES** - \$10 for individuals and \$25 for organizations – to CCSJ, PO Box 160, Morgantown, WV 26507-0160. You can join or donate by credit card via PayPal on our web site.

**CCSJ AT THE DESIGNING ACROSS DIVIDES CONFERENCE:** We plan to have a table in the lobby of the CAC and sell our bumper stickers so please look for us there. More information about the conference is below.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY 2020:** We are just beginning to talk about our Fourteenth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on January 20, 2020. Please let us know if you have suggestions.



**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!** Just look for “Community Coalition for Social Justice” under “Groups” and become our friend. Thanks to Mike Sharley for being our group “leader.”

### **LOCAL NEWS**



**CITY COUNCIL FORUM IS APRIL 11TH:** The League of Women Voters and Mountaineers for Progress are sponsoring a forum for Morgantown City Council candidates from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at South Middle School. Early voting will start April 17th, and election day is April 30th. City residents may vote for candidates in each of the seven wards. For more



information, including location of polling places, please go to [morgantownwv.gov/157/Election-Information](http://morgantownwv.gov/157/Election-Information). CCSJ is a 501 (c) (3) organization so does not endorse candidates for political office. Neither the League of Women Voters nor Mountaineers for Progress endorses candidates. However we all encourage everyone to be informed voters.



**MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:** The next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Building Conference Room on Spruce Street. You can get copies of the agendas and minutes for the commission meetings at [www.morgantownwv.gov/government/commissions/human-rights-commission/human-rights-commission-agenda-minutes/](http://www.morgantownwv.gov/government/commissions/human-rights-commission/human-rights-commission-agenda-minutes/).

You can find a calendar of annual human rights observances at [www.morgantownwv.gov/wp-content/uploads/Annual-HR-Observances.pdf](http://www.morgantownwv.gov/wp-content/uploads/Annual-HR-Observances.pdf).

**Here are the events for March – National Women’s History Month: Honors women as significant agents of change.**

**March 8: International Women’s Day** – Celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women worldwide. Recognition of need for empowering women to meet their health and family planning needs as central to realizing greater equality. With access to education, economic opportunity and quality health care, healthier mothers can have healthier babies, economic gains, and help create less pressure on our planet’s natural resources.

**March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** – Call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination worldwide.

**March 21: International Forest Day** – Call for awareness of the importance of forests in protecting air quality, water retention, plants for pharmaceuticals, and habitat for birds and other wildlife – all of which provide a balance for survival of all.

**March 22: World Water Day** – Calls for awareness of how essential potable water is to the rights of all people in West Virginia and worldwide.

**March 31: Cesar Chavez Day** – Honors Mexican American farm worker, labor leader and activist Cesar Chavez (1927- 1993) who was a nationally respected voice of social justice.



**MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER MEETING IS MARCH 12TH:** The next meeting will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Monongalia Friends Meeting House, 648 E. Brockway Avenue, Morgantown.

Aubrey Sparks from Mountain State Justice will be speaking about how Multi-Level Marketing companies target vulnerable women. The group will also talk about upcoming events hosted by Morgantown NOW.

If you have something you would like on the agenda, please email items to [morgantownnow@gmail.com](mailto:morgantownnow@gmail.com) by Sunday, March 10th at 5:00 p.m.

Also, please let them know if you require childcare.



**GREATER MORGANTOWN INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION (GMIA) MEETING IS MARCH 3RD:**  
The meeting will be from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Islamic Center of Morgantown at 434 Harding Avenue. The meeting will include a discussion of the mission and role of GMIA and final plans and explanations about the Designing Across Divides: Co-creating Tools for Community Change Conference. GMIA has substantial influence on the conference.

You can follow GMIA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation/](http://www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation/).

**DESIGNING ACROSS DIVIDES: CO-CREATING TOOLS FOR COMMUNITY CHANGE CONFERENCE IS MARCH 28TH TO 30TH AT WVU CREATIVE ARTS CENTER (CAC):**



This is an exciting opportunity to try to “get past differences, find common ground and plant some great ideas.” For more information, please go to [designingacrossdivides.org](http://designingacrossdivides.org). Registration is now open.

**The schedule, with more details is available at [designingacrossdivides.org/application/themes/designacrossdivides/images/schedule.pdf](http://designingacrossdivides.org/application/themes/designacrossdivides/images/schedule.pdf):**

**Thursday evening:** Registration will be open from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. in the lobby of the WVU Creative Arts Center. Lecture by Antoinette Carroll at CAC Concert Theatre at 5:00 p.m. Carroll is founder and CEO of Creative Reaction Lab and a TED Fellow. Her Lab and Equity-Centered Community Design process was named a @FastCompany World Changing Idea Finalist in General Excellence and Urban Design. Antionette is also the founding chair of AIGA’s Diversity and Inclusion Initiative (AIGA is national graphic arts organization). **This talk is free and open to the public so anyone can attend just this event.**

**Free community dinner at Spruce Street United Methodist Church** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. with food donated by local ethnic restaurants and churches; Sufi musicians from Washington, D.C. and a bluegrass band will perform.

**Friday:**

*Keynote speech by Andrew Shea:* Designing for positive social, environmental, and economic impact wrote the book *Designing for Social Change* and has contributed articles to publications like AIGA, Core77, and Design Observer. He is an Assistant Professor of Integrated Design at Parsons School of Design and often speaks about design, including at TEDx Transmedia in Rome.

Peter Butler, WVU Davis College faculty member, will be conducting a *design charrette* in the CAC lobby all Friday to gather ideas about ways to connect downtown and Evansdale *Theater of Public Policy Performance* – improv comedy (“using comedy to reframe hard thinky stuff” says its web site).

*Workshops*

Design Meets Community Development, Civility and Righteous Anger, Healthy Community Engagement, Respect & Rebellion, Place-Based Songwriting, and Living on this planet in 50 years

**Saturday:**

*Keynote Speech by Mallika Bose;* Architect/urban planner, faculty member at Pennsylvania State University. Planner with a specialization in Environment-Behavior Studies. Co-edited a book on community engaged teaching and scholarship entitled *Community Matters: Service-learning in Engaged Design and Planning*.

*Workshops*

Compassionate Listening

Ryan Clifford: Moderating a workshop on a downtown maker space involving artists and all demographics

*There will also be 5-minute “lightning talks” throughout Friday and Saturday:*

Ben Jablonski: Building with Israelis and Palestinians Agricultural Cooperative in the West Bank, with partnership in Boston

Tim Gilman: Vote Common Good

Dana Coester, WVU Reed School of Media: 100 Days in Appalachia

Joel Beeson, WVU Reed School of Media: Black WWI Veterans Project

Kristen Hughes, Carnegie-Mellon University Design faculty: Presenting Meet Me Halfway project in underserved section of Pittsburgh

3 Rivers QUEST water monitoring with citizen teams

*WVU Evansdale Crossing:*

At the Reed College of Media, there will be something like NPR’s StoryCorps so people can record their thoughts/conversations about the conference.

*Registration:* The registration fee is \$75 and covers two breakfasts, two lunches, a mug by WVU ceramics students, and handouts. Paid registration is limited to 80, with 40 spaces reserved for students and scholarship recipients. Registration is open at [designingacrossdivides.org/index.php/Home](http://designingacrossdivides.org/index.php/Home). Parking will be free at the CAC.

*Partners:* The City of Morgantown, WVU College of Creative Arts School of Art & Design, Alison and Patrick Deem, five other WVU colleges, Greater Morgantown Interfaith Association, WVU Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and AIGA Pittsburgh.

**MARCH PFLAG FORMATION GROUP MEETING IS MARCH 12TH:** The meeting will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Maple House, the new LGBTQ+ Center at 724 College Ave, Morgantown (This is just above Dadisman/Stalnaker Hall and is the old Stalnaker/Dadisman RFL House).

The **April 9th** meeting will also be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at a place to be determined.



**MORGANTOWN PRIDE:** This is a new group in Morgantown “that provides social and educational resources for the LGBTQ+ Community, Friends and Allies in Mon. County.” The next meeting will be Saturday, March 16th, at 1:00 p.m. at Quantum Bean Coffee, 258 Kingwood Street. The agenda will include the **Pride Block Party scheduled for April 13th starting at 2:00 p.m. on Arch Street** in Morgantown, non-profit status for the group, board elections, and upcoming/proposed projects, including a rainbow crosswalk, Human Rights Day, and community events. If you would like to have anything added to the agenda, please email Ash at [morgantownwvpride@gmail.com](mailto:morgantownwvpride@gmail.com).



**WVU LGBTQ+ CENTER EVENTS:** All events are at the Center at 724 College Avenue unless otherwise noted.

There will be Friday Morning Cartoons each Friday through April 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon and Genderwhat? Sessions every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. through April 25th.

Other events for March include:

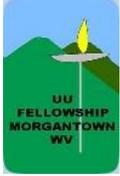
**March 4th and March 20th:** 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Quilt Part at the Center.

**March 4th:** 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. – Feminist Mixer at WVU Mountainlair, hosted by the Women’s Resource Center with tables from university, student, and community groups.

**March 25th:** 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. - Leadership Studies and the Women's Resource Center present trans-woman of color, entertainer and activist Peppermint (from RuPaul's Drag Race), who will present a talk open to the university community, followed by a meet-and-greet (Shenandoah Ballroom, Mountainlair).

**March 27th:** 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. - Discussion group on “Dysphoria/Euphoria.”

**WVU CENTER FOR WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES GET TOGETHER:** This event will be held March 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the LGBTQ+ Center, 724 College Avenue, for Women's and Gender Studies majors and minors and LGBTQ+ minors.



## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MORGANTOWN PROGRAMS FOR MARCH:

**March 3rd:** 10:45 a.m. - Seminarian Cricket Hall will do a one-woman show about her journey through young life, including to Unitarian Universalism. Please stay after services for a light lunch with Cricket to get to know her a little better. The Community Dinner Group will also meet at UUFM at 3:00 p.m.

March 10th: 10:45 a.m. - Angela Lawson, of Community Dinner, will join us with her journey. March is Women's History Month.

March 17th: 10:45 a.m. - St. Patrick's Day – There will be a totally musical service at the Village at Heritage Point from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Please go to [uufmwv.org/](http://uufmwv.org/) to check for updates. Except where noted, all events are at the Fellowship building at 429 Warrick, Morgantown. All are welcomed. The Fellowship is a member organization of CCSJ.

## STATE-WIDE AND AREA EVENTS



**FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA NEWS:** It has been another disappointing year in the legislature for expanding human rights. On the positive side, Fairness West Virginia announced on February 18th, that “The mayors of all 12 LGBT-inclusive municipalities in the state have come together to support nondiscrimination for all West Virginians.

“Mayors Amy Goodwin (Charleston), Steve Williams (Huntington), Robert Rappold (Beckley), **Bill Kawecki (Morgantown)**, George Karos (Martinsburg), Jim Auxer (Shepherdstown), Scott Rogers (Charles Town), Wayne Bishop (Harpers Ferry), J.L. Campbell (Sutton) John Manchester (Lewisburg), Glen Elliot (Wheeling) and Melanie Dragan (Thurmond) all signed an open letter calling on Senate leadership to take up SB 391, which would add sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of protected classes in the state’s nondiscrimination law.

“All 12 cities have passed ordinances that bar such discrimination. It remains legal everywhere else in West Virginia to fire, evict or deny someone services at a business simply because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The 12 inclusive cities represent about 199,000 state residents, or about 11 percent of the state’s population.

“Senate Majority Leader Tom Takubo, R-Kanawha, is the lead sponsor of SB 391. In the House of Delegates, a record 36 sponsors have signed onto nondiscrimination bills.” All five delegates from District 51 (Barbara Fleischauer, Evan Hansen, Rodney Pyles, Danielle Walker, and John Williams) were sponsors, as was Bob Beach on the Senate version.

In spite of that support Fairness West Virginia issued the following statement on February 26th:

“CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Republican leaders in the state Legislature have caved to anti-gay extremists in their party and allowed a bill barring LGBTQ discrimination to die without a vote, despite strong support for the measure across party lines.

“This is the latest failure by state lawmakers in more than two decades to take up legislation protecting all West Virginia from discrimination.

“‘Make no mistake. Our nondiscrimination bill would pass both chambers if allowed to come up for a vote,’ said Andrew Schneider, Fairness West Virginia executive director. ‘Unfortunately, a handful of anti-equality lawmakers continue to keep the majority from having a say.

“‘Republicans in both chambers have tried to distance themselves from the flamboyantly hateful Delegate Eric Porterfield, who has compared the LGBTQ community to the Ku Klux Klan and even suggested that he might drown his own children if they came out to him, Schneider continued. ‘But actions speak louder than words. At the end of the day, there doesn’t seem to be much light between Porterfield’s words and the actions of Republican Party leadership.

“‘Members of the LGBTQ community remain second-class West Virginians as a result of this decision to put us off for yet another year. We remain at risk of losing our homes and our jobs simply because of who we are.’

“Schneider said the move is counter to the party’s official platform, which calls for ‘expanding opportunity to promote prosperity.’

“‘Ninety-one percent of the Fortune 500 have LGBTQ-inclusive policies because the most successful businesses know that an inclusive workplace is essential to attracting the best and brightest. If Republicans continue to claim they are supportive of attracting business to the state, then why do they continue to kill a bill that would show we are a state that is open to all who want to live, work and raise a family here?’

“In the House of Delegates, a record 36 cosponsors signed onto the nondiscrimination bill. That’s well over one-third of the entire House not just in support but *sponsoring* the legislation. A majority of delegates also said they would vote for the measure if it came to the floor.

“In the Senate, Majority Leader Tom Takubo, R-Kanawha, was the lead sponsor of the nondiscrimination bill (the only Republican majority leader in the country to be a lead sponsor of an LGBTQ equality bill), but even his support couldn’t get the bill on the Judiciary Committee agenda.

“All across West Virginia, people stepped up and spoke out, and Fairness West Virginia thanks all of the bill’s supporters.

“Mayors, ministers, business owners, and countless state residents called, wrote and emailed to ask that these bills finally be given a vote. In the end, it was a handful of staunchly anti-gay voices in the Republican Party who were listened to over all others.

“Schneider said it’s more important than ever that cities and towns continue to step up and pass nondiscrimination for their LGBT residents.

“‘We just saw a resounding victory in Beckley, a very conservative city that had previously voted to table equality,’ he said. ‘This shows that nondiscrimination can be embraced anywhere. We stand ready and willing to work with municipal leaders who want to make their communities truly inclusive.’

“Sam Williams, a gay man who left West Virginia three years ago after repeated harassment and on-the-job discrimination at the coal mine where he worked, called the failure of the nondiscrimination bill depressing. He said the news of Porterfield’s reprehensible comments has been a topic of discussion among his friends.”

“Where I live in Florida now, there are a lot of West Virginia expats, a lot of gay West Virginia expats, and it hurts to say that West Virginia is a laughing stock down here. The state is one of very few that continues to lose people, and yet the lawmakers continue to tell people they aren’t welcome there?” he said.”

The **Youth Mental Health Protection Act (SB 359)**, which would have banned licensed medical providers from engaging in the dangerous and discredited practice of conversion therapy, also known as reparative therapy or ex-gay therapy, on minors, is also dead for this session after referral to the Health and Human Resources Committee with no further action. It had 17 sponsors, including 13th District Senators Bob Beach and Roman Prezioso for portions of Monongalia and Marion counties.

According to Fairness West Virginia, “Every mainstream health association in the United States condemns conversion therapy.

“The West Virginia Psychiatric Association, West Virginia Psychological Association, West Virginia State Medical Association, West Virginia School Psychologists Association, West Virginia Chapter of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the West Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics have all voiced support for the Youth Mental Health Protection Act.”



Information about the **Kanawha Valley NOW** chapter is available at [www.facebook.com/Kanawha-Valley-NOW-1976287046030339/?ref=br\\_rs](http://www.facebook.com/Kanawha-Valley-NOW-1976287046030339/?ref=br_rs) or email [kanawhavalleynow@gmail.com](mailto:kanawhavalleynow@gmail.com).

West Virginia NOW has a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow](http://www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow).

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**TRY THIS WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE IS JUNE 7-8TH:** Registration is now open for this conference to be held at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon. If you are working for a “healthier West Virginia,” then “this conference is for you.”

“Enjoy two (or three) idea-packed, inspiring days with like-minded West Virginians! Trade ideas with people from all over the state who are doing great things in their own communities. Get inspired again and again. Meet new friends! Help build a statewide movement!”

For more information, please go to [trythiswv.com/conference/](http://trythiswv.com/conference/).

### **RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS IN MARCH 2019 FROM PETER CLARK**

March and April mark the season of the Eagle Dances, when people of the Arizona Pueblo tribes dance to dramatize their communities’ relationship with the Sky-World. This month is also known as Xsaak, the season when candlefish swarm and members of the Nisga’a tribes catch these fish, dry them, and render them into oil for lamps.

Saturday, March 2

\* 'Alá – Bahá'í

The beginning of the nineteenth and final month, meaning “loftiness,” and also of a 19-day fast in preparation for Naw Rúz [see March 21]. Adult believers in good health abstain from food and drink from dawn to dusk.

Tuesday, March 5

\* Maha Shivaratri – Hinduism

A night devoted to the worship of the god Shiva, whose cosmic dance creates, preserves, destroys, and recreates the world. Believers recite texts, sing, make offerings, and tell stories while holding vigil and fasting.

Wednesday, March 6

\* Ash Wednesday – Christianity (Western churches)

The beginning of Lent, a forty-day period (excluding Sundays) in which Christians pray, repent, fast and reflect on Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem. It is a preparatory period for Holy Week and Easter; on this day, believers often receive an ashen cross on their foreheads to mark their repentance and mortality.

Friday, March 8

\* Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti – Hinduism

A celebration of the birth of the teacher of Swami Vivekananda, who introduced Hinduism to the United States at the first Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago in 1893.

Sunday, March 10

\* Cheesefare Sunday [Forgiveness Sunday] – Christianity (Eastern churches)

This feast marks the last day of eating dairy products prior to Holy Pascha (also known as Easter). The Great Fast or Great Lent begins at sundown and is marked by forty days of vegetarian fasting, intense prayer, and almsgiving in preparation for Holy Week. The following day is known as Clean Monday.

Thursday, March 14

\* Memorial of Shan-cao (Zendō) – Buddhism

Anniversary of the death of a Chinese Pure Land Buddhist priest who died in 681 C.E. He taught that enlightenment could occur simply through repetition of the name of Amitabha or Amida Buddha (nianfo or nembutsu), and is honored as the Fifth Patriarch of that Buddhist school.

Saturday, March 16

\* Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem, Fravardegan, or Muktdad – Zoroastrianism (continues until March 20)

A celebration of the creation of human beings and a commemoration of souls who have died. Prayers are offered to the fravashis (the divine spark within each human, which lives forever), asking for their blessings and protection.

Sunday, March 17

\* Saint Patrick's Day – Christianity (Western churches)

A commemoration of the missionary bishop who evangelized Ireland in the fifth century C.E.

\* Orthodox Sunday – Christianity (Eastern churches)

A celebration of the restoration of icons, which had been banned from Byzantine churches in the seventh century. The Christian empress Theodora ordered them restored in 843 C.E.

Wednesday, March 20 spring equinox

\* Eve of Purim – Judaism

A celebration of the Jews' rescue from an evil plot to destroy them while they were living in Persia, the events of which are recorded in the Hebrew biblical book of Esther. The holiday includes reading the Megillah (the scroll of Esther), exchanging gifts, and special pastries called hamantashen.

\* Spring Ohigon – Buddhism

For Buddhists who practice in the Jōdo Shinshū [Japanese Pure Land] tradition, this is a special time to listen to the teaching of the Buddha and meditate on the perfection of enlightenment as lived in the Six Perfections or Paramitas (generosity, morality, wisdom, honesty, endeavor, and patience).

\* Shunki-sorei-sai – Shintō

The time of the spring memorial service, when ancestors' spirits are revered at home altars and gravesites are cleaned and purified.

\* Ostara – Wicca

A time to mark the divine goddess's blanketing of the Earth with fertility as the god stretches and grows to maturity, manifested in the reawakening of seeds within the Earth as they are touched by divine love.

\* Spring Feast – Native American spirituality

A day to mark the coming and going of seasons and to honor planting through songs, stories, and prayer.

Thursday, March 21

\* Magha Puja Day [Dharma Day] – Buddhism

In the Theravada Buddhist tradition, this full moon day of the third lunar month marks the historical Buddha's sermon at Veruvana Monastery in the city of Rajagaha, where he spoke to 1250 en-lightened monks who were ordained by him.

\* Holi – Hinduism

This festival is one of Hinduism's most popular celebrations. People throw colored powder or spray colored water to celebrate episodes in the life of the god Krishna, and to symbolize unity and common humanity (since everyone looks the same when coated in colors).

\* Naw Rúz – Bahá'í

Marking the beginning of the year 176 of the Bahá'í era, and the beginning of the first month of the year, known as Bahá or "splendor."

\* Navruz [Now Ruz or Norooz] – Zoroastrianism

The beginning of the Zoroastrian new year, 1389 AY or 3757 AZ in the Fasli seasonal calendar, which also celebrates the renewal of the world and the creation of fire (which symbolizes righteousness). Zarathustra, the founder of Zoroastrianism, received his revelation on this day.

Friday, March 22

\* Hola Mohallah – Sikhism

A three-day festival instituted by the tenth Sikh gurū, Gobind Singh, as a time for military preparedness exercises, Hola Mohallah now is celebrated with mock battles, music competitions, and festivities.

Monday, March 25

\* Feast of the Annunciation – Christianity (Western and Eastern churches)

This festival marks the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary of Nazareth and Mary's faithful response to God's plan by consenting to be Jesus' mother.

Tuesday, March 26

\* Ramanavami – Hinduism

A celebration in honor of the birth of Rama, the seventh incarnation of the god Vishnu. Hindus read the Ramayana, a Hindu epic, and religious dances called Ramalila are performed to depict scenes from his life. This is the culmination of a week-long observance.

\* Khordad Sal – Zoroastrianism

The birth anniversary of the prophet Zarathustra.

Sunday, March 31

\* Birthday of Avalokiteśvara or Kuan Yin [Kannon] – Buddhism

Usually celebrated on or near the full moon day in March, this day marks the occasion when the enlightened being known as Avalokiteśvara (in the Mahāyāna traditions of Tibet and China) or as Kuan Yin or Kannon (the feminine embodiment of this bodhisattva in Chinese, Japanese, and Vietnamese Buddhism) vowed to attain final, supreme enlightenment and thereby save all suffering sentient beings.

If you want more information about any of these holy days, please contact UCSF Health Spiritual Care Services at 415-353-1941 (Rev. Dr. Peter Yuichi Clark).

Our thanks to the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, the Multifaith Action Society of British Columbia (Canada), BBC's Religion Website, Peel Schools District Board (Mississauga, Ontario, Canada), the Arizona State University Provost's Office, the NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad, the Anti-Defamation League, Project Interfaith (Omaha, NE), the University of British Columbia's Equity and Inclusion Office, the University of Victoria Faculty of Law (British Columbia, Canada), the Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education, and [www.interfaith-calendar.org](http://www.interfaith-calendar.org).

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