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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, November 13th**, at **7:00 p.m.** at **Panera's on Patteson Drive**. We will try to reserve the meeting room. **Plases note the new time.** *Note that 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.

RESPONDING TO PITTSBURGH: Like many others in our community, we are appalled and saddened by the tragedy at Tree of Life Synagogue on October 27th. We have submitted a letter to the editor of the *Dominion Post* to express our concern so please look for that.

MLK DAY 2019 IS JANUARY 21ST: Our theme this year is “Kids in Action,” and each child attending will receive a sticker identifying that child as a “Kid in Action.” Please join us at the Metropolitan Theatre, 369 High Street, Morgantown, at 2:00 p.m. for a program featuring the Cheat Lake Elementary School and Mylan Park Elementary School choirs, plus the Morgantown Children’s Choir, music by Al Anderson and Friends, and a story read by Jeremy Thomas. We have also invited the winners of the NAACP essay contest to share their work with us. See more about that contest below.

We co-sponsor this event with Main Street Morgantown, so look for our banner across High Street next month, as well as a banner at Mike Sharley’s office at 5 Dunkard Avenue in Westover. Thanks to the City of Morgantown for its financial support. The event is free and open to the public. We will have bumper

stickers for sale and always appreciate donations. We will also again be collecting donations for the Scotts Run Backpack Program to support students at area schools who need food assistance over the weekend.



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

CCSJ is a 501 (c) (3) organization so we do not endorse candidates.

Any registered voter within Monongalia County is eligible for early voting, which ends November 3rd. The official times and locations of early voting are as follows: Mountaineer Mall, 5000 Greenbag Road, Unit D-20 (old Goodwill Store) in Morgantown; Mason Dixon Park, 79 Buckeye Road in Core; and Westover Community Building, 399 Crowl Street in Westover. The times are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6th, and close at 7:30 p.m.

Please go to monongaliacountyclerk.com/election-archives-electionmenu-20/90-2018-General-Election-Information if you need a sample ballot or need to find your polling place for Tuesday.



MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: The next regular meeting will be Thursday, November 15th, 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/.

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

Here are the events for November:

Native American Heritage Month – Celebrates and honors the history and culture of Native Americans in the United States.

November 2 International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists – A day to emphasize that information is essential for decision making whether it be economic, social or political. Information is the cornerstone for democracy, good government and effective institutions. During the past decade 700 journalists have been killed worldwide.

November 6 Election Day – A day set by United States law for citizens to exercise the right to vote in the election of public officials.

November 9 Day against Racism – A call for global action against intolerance and its attendant violence as well as enhancement of communal and national tolerance, fairness, and mutual respect.

November 13 World Kindness Day – Calls for special deliberate efforts to treat others with kindness and even to exceed the rights which people can expect or hope to be honored in their relationships with others.

November 16 International Day for Tolerance – Emphasizes the dangers of intolerance and is a call for action for the advancement of human welfare, freedom, and progress everywhere, as well as a day to encourage tolerance, respect dialogue, and cooperation among different cultures and peoples.

November 20 Universal Children’s Day – The world-wide day for promoting mutual exchange and understanding among children and for initiating action to benefit and promote the welfare of the world’s children.

November 22 Thanksgiving Day – Following a 19th Century tradition, this day commemorates the Pilgrim’s harvest feast in the autumn of 1621 and their successful interdependence with Native Americans making the feast possible.

November 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women – A day for emphasizing awareness that violence against women is a preventable human rights violation based on discrimination against women and a perception of inequalities between men and women.



GREATER MORGANTOWN INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION (GMIA): The GMIA will not meet in November “in order to focus on the tragic events in Squirrel Hill, Pa.” The GMIA members ask, instead, that we “attend vigils, communicate with friends and show general support to the Jewish Community.” For more information, please call 304-906-1014.

The next meeting will be December 2nd at the Islamic Center.

You can follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation/.



MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER MEETING NOVEMBER 13TH: The next meeting will be Tuesday November 13th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Monongalia Friends Meeting House, 648 E. Brockway Avenue, Morgantown. The group “will be holding our own election for the 2019 steering committee! We will also get updates on from our committees and decide what we want to do about our December meeting or event.

“If you have something you would like on the agenda, please email items to morgantownnow@gmail.com by Sunday, November 11th at 5p.m..

“Also, please let us know if you require childcare.”

Learn about this group’s activities at www.facebook.com/groups/375050676186301/.



NAACP NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 13TH: The Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP is changing its meeting date to avoid a conflict with Thanksgiving week. It will still be at 5:30 p.m. at the Pines Country Club on Point Marion Road, Morgantown unless otherwise notified.

The NAACP has announced its plans for the 2019 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day essay contest:

The Morgantown/Kingwood NAACP proudly joins our partner Greater St. Paul AME Church in celebrating Martin Luther King and his legacy. As part of this recognition, we are providing students at elementary, middle, and high school levels the opportunity to learn more about civil rights in their community by participating in our Annual MLK Essay Competition. You may participate in two ways: First, invite area students to submit essays for our 2018-2019 contest. Second, be among those in the audience at the celebration at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, at Greater St. Paul AME Church, 61 Beechurst Ave., Morgantown, WV.

This year's theme is "The 1950s vs. Today: Before and After Martin Luther King." Essays must be a minimum of 300 words and can be supplemented by artwork, photography, and video. Entries should be submitted electronically morgantown.naacp3241@gmail.com by email or mailed to MLK Essay Contest, Debbie Robinson, 1223 Vista Del Rio Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508. All entries must be submitted by January 7, 2019 11:59P.M. (postmarked by January 7, 2019).

The first-place winners at the elementary, middle, and high school levels will each receive a certificate and a monetary award of \$100. Students who place first also will be expected to read their essays at the MLK program on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, and the MLK program given by the Community Coalition for Social Justice (CCSJ) on Monday, January 21, 2019 at the Met Theater. We are requesting your help to make sure we reach every interested child in the schools and community. The essay guidelines are attached to this letter. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Robinson at morgantown.naacp3241@gmail.com

Guidelines:

Civil Rights in Monongalia County Before and After Martin Luther King

2018-2019 NAACP MLK Essay Contest

For Elementary, Middle, and High School Students

\$100 each for the first-place elementary school essayist, middle school essayist, high school essayist

Essay Contest Sponsored by the Morgantown-Kingwood Chapter of the NAACP and

The Greater St. Paul AME Church

(National Association for the Advancement of Colored People: Morgantown.naacp3241@gmail.com)

1. Follow this year's theme, "The 1950s vs. Today: Civil Rights in Monongalia County Before and After Martin Luther King."

2. Select a civil rights category in Monongalia County: (Narrow your focus within the theme.)

a. Public education (from 1st grade through 12th grade in schools; from undergraduate programs through graduate programs at West Virginia University)

b. Public accommodations (theaters, restaurants, public transportation, hotels, swimming pools, bathrooms, parks, water fountains, camps, etc.)

c. Housing (rentals and sales related to homes, apartments, mobile home parks, etc.)

d. Employment (schools, stores, restaurants, gas stations, etc.,)

3. Learn about your chosen civil rights category in one or more ways:

a. Interview one or more persons who experienced or witnessed activities that occurred within your civil rights category in Monongalia County in both the 1950s and today.

b. Interview informed descendants of a person or persons who experienced or witnessed activities that occurred within your civil rights category in Monongalia County in the 1950s. Drawing from their relatives' stories, what is different or not different today?

c. Find and read details in books, magazines, and newspapers that describe activities that occurred within your civil rights category in Monongalia County in both the 1950s and today.

4. Write and submit an essay about what you heard and read:

a. Keep your details focused on your chosen civil rights category in Monongalia County. Expand upon the basics: who, what, when, where, why, and how.

b. Provide documentation of all your sources: books, magazines, newspapers, etc. Include the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all persons you interviewed.

c. Type your essay, which must be a minimum of 300 words. You may supplement your research with copies of artwork and photographs. Put your name on each page you submit.

d. Ask your parent or legal guardian to complete the entry-waiver form.

e. Submit your essay and entry-waiver form by email or via the U.S. Postal Service. Emails must be received by 11:59 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2019. U. S. mail must be postmarked by Jan. 7, 2019. Email address: morgantown.naacp3241@gmail.com. U.S. mail address: MLK Essay Contest, 1223 Vista Del Rio Drive, 26508.



MLK COMMUNITY CHOIR FORMING

The first practice for this group will be NOVEMBER 10, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. at GREATER ST PAUL AME CHURCH, 61 BEECHURST AVE., MORGANTOWN, WV 26505

“Calling all singers and musicians to join us as we practice for the Morgantown NAACP and St Paul AME Church annual MLK program on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 3p.m.

“For more information, please contact Debbie Robinson – 304-906-5262, penda8888@gmail.com

“Please spread the word!”

MORGANTOWN PFLAG FORMATION GROUP MEETING NOVEMBER 13TH: This is a new group that will meet again on November 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the WVU LGBTQ Center in Hodges Hall on the Downtown Campus. The speaker will be Mitzi Sprigg.

WVU WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES EVENT: The Women’s and Gender Studies Fair will be held at the WVU Mountainlair Ballroom on Thursday, November 29th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please go to womensgenderstudies.wvu.edu.

WVU CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE AND RESEARCH EVENTS:

November 2nd, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., WVU Gluck Theatre in the Mountainlair. Iranian Film & Discussion Series: “Hush, Girls Don’t Scream” – “Shirin, an eight (8) year old girl in Iran, faces neglect and indifference from her parents as she is abused, ravaged by an event that marks her for years.”

November 3rd, 9:00 - 11:00 p.m., WVU Gluck Theatre in the Mountainlair. “My Uncle John is a Zombie” – “Pop Culture Film & Discussion Event”

November 13rd, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., WVU Mountainlair Commons Area, “Conversations with Cops” – See notice below for more information.

November 14th, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., WVU Student Rec Center, “HOOPFEST & CrossOver Pickup Basketball” – “We will be providing 4 - \$25 Visa Gift cards the following contest:
“How Good Is Your Jumpshot / Hot Shots (will need spots or cones)
“King of the Deep Shot / 3 point contest (will need spots or cones)
“Skills Competition / Dribbling Drills, Layup, and Free Throws (will need cones)
“There Can Only Be One / One on One competition.”

November 14th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., WVU Life Sciences Building, “Building Bridges” - The WVU Muslim Students Association will be bringing law professor, Khaled Beydoun to speak about his book *American Islamophobia: Understanding the Roots and Rise of Fear*.

November 29th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., WVU Brooks Hall, “Celebrate Life! World AIDS Day Event” – “Health and Wellness Event.”

WVU LGBTQ+ CENTER EVENTS:

Every **Friday** throughout the academic year:

- **Friday Morning Cartoons, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
 - Come chill out, watch some cartoons, and join Daniel and friends for cereal, Pop Tarts and breakfast snacks!
- **Cosplay/Makeup Tips & Tricks - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**
 - Celebrate your favorite characters and join Julie and friends for some afternoon fun! Learn new makeup techniques and let your beauty shine!

November 15th, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Annual LGBTQ+ Friendsgiving Dinner & National Trans Day of Remembrance.



CONVERSATIONS WITH COPS ON NOVEMBER 13TH: This program will be in the WVU Mountainlair Commons Area from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

“Conversations with Cops’ is an ongoing multicultural program series that seeks to foster positive communication between Morgantown law enforcement and the cultural communities that create WVU. The theme of the upcoming program will be, “Women and Law Enforcement”. The discussion will lead with the introduction of law enforcement agencies and a discussion of women’s rights, and then open the floor for a question-and-answer session.

“This is an open forum for students to communicate freely and openly with local law enforcement agencies about any subject. Representatives will be present from the Morgantown Police Department, the WVU University Police, the WV State Police, the Monongalia County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, and WVU’s Equity Assurance Title IX Office. The event will be moderated by Jason Burns of the WVU Office of Multicultural Programs, Eric Jordan of the WVU Center for Black Culture & Research, and Mariana Matthews of the Title IX Office.

“FREE PIZZA will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

“Sponsored by the WVU Office of Multicultural Programs, the WVU Center for Black Culture & Research, WVU’s Equity Assurance/Title IX Office, and will include representatives from the Morgantown Police Department, the WVU University Police, the WV State Police, the Monongalia County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office. For more information, please email: Jason.Burns@mail.wvu.edu or call: 304-293-0890.”



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM November 4th: Tim Nelms will present "All about Burning Man." Back from his yearly adventure, Tim will share pictures and insights about this notorious annual festival. All are welcomed. This event will be at 10:45 a.m. at the Fellowship building at 429 Warrick, Morgantown.



This event will be held on Friday, November 30th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1188 Pineview Drive, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505. Early Bird pre-sale discounts on tickets (\$45 each for general and \$65 each for VIP) ends November 9th at 12:00 a.m. Full Table (10 General Tickets for \$405) sales end on November 25th at 12:00 a.m. You can order tickets at www.facebook.com/events/180808936167531/.

STATE-WIDE AND AREA EVENTS

Our Children, Our Future ----- **Try This** ----- **Young WV** ----- **Safety Net Campaign** -----
- **Families Leading Change**

Working together to make WV the best place in the world to live, work, and raise a family - no matter who you are.

YOU are a part of this movement! We hope you'll join us all for our biggest gathering of the year - where YOU get to choose the issues we work on:

2019 Platform Vote Kickoff

Monday, December 10

10 am - 3 pm

I.U.P.A.T Building, 117 Label Lane, Weston

To register, go to actionnetwork.org/groups/ourfuturewv.org. Click on the button that says “The Action Network.”

There's something for everyone, whether you want to dig deeper into the work you do or get involved in something new! Here's what we have planned:

Workshops

State Policy

Your Voice Counts!

How DOES a bill become law in West Virginia? How do you figure out who can give you what you want? Learn the answer to these questions and more!

Community teams from across the state will present their platform proposals!

VOTE for the issues that **OCOF** will work on in 2019! Every year teams submit proposals and everyday West Virginians decide the top issues.

Become a better organizer in your community. Learn skills to build people-power, deepen relationships, and keep burnout away.

Discuss topics like food insecurity, funding PEIA, entrepreneurship, Amendment 1 and more!

Get involved in planning for Kids and Families' Day at the Capitol, register for an organizing workshop, or host a community meeting!

PS If you can't make it on Dec 10, you can still vote on the 2019 Platform. Watch for details soon.



Information about the **Kanawha Valley NOW** chapter is available at www.facebook.com/Kanawha-Valley-NOW-1976287046030339/?ref=br_rs or email kanawhavalleynow@gmail.com.

West Virginia NOW has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow/.



WHAT NOW? POST-ELECTION TOWN HALL IS NOVEMBER 13TH: This event will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Sam’s Uptown Café, 28 Capitol Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

“After the election is over and the dust has settled, you may wonder: ‘what now?’

“Come join folks from the American Civil Liberties Union of West Virginia, Call to Action for Racial Equality: CARE Coalition, WV FREE, Our Children Our Future, West Virginia Citizen Action Group and others to get analysis on the results of the midterms, what it means for West Virginia, and prospects on the legislative session. A town-hall style meeting will be followed by a chance to meet and mingle with representatives from these organizations.

“Can't make it, but still interested in the conversation? Follow this event for updates on live streaming.”
For more information, please go to www.facebook.com/events/339204243304159/?active_tab=about.



MOUNTAIN STATE RACIAL JUSTICE SUMMIT 2018

Rekindle Power. Generate Light. Build Futures.

Friday, November 30 & Saturday, December 1

BridgeValley Community & Technical College, South Charleston Campus
2001 Union Carbide Drive, South Charleston, WV 25303

Our Keynote Speaker:



Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson
*Co-Executive Director of Highlander
Research & Education Center*

Schedule TBA.

*Purchase tickets at
msrjs2018.eventbrite.com.*

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This event is hosted by The Touchy-Feelys, The Empty Glass, Fairness West Virginia, and Dinosaur Burps. It will be held at The Empty Glass, 410 Elizabeth Street, Charleston, West Virginia, on Sunday, November 25th, from 6:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., Monday, November 26th.

“Y’all Means All: Fighting Hate with Music is an event dedicated to bringing folks together to help support one cause. Did you know in the beautiful state of West Virginia, our Hate Crime and Discrimination Laws do not include the LGBTQ community? Fairness West Virginia, a statewide LGBTQ advocacy organization, is fighting tirelessly to change this. This event was organized not only out of appreciation for their work, but also to take our own stand in this fight. All door proceeds and donations will go to Fairness West Virginia in hopes to amend the Law and bring more love to the state we call home. More details will unfold as we get closer to the event.”



For more about Fairness West Virginia, please go to www.facebook.com/pg/fairnesswv/events/.

RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS IN NOVEMBER 2018 FROM PETER CLARK

Observing Native American Heritage Month

For Native Americans, November marks Gwilatkw, the blanket season of the first snow, in which the Earth covers herself for her winter sleep.

Thursday, November 1

* All Saints Day – Christianity [Western churches]

A commemoration of the lives of people, known and unknown, whose holiness and compassion toward others represent the best Christian virtues. In some Christian traditions, the following day is reserved for intercessions for the dead and is known as All Souls’ Day. Latino/a people in North and Central America mark these days in connection with celebrations of Día de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead.

Friday, November 2

* Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie I – Rastafari

Because Rastafarians recognize Haile Selassie (born Ras Tafari Makonnen in 1892; died in 1975) as an incarnation of God and a messiah who will lead the peoples of Africa and the African Diaspora to freedom, peace, and prosperity, his coronation day as Emperor of Ethiopia in 1930 is remembered as a major festival.

Sunday, November 4

* Qudrat – Bahá'í

The beginning of the thirteenth month of the Bahá'í year, meaning “power.”

Wednesday, November 7

* Diwali (Deepavali) – Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism

The festival of lights and Hinduism's most popular festival. It is dedicated to the Goddess Kali in Bengal and to Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, in the rest of India. Diwali is also associated with stories of the destruction of evil by the god Vishnu in one of his many forms, as well as with the coronation of Sri Rama. Sweets and gifts are exchanged, and it is a time for cleaning and preparing for the future. This festival is also celebrated by Sikhs and Jains, with this day bearing additional names and significance as shown immediately below.

* Bandi Chhor Divas – Sikhism

Called “the day of the prisoner's release,” this festival marks the return of the sixth gurū, Sri Hargobind Ji, and 52 other princes with him to the holy city of Amritsar after being released from detention in 1619 C.E.

* Mahavira Nirvana – Jainism

On this day Jains celebrate that the soul of Lord Mahavir (6th century B.C.E.), the 24th Tirthankara, attained nirvana and release from the cycle of rebirth [moksha].

Thursday, November 8

* Day of Enlightenment of Lord Gautamswami (Jain New Year) – Jainism

Vikram Samvat 2075 begins. In the early morning of the first day of the new year, Ganadhar Gautamswami, the first disciple of Lord Mahavir, attained absolute enlightenment. Jains begin the new year with the glorification of Lord Gautamswami; and listen with devotion to the nine Stotras holy hymns and with listening to the auspicious Rasa (epic poem) of Gautamswami from their Guru Maharaj.

Friday, November 9

* Birth of the Báb — Bahá'í

Anniversary of the birth of the Báb, one of the twin Prophet founders of the Bahá'í faith, in 1819 C.E. His nineteen disciples, known as Letters of the Living, taught his religion throughout 19th century Persia. His shrine is located in Haifa, Israel. Bahá'ís suspend work on this day.

Saturday, November 10

* Birth of the Bahá'u'lláh — Bahá'í

Anniversary of the birth of the Bahá'u'lláh (“Glory of God”), the founder of the Bahá'í faith, in Tehran, Persia [modern-day Iran], in 1817 C.E. Devout followers suspend work on this day; some begin their observance of the day on the previous day's sundown.

Wednesday, November 14

* The Advent (or Nativity) Fast – Christianity (Eastern churches)

The beginning of a forty-day vegetarian fast in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity (Christmas) commences at sundown. For Orthodox Christians who follow the old calendar, this fast begins two weeks later.

Saturday, November 17

* Lokasha Jayanti – Jainism

Celebrating the births of revered and scholarly persons, such as the 15th century reformer Lonka Saha, whose opposition to temple worship and the use of images led to the founding of the Sthanakavasi sect.

Monday, November 19

* Mawlid al-Nabi – Islam

The anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Muhammad in Mecca in ca. 570 C.E., observed by Sunni Muslims beginning at sundown. Shi'a Muslims celebrate five days later, on November 24th.

Wednesday, November 21

* Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Christianity (Catholic churches)

* Entry of the Mother of God (Theotokos) into the Temple – Christianity (Eastern churches)

This day commemorates the entrance of the three-year-old Virgin Mary into the temple at Jerusalem to receive an education and begin her life of absolute dedication to God. According to some apocryphal writings, Mary also entered the Temple's Holy of Holies on this occasion, thus becoming the first and only woman ever to enter that sacred space.

Thursday, November 22

* Thanksgiving Day

This national holiday was first officially observed after a proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War, in 1863 C.E. Establishing the fourth Thursday of November for the observance, Lincoln wrote that “[The blessings enjoyed in this country] are the gracious gifts of the Most High God,

who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.”

Friday, November 23

* Qawl – Bahá’í

The beginning of the fourteenth month of the Bahá’í year, meaning “speech.”

* Gurū Nanak’s Birthday – Sikhism

Sikhs commonly celebrate the birthday of their founder, Gurū Nanak Dev Ji, on the full moon day of Kartik, even though the guru’s biographers record his birth on April 15, 1469 C.E. A poet and mystic, Guru Nanak wrote 974 hymns that are included in the Sikh scriptures, known as the Gurū Granth Sahib.

Saturday, November 24

* Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji – Sikhism

This day commemorates the martyrdom of the ninth of the Ten Sikh Gurus (1621-1675 C.E.). He is remembered for defending the Sikh faith, as well as the rights of Hindus and the cause of religious liberty.

Sunday, November 25

* Christ the King Sunday – Christianity (Western churches)

This feast day commemorates Jesus’ teaching that he will return at the end of time to judge humanity. In the Western Christian liturgical year, this is the last Sunday; the following Sunday (i.e., the first Sunday of Advent) marks the beginning of a new year.

Monday, November 26

* Day of the Covenant – Bahá’í

A celebration of the appointment of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá, the son of Bahá’u’lláh, as the Center of the Covenant in New York City in 1912 C.E. Devout followers begin their remembrance the preceding evening and do not suspend work on this day.

Wednesday, November 28

* Ascension of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá – Bahá’í

The commemoration of the death of the Center of the Covenant in Haifa, Palestine, in 1921 C.E. Devout followers begin their remembrance the preceding evening and are allowed to work on this day.

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.

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