

**Ecumenical, Community Involvement Calendar; Major Religions;
and In-Service Trainings & Presentations**

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August 29 is Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: www.faithaidsday.com and
www.hiv.gov/events/awareness-days/faith/.

[Please contact Pastor Gibson for more information]

I actually prepared this for the Broward County Ecumenical (Interfaith) Council and Arcola Lakes Public Library. The ecumenical council consists of chaplains who work with at-risk youths and their families who come through the juvenile justice system. Krystal R. Powell, branch manager at Arcola Lakes Public Library, and I had a meeting about helping youths during the summer and promoting the programs at the library, including the bereavement support group.

The HIV/AIDS community might want to get involved with Faith and Blue (F&B) in October and helping youths during the summer. F&B brings law enforcement, residents, businesses, professionals, and COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBO's) together through the connections of local faith-based organizations. AIDS Service Organizations (ASO's) will fall under the category of CBO's.

As a chaplain at Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department (JSD), statistics show a peak in arrests among youths during the following times:

1. After School Hours
2. Early Release Days
3. Weekends
4. Holidays
5. Teachers' Planning Days
6. Christmas / Winter Break
7. Easter / Spring Break
8. The Summer

I added dates at the end of my papers to differentiate between the outdated and updated handouts.

1ST ATTACHMENT

I compiled the ecumenical, community involvement calendar so that CBO's can see how they can partner with the religious community.

2ND ATTACHMENT

Since the time that I first sent out this paper, I have updated it. I added Zoroastrianism under "MAJOR RELIGIONS". Again, I added the Brethren and Nondenominational

under "DENOMINATIONS". I had the Quakers already on the list, but just added Society of Friends (Quakers) to it.

Since there are different names for Baptist and Pentecostal churches, they can go under one umbrella. Please see the following below for more details:

BAPTIST

1. Anabaptist
2. Community Baptist
3. Freewill Baptist
4. Missionary Baptist
5. Primitive Baptist
6. Seventh Day Baptist

PENTECOSTAL

1. Apostolic Faith
2. Assemblies of God
3. Charismatic
4. Church of God in Christ (CoGiC)
5. Holiness

3RD ATTACHMENT

I made some minor corrections to this attachment. I compiled a list of religious and non-religious topics that can be used to have in-service trainings, presentations, programs, activities, etc. They can be for the spiritual community and youths.

Some topics can be combined, such as Tobacco Products (Cigarettes, Vaping, Cigars, Et Cetera) and Substance Abuse (Alcohol and Drugs).

Pages 4 and 5 (Non-Religious) are really for the youths, but adults can attend them as well. The two religious topics that will be for youths will be the following below:

1. Introduction to Religion (World Religions)
2. Meditation & Cult Religions and the Occult

If the youths attend the seminars on the two subjects, they will be knowledgeable for when they go off to college. The youths can take the courses in college if they are majoring in religion or as elective classes. They will be ahead of the rest of the other students because of their prior knowledge.

Introduction to Religion (World Religions) goes over the major religions. It does not cover the denominations.

Meditation & Cult Religions and the Occult can be a prevention and an intervention tool for our youths. **THE PREVENTION** will **PREVENT YOUTHS FROM GETTING INVOLVED** with cult religions and the occult. **INTERVENTION** is for **THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY INVOLVED** in a cult religion or the occult.

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ECUMENICAL, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CALENDAR

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THIS IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF AWARENESES. THESE ARE JUST SOME TO GET PEOPLE STARTED. MORE DATES WILL BE ADDED IN THE FUTURE. SOME DATES ARE EXPLAINED WHILE OTHERS ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY.

JANUARY

3RD Sunday World Religions Day

3RD Monday Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observance

FEBRUARY

20TH World Day of Social Justice

Black History Month

MARCH

1ST Week Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS www.BalminGilead.org

The nonprofit organization got its name from Jeremiah 8:22. It says, "*Is there* no balm in Gilead; *is there* no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered [restored]?" Also, the Negro spiritual entitled "There Is a Balm in Gilead" is based off of this Sacred Scripture (S.S.). A balm is a healing ointment or something to soothe a person. It appears that Gilead was well-known for this according to Genesis 37:25. I can answer the questions in Jeremiah 8:22. THERE IS a balm in Gilead!

Women's History Month

APRIL

Arab-American Heritage Month

MAY

1ST Thursday National Day of Prayer www.NationalDayofPrayer.org

Asian-American / Pacific Islander Awareness Month

JUNE

1ST Sunday Affirming Sunday www.AffrmingSunday.org
www.Nu.Foundation

This is for churches to do outreach to the GLBTQ+ community in a nonjudgmental manner.
June is Gay Pride Month.

18TH Juneteenth

30TH Queer Youth of Faith Day www.BelovedArise.org

This is the last day of Gay Pride Month. The day was started by Beloved Arise. The nonprofit organization got its name from Song of Solomon 2:10. It says, "My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away."

AUGUST

Last Sunday National Faith AIDS Day www.FaithAIDSDay.com.

It was started by a Muslimah (female Muslim) who is also the founder of Have Rahma. *Rahma* in Arabic means to have compassion or mercy.

SEPTEMBER

15TH -- October 15TH Hispanic Heritage Month

OCTOBER

September 15TH -- October 15TH Hispanic Heritage Month

2ND Monday Indigenous People's Day

Faith and Blue Weekend The dates vary each year. www.FaithAndBlue.org

The purpose is to bring law enforcement, residents, businesses, professionals, and community-based organizations (CBO's) together through the connections of local faith-based organizations.

NOVEMBER

Native American Heritage Month

DECEMBER

10TH Human Rights Day

21ST OR APPROXIMATELY 1ST Day of Winter (Winter Solstice) Blue Christmas Service

Some churches have a Blue Christmas Service to help people to cope with the holiday blues. Many people feel "blue" or melancholy when they reflect on the holidays and loved ones whose lives have been expired. The first day of winter (winter solstice) is the shortest period of daytime and longest night of the year.

During your long night of darkness (bereavement / grief) and loneliness, Jesus came to shine light onto your pathway and to bring comfort, healing, and hope into your life. Saint John 8:12 and I John 1:5 say, "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. ...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

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MAJOR RELIGIONS AND DENOMINATIONS

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DENOMINATIONS. THESE ARE JUST SOME TO GET PEOPLE STARTED. SOME GIVE MORE
INFORMATION THAN OTHERS.**

INTRODUCTION TO MAJOR RELIGIONS OR JUST SIMPLY WORLD RELIGIONS (EVERYTHING IS ALPHABETIZED)

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|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Buddhism | 5. Islam (Muslim) | 9. Sikhism |
| 2. Christianity | 6. Jainism | 10. Taoism (Daoism) |
| 3. Confucianism | 7. Judaism | |
| 4. Hinduism | 8. Shintoism | |

MAJOR DENOMINATIONS

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|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. African Methodist
Episcopal (AME) | 7. Church of the Latter Day
Saints (Mormons) | 14. New Age / Spirituality |
| 2. Amish | 8. Eastern Orthodox | 15. Pentecostal |
| 3. Baptist | 9. Episcopal | 16. Presbyterian |
| 4. Catholic | 10. Jehovah's Witnesses | 17. Quakers |
| 5. Christian Science | 11. Lutheran | 18. Salvation Army |
| 6. Church of Christ | 12. Mennonite | 19. Scientology |
| | 13. Methodist | 20. Seventh Day Adventist
(SDA) |

CULT RELIGIONS

1. Branch Davidians, Waco, Texas
David Koresh, Founder

2. Good News International Ministries (Shakahola Cult), Kenya, Africa
Paul Nthenge MacKenzie, Founder

3. International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) (Hare Krishna), New York, New York
A.C. Bhaktivedanta (Swami Prabhupāda), Founder

4. Nation of Yahweh, Miami, Florida
Hulon Mitchell, Jr. (Yahweh ben Yahweh), Founder

5. People's Temple, Guyana, South America
James (Jim) Jones, Founder

THE OCCULT

1. Church of Satan (Satanism)

2. Santería (Spanish for the "Way of the Saints")

3. Wicca

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RELIGIOUS

1. The Apocrypha (7 Extra Books in the Old Testament, which Makes a Total of 46 Books)

The Books of Tobit, Judith, some parts of Esther and Daniel, I and II Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), and Baruch.

2. The Bible as Literature

3. Christmas and Hanukkah

- A. The Christmas Story
- B. A Christmas Tree (?) in Jeremiah 10:1-5
- C. The Story of Hanukkah
- D. Hanukkah in I Maccabees 4:56-59, II Maccabees 10:6-8, and Saint John 10:22
- E. Was Jesus Born in a Manger (Saint Luke 2:7) or a House (Saint Matthew 2:11)?

4. Clergy Privilege according to Florida Statue (F.S.) 90.505

5. Easter and Passover (Pesach)

- A. The Easter Story
- B. The Passover (Pesach) Story
- C. There is *always* a full moon on the night of the Passover.
- D. What day was Jesus *really* crucified according to the Synoptic Gospels versus Saint John?
- E. The *Kenosis* in Philippians 2:6-11

6. The Formation of the Bible

7. Ecclesiology (Church History), including Patristics / Patrology (Church Fathers)

8. Holy Communion / The Eucharist / The Lord's Supper

A. Footwashing

B. The Hallel in Saints Matthew 26:30 and Mark 14:26 Compared to Psalm 68:4 (Hallelujah and Jah)

C. The Lord's Supper versus The Last Supper and *The Last Supper* by Leonardo da Vinci

D. Love Feasts in II Peter 2:13 and Jude 12

E. The Four Viewpoints of Holy Communion / The Eucharist / The Lord's Supper

1. Transubstantiation is the Catholic viewpoint.

2. Consubstantiation is by Martin Luther. The key words are "with", "in", and "under".

3. The Instrumental Viewpoint was by John Calvin (Calvinism).

4. The Symbolic (or Memorial) Viewpoint is by Ulrich Zwingli.

9. The Holy (or Blessed) Trinity

A. God (Theology)

B. Jesus Christ (Christology)

C. Holy Spirit/Ghost (Pneumatology)

10. Introduction to Religion (World Religions)

11. Laws (A Comparison / Contrast between Ancient Laws and Religious Laws)

A. Apodictic and Casuistic Laws

B. Code of Hammurabi

C. The Decalogue (The 10 Commandments in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:1-21)

D. *Aseret ha Devarim* (Hebrew for "The 10 Sayings" or "10 Words" in Exodus 34:28, Deuteronomy 4:13, and 10:4)

E. Draco(nian) Constitution

F. *Lex Talionis* (Latin for "such law") *Lex talionis* is synonymous to proportionate retribution. ("An eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, life for a life," et cetera)

Exodus 21:23-25; Leviticus 24:19, 20, and Deuteronomy 19:19-21

Qisas (Arabic for "law of retaliation") (Islam)

Surah 5:38, 5:45

Sun Abu Dawud—Book 38, Hadith 4447, 4448

D. The Mosaic Law / Torah (Hebrew) / Pentateuch (Greek)

E. Compare the *Ugaritic Anath Epic*, V AB, II 10ff to soldiers in the Bible being degraded through

beheadings, dismemberments, stripped naked, raped by enemy soldiers, et cetera.

12. Meditation & Cult Religions and the Occult

13. The Parousia (The Rapture or The Second Coming of Christ) and Eschatology (The Apocalypse or the End of the World)

14. Purim (The Book of Esther, including the Apocrypha)

15. Survey of the Tanakh (Hebrew for the “Hebrew Scriptures”, which is the Old Testament (O.T.)

16. Survey of the *B’rit Hadashah* (Hebrew for the “New Covenant”, which is the New Testament (N.T.)

17. Water Baptism

A. Affusion (Pouring)

B. Aspersio (Sprinkling)

C. Immersion (Under the Water)

D. The Baptism of Jesus

E. The Difference between Baptizing in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost versus In Jesus’ Name Only)

18. Women

A. The Role of Women during the Ancient World

B. Surah 5 is entitled “Maryam”. This is in honor of Mary, the mother of Jesus/Isa. (Islam)

C. Women in the Ministry

D. A *Goel*

E. Pedagogue / Pedagogy

F. The Books of Ruth, Esther (including the apocrypha), and Judith (The latter is in the apocrypha as well.)

G. The Trial of Susanna in Daniel 13 (This is part of the apocrypha.)

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NON-RELIGIOUS

- 1. Body Art / Image and Hair Do's** (Ear, Nose, Body Piercings, Tattoos, Haircuts, Manicures, Pedicures, Et Cetera) & HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and Other Bloodborne Pathogens
2. Bullying
3. Careers
4. Child Abuse, Neglect, and Endangerment
5. Crime and Punishment (Graffiti, Vandalism, Shoplifting, Et Cetera)
6. Domestic Violence
7. Eating Disorders
8. First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
9. Gangs
10. Gun Violence and Other Forms of Violence Awarenesses
11. Health and Safety
12. HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's), and Tuberculosis (TB)
13. Human Trafficking
14. Mental Health

15. Self-Esteem and Behavior Modification (Intrinsic and Extrinsic Modifications)
16. Sexual Abuse and Rape
17. Sexual Minority (Gay and Lesbian) Issues
18. Social Media and Technology (Safety Issues, Cyberbullying, Sexting, Sextortion, Et Cetera)
19. Substance Abuse (Alcohol and Drugs)
20. Suicide
21. Swimming Safety
22. Teenage Pregnancy
23. Tobacco Products (Cigarettes, Vaping, Cigars, Et Cetera)
24. Truancy