The sun was shining and weather was warm as participants gathered in Orlando February 6-9. The Christian educators’ theme was “Let US Play,” take off on the usual church’s, “Let us pray….”

But both play and prayer became part of the event as celebration of God’s goodness to all bonded with exploration of new ways to share that in creativity and praise with home churches. NAPS booth was right next to the exhibit hall, so the location offered opportunity to share in feedback from participants and to explore some of the new directions in Christian education suitable for churches with large and smaller groups of children and adults.

Corb Sarchet, Contributing Editor for NAPS, and your editor, Amanda Ballenger, set up the booth and welcomed first visitors. By the time participants were gathering en masse, President Gene Foley arrived with the latest news from Irving pertaining to the inclusion of same sex members and leaders for BSA. He was accompanied by Bob Schlegel with whom the booth took on even greater energy.

While feedback from the CE’s was as mixed as the general churches’ responses, no one was irate or determined to be the final authority on what direction the movement should go. Certainly there were opinions regarding the issue and its resolution, but no one claimed to be the final authority. NAPS President Gene Foley reaffirmed his goal of polling presbyteries and synods to determine what the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition churches wanted reported back to BSA for the next Religious Relations Task Force gathering. In the meantime, BSA set up an email address to gather perspective from individuals who wished to respond to the issue at MyScouting.org. (Method for doing this follows President Foley’s comments on the next page).

During the conference, the room set aside for prayer and reflection was often occupied as people explored some of the ingenious ways to encourage a congregation’s community of prayers. One well-used item was the Prayer Tree and the table set up for individuals who had praise or requests. One “leaf” prayed for the policemen and those in Los Angeles terrorized by the rogue former policeman. The evils of the world reminded most eloquently that Christianity is not for the complaisant, but for redemption of the world and for our overcoming in outreach and joy.

Your NAPS members were glad to be part of the event again. The next APCE will be in San Jose, CA and NAPS invites you to join us there.
Four RA’s Highlight Scout Sunday

Four Orlando, Florida Scouts received their religious awards on Scout Sunday at Park Lake Presbyterian Church. But each of the Troop 48 Scouts received a different faith award!

Eric Boblitz received the Lutheran award; Adam Lucier, the Presbyterian award; Cory Gray, the Methodist award; and Noah Lucier, the independent faith award. Noah, Eric, and Cory received the God and Church award for middle schoolers, and Noah, the God and Life for high schoolers.

Noah, Adam, and Eric are Life Scouts, and Scott and Ryan are Eagle Scout rank. Their mentor was Mrs. Donna Lucier, herself a minister in the Independent Christian church.

The awards were presented by Doctors Daniel and Helen Debevoise, co-pastors. Scouts Ryan Direnzo, Scott McMilan, Noah Lucier, and Adam Lucier participated in the service, with Ryan leading the call to worship and Noah the Old Testament lesson.

Adam and Scott assisted Elder Corb Sarchet, Scoutmaster Emeritus and NAPS founding member, in conducting the Children’s sermon with the topic linked to the 11th point of the Scout Law, “A Scout is Clean.” Other Troop members participated as ushers and greeters. Park Lake Presbyterian Church in Orlando has been a Scouting partner since 1932.

NAPS Welcomes Fuller’s 5th President

Dr. Clifford L. Penner, Chair, Fuller Board of Trustees, announced that Dr. Mark Labberton accepted the call to serve as Fuller Seminary’s fifth president, beginning July 1, 2013. Since 2009, Dr. Labberton has served as the founding director of the Lloyd John Ogilvie Institute of Preaching and Associate Professor of Preaching at the Institute. Unanimously elected by Fuller’s trustees, Labberton succeeds Dr. Richard J. Mouw, who retires from the presidency June 30 after 20 years of service.

Dr. Labberton is a scholar and academic leader, pastor for more than 25 years, accomplished author, and leading voice in many international ministries. He brings strong spiritual leadership, a wide range of experiences, and the vision to guide Fuller into a new era of global leadership in seminary education. As a Fuller alumnus and professor, he fully comprehends Fuller’s rich and diverse legacy. With a Fuller MDiv, Dr. Labberton received his PhD in theology from the University of Cambridge, England. He was senior pastor at Wayne Presbyterian Church in Wayne, Pennsylvania. Following that, Labberton served for 16 years as senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, California.

Dr. Labberton encourages prayers for Fuller “at such a turbulent time in the church and in the world, when tangible demonstrations of God’s love are needed.” He also welcomes prayers for his new role as president, as he seeks to foster “careful understanding, deep and diverse community, courageous and wise decision making, and effective creativity to address the challenges facing seminary education.” He said, “Fuller has influenced my life and my ministry in so many ways,” says Labberton. “I am honored to have this opportunity to work with faculty, students, staff, alumni, and our board to further Fuller’s leadership in seminary education and its outreach to the world.”

Labberton shared appreciation for what he observed in the life and leadership of Dr. Richard Mouw. “I have such admiration for Rich Mouw and for the outstanding way he has helped Fuller’s public voice and life become known and understood,” he added. “I hope to continue the kind of generous, gracious, and irenic leadership that he established at Fuller and the world beyond.”

NAPS joins Fuller in celebrating the life and contributions of Dr. Richard Mouw and in welcoming Dr. Mark Labberton as Fuller Theological Seminary’s fifth President in Pasadena, California.
Snaps from NAPS at APCE

President Foley, Amanda Ballenger & Bob Schlegel

Visiting NAPS member and Bob Schlegel
Last week, I attended the national BSA committee meetings at which the proposal to change our membership standards was discussed. At the Religious Relationships Task Force meeting, where 70% of our units are represented, the national BSA Key 3 presented their case for the change. Note that they all agreed with each other that these changes were necessary for the BSA to continue to survive as a viable organization into the future. These men were from the LDS, Roman Catholic and Southern Baptist traditions. These were followed by presentations from religious leaders who expressed their divergent views. The only thing that was agreed upon was that the proposal by the Key 3 came as a surprise to everyone! After several presentations that were not leading to any resolution, I offered a proposal that we insist that the chartering organizations participate in the process of determining whether a change should take place. This was passed unanimously and passed to the Community Alliances Team.

The next morning, the Community Alliances Team met and revised the resolution to reflect that all chartering organizations, not just the Faith-Based organizations have a chance to participate. The resolution was passed unanimously and sent to the Membership Impact Group, who in turn passed it on the the Executive Committee. As you know, the Executive Committee postponed any action until they had a chance to receive input from the chartering organizations. I have already been contacted to provide the information necessary to communicate with the 11 largest Presbyterian and Reformed Church denominations on this matter.

The decision to gather more information was NOT the result of the unilateral act of any denomination or religious group. It was the result of universal agreement that none of us had a chance to interact with the decision makers. Keep in mind that all three of the Key 3 come from traditions that find homosexual acts morally offensive and would not allow membership or leadership in their units who believe such acts to be acceptable behavior.

In response to Bradley Long’s thoughts, yes, this would mean that camporees and other events might be separated, but no, that does not mean that LDS would be separated from other groups that felt the same way about the membership standards. As is the case now, many camps would have weeks set aside for certain groups. If you have any questions about what happened at the meetings, let me know. No need to guess as to who did what.

In answer to another question regarding BSA and support for camps and staffing, President Foley stated:

Camp staffing was not addressed directly, but certainly needs to be. Lawsuits were addressed. The panel was asked specifically if the BSA would defend local chartering organizations were sued. The response was that local chartering organizations will be given the option to include or exclude avowed homosexuals. To me that was a blatant non-answer. It is my opinion that if a religious institution “shouts from the rooftop” its position on the matter before the claimant joins the organization, that is, that it is a clear and obvious distinctive of their faith, they would be able to sustain a lawsuit.

But, most organizations can ill afford to divert their funds to nuisance suits, even if they win them. This is my third year as President of NAPS. I have never been consulted by any member of the executive board regarding the opinions of the various constituent denominations we serve. While I am sure there are Presbyterians on those committees, I am not aware of who they might be. As far as donors are concerned, assure them that the BSA will continue, and that there is no likelihood that while their children are in Scouting in a troop sponsored by your church or any church that continues its current ban on avowed homosexual participation as a matter of moral principle that the children will be exposed to that lifestyle.
Whether you recognize the picture or not, you have dealt with John (Rush) Hart from registration in NAPS. “Rush” as most of call him, is a dedicated Scouter, a true gentleman, and serves as our NAPS Treasurer.

A graduate of Texas A & M and Southern Methodist U, John worked for many years at Consolidated, Convair, General Dynamics, and Lockheed Martin. This included 40 years as Structural Engineer, B-58, F-111, RB-57, and Special Projects with 18 years in project management, 19 years with F16 European Air Forces, and 3 years as Program Chief Engineer- a strong contribution to our nation’s safety and development as a world power.

This time also included two years with the US Army Corp of Engineers, most of that time in Korea. With all this experience, Rush still recalls the three years he spent in Belgium when he was the Engineering representative for the F-16 production line.

As with many successful men with overcrowded schedule and commitments, Rush still found time to be very active in BSA. As a youth, he was invited into the Order of the Arrow and was a First Class Scout in Troop 68 of Arlington.

He has served numerous adult positions in Scouting:

- Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 17, 1980-1983
- Unit Commissioner, 1983
- Scoutmaster, Troop 17, 1984-1989
- District Committee, Trinity Trails, 1990 – Present

- District Advancement Chairman, Trinity Trails, 1990-1991;
- Committee Chairman, Troop 293, 1990-1993
- District Scout Program Chairman, Trinity Trails, 1992-1993
- Council Advancement Vice-Chairman, 1991-1993
- Council Advancement Chairman, 1993-1996
- Committee Member, Post 16, 1994-1998
- District Commissioner, Trinity Trails, 1995-2000

Rush further advance his Scouting skills by training in several ways: at Philmont he undertook Scoutmaster Fundaments, 1984; Boy Scout Advancement, 1990, 1994; Commissioners Administration, 1996; and Scouting in the Church Ministry, 2002.


Additionally, he has served in many roles and received notable honors: an Advisor for a Philmont Trek in 1984; Training Award in 1984; Quartermaster, Junior Leader Workshop 1990, Order of the Arrow Ordeal, 1990; Brotherhood, 1991; District Award of Merit 1992; Pack/Troop Committee Chairman 1993-94; Council Silver Beaver 1994, LFWC Community Service Award 1994; District Committee Key 1996; Commissioners Arrowhead 1996; Commissioners Key 1999, James E. West Fellow 1999; Distinguished Commissioner Award 2000, National Jamboree Staff, 2001, and NAPS Treasurer 2000-present.

Rush has received the Celtic Cross and the God and Service Award, the highest religious awards in the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition.

Just before entering Texas A & M, Rush married Anna Jane McCreery and they have both been active in scouting for the entire course of their marriage. Rush and Jamie have two daughters, one son, and three grandchildren. Rush spends his free time being walked by his dog, delivering Meals on Wheels, and working with both Boy Scouts and the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters.

Thanks to Rush and Jamie from all of us for all they do to help Scouting and us!
NAPS needs 10 “roady boxes” funded and built for Jamboree. Each box will be designed to be a self-contained interactive video/computer module for use at exhibits and conventions. When multiple boxes are used at the same event, they are designed to interact with one another to optimize the impact. At the Jamboree, some of them will be used in an interactive challenge the youth will participate in, where they will learn something about the history of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches in America, as well as what it means to be a Christian. For completing this short “game” they will receive a medal that they can wear around their necks at the Jamboree.

The boxes are being designed for shipping and for easy collapse into the lockable box to reduce risk of theft or damage when exhibits are closed. The box itself serves as the stand for the monitor when in operation, and will house a variety of electronics options that are wired to connections and outlets on the exterior of the box, thus eliminating the need to “plug in the equipment.”

The number of boxes and level of quality of construction will be dependent on donations. When the Jamboree is over, principle donors will have the option of “storing” one or more of these boxes with the hope that they will be used around the country at exhibits, Scouting events and Church conferences to promote the strong and continuing connection of Scouting and the Presbyterian community.

The principle donor of each box will have their name on a plaque on the box that they fund. When larger events call for multiple boxes, the event stakeholders pay for the shipping of these boxes to meet their needs and then either returns the box or sends it to the next user.

Please take up the challenge to fund one or more of these boxes. A troop may be the principle owner of a box and use it to promote Scouting activities in their church, school and community. The Protestant Committee might be a principle owner and use it at district and council training events. (My council Protestant Committee is doing this.) Your OA Lodge could buy one of these boxes and use it during camp promotion events. There are SO MANY places these boxes can be used AND SHARED.

Each mind-range box is expected to run between $3,000 and $4,000. A $5,000 box is completely automated with an electric motor that raises and lowers the monitor…best for exhibits where the exhibitors do not have the strength or time to manually raise the monitor from the box. Less expensive boxes of $2,000 and less lack the mechanics and the pre-wired electrical components. Some venues require union labor for ridiculously minute work, so these boxes may not be ideal in every circumstance.

If you would like one of these boxes purchased for your local use and to be shared with the association, please contact:

Gene Foley at 503-225-5725
Or efoley@cpcbsa.org.

BE A REPORTER FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN SCOUTERS. SEND IN YOUR SUMMER NEWS!

Going to Jamboree at Summit Bechtel? Be sure to stop by the booth and earn your Reformation medal and get photographed for the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS) newsletter and web pages. We look forward to meeting with you there! Anyone off to Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier or other high adventure camps? Be sure to take pictures and send us your story to napseditor@gmail.com.

SCOUTERS, we need to do a count of new Silver Antelopes, Beavers and other wild creatures newly formed. And Wood Badge participants should record their achievements with the presbyterianscouters.org by writing the editor (napseditor@gmail.com). It promises to be an exciting summer and NAPS is going to be there to record as much of the adventures as possible, but we cannot be in all places and don’t want to miss your news.

Keep in touch..... There is so much Fun to record in Scouting!
Chase: What I remember best is the Ten Commandments. My favorite family project was making the whole pizza.

Counselor: I feel Chase did well with this program. It was a good opportunity to relate God’s commandments with the Cub Scout core values. We were able to talk about why it’s important to follow rules, help other people, listen to your parents and how that relates to Scouts and to God. I feel he enjoyed making his pizza and the other projects in this book.

First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC would also like to recognize the following Scouters who have achieved the highest of Ranks in their Scouting Unit since Scout Sunday.

**Cub Scout Pack 41 – Arrow of Light.**

**BSA Troop 215 – Eagle Scout**
- Ryan L. Rowitz – Apr. 26, 2012
- Austin T. Harder – Jul. 26, 2012
- Andrew H. Whitley – Sept. 27, 2012

**Venture Crew 215 – Venturing Silver Award**
- Bryson J. McMann – Oct. 25, 2012
- David M. Buchanan – Nov. 29, 2012
SILVER BEAVER DAVID J. McMANN joined Scouting in 1973, attaining the Arrow of Light in 1976 as a member of Cub Scout Pack 49 – Blue Point, NY chartered by the Blue Point Lions Club. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout on January 30, 1980 as a member of Troop 49 – Blue Point, NY chartered by the Blue Point Fire Department. He became a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and attended the 1980 National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill, VA.

David is a 1988 graduate of Clemson University with a BS in IE and received his MS in Human Resource Development in 1989. He currently works for Michelin North America as an Operations IT Project Manager over IT projects within the Logistics and Distribution Network in North America.

David and his wife, Buffy, have a daughter Katie and a son, Bryson. Katie is a December 2012 graduate of Clemson University with a degree in PRTM Travel and Tourism. She is, currently, attending graduate school at Clemson University. Bryson, is both an Eagle Scout – Aug. 27, 2009 as a member of Troop 215 and a Venture Silver Award recipient – Oct. 25, 2012 as a member of Venture Crew 215. Both units are chartered by First Presbyterian Church of Anderson, SC. He is, currently, a senior at TL Hanna High School and plans to attend Clemson University, College of Charleston, or Coastal Carolina in the fall. David re-entered Scouting in 1999 when Bryson joined Tigers with the First Presbyterian Church, Pack 215. He served the Pack for 10 years as Tiger Coach, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, and volunteered for 8 years as Cubmaster.

In 2005, while remaining Cubmaster of Pack 215, David followed Bryson into Troop 215, serving as Committee Member, Activities Chair, Advancement Coordinator, Adult Eagle Mentor and Committee Chairperson. In 2010, David became the Adult Advisor for Venture Crew 215 and served until December 2012. David remains the Charter Organization Representative for Pack 41, Troop 215 and Crew 215. Over the years David has completed a variety of training courses including Woodbadge. He has received a variety of Scouting Honors including Cubmaster of the Year in 2004, Committee Member of the Year in 2010, District Award of Merit for the Blue Ridge Council District 6 & 20 in 2011. His religious awards include the God & Service Award from First Presbyterian Church in 2012 and the Celtic Cross from the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters in 2012. He has, also, received a variety of Adult Leadership Knots.

Since 2008, David has served on the District 6 & 20 Committee in the rolls of events staff, membership chair, and, currently, as the District 6 & 20 Committee Chairperson. He has volunteered his time over the years for a variety of District level events such as camporees and Friends of Scouting. He is currently on the Blue Ridge Council Executive Board.

Outside of Scouting, David is an Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Anderson, SC where he is active with the annual youth Mission Trips as well as volunteering for other church functions. He is also active with the TL Hanna Varsity Baseball Team as the announcer and scorekeeper. He volunteers website work for Meals on Wheels of Anderson, SC and has organized the scouting units of Anderson, SC to support the Annual Kettle Campaign and Angel Tree for the Salvation Army and friends.
At its February 25 court of honor, Troop 615 recognized its active adult leaders who completed Wood Badge, including six who received their beads that night. Their course director, NAPS board member Warren Kraft, presided over the ceremony.


Currently, Bay-Lakes Council commissioner Warren served as Troop 615 scoutmaster 2001-2005 and was NYLT course director 2002-2004. He has staffed wood Badge since 2006, currently sharing cook staff duties with his wife Liz. (The two will also celebrate their 3y wedding anniversary working NYLT comissary at Camp Hiawatha near Munising MI A commissioned lay pastor assigned to the Melnik Presbyterian Church, Whitelaw WI, he serves as chaplain for Awase Lodge #61 and the Mikana Chapter of the Order of the Arrow. He was on the 2010 Jamboree staff and will staff this years Jamboree at he Summit. He was also chaplain for Arrow Power 5 at the Bridger-Tetons (W) site, for Arrow Power 2011 at Grand Marais, MN, and will staff Arrow Power 2014 on the St. Croix River in northwestern Wisconsin.

In his spare time, Warren works for Murphy Desmond, a Madison WI-based law firm and as a substitute lifeguard for the Oshkosh YMCA. Liz is a retired special education teacher, currently working her second extended substitute term as an English Learning Language teacher they have two grown children: Jessica, a customer service supervisor for Anderson Windows and Nate (Eagle Scout 2007), a security guard and patrol supervisor for Allied Barton they live in Oshkosh WI.

Editor's Note: Warren Kraft is Director for NAPS Lakes and Prairies Region.

Use the Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout? show to help promote Scouting!

The new reality TV show "Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?" airs each Monday at 8 p.m. Eastern/7 p.m. Central time on the National Geographic Channel through April 8. Print ad and link are available through www.ToughScout.com

We need your help individually to spread the word about the program via email, social media, and word of mouth. Build local buzz by posting the trailer on your website, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and any other social media!

The "Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?" Web page features show information and an opportunity for you to share Scouting photos through social media. There are also downloadable digital and print assets on the Marketing Toolbox www.scouting.org/marketing to help build awareness. Resources include a flier, postcard, poster, Web banners, and the exciting trailer (commercial) for the show.

This show is a great opportunity to showcase the great character and leadership skills that are developed in Scouting.

Thanks to Eliot Kerlin, past president of NAPS, for this BSA request.
Ron Kuebler, NAPS’ South Atlantic Regional Director reports that Spring Valley Presbyterian in Columbia, SC had a great Scout Sunday with the first ever joint Boy Scout/Girl Scout participation. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Venturers helped with the offering and the Good Shepherd Award (Baptist) was presented to Mr Richard Hurst. He reports they also presented the Unit Award of Excellence to Reverend Ruth Roberts, Assoc. Pastor. Scouting for Food for Troop/Crew 202 was very successful the day before.

Three Girl Scout Troops attended including 1098, 1057 and 1198 attended Scout Sunday at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. Our adult awards now include God & Service (Presbyterian), Celtic Cross (Inter Denominational), St George Cross (Anglican), Lamb (Lutheran), Good Shepherd (Baptist). Youth awards include the Parvuli Dei (Catholic), God & Country (Presbyterian and other faiths). Venture Crew 6 of Orangeburg was also represented at Scout Sunday. Girl Scout leader Ms. Becky Lewis is pictured in the group photo; Girl Scout leaders Ms Victoria Carter and Ms Ernestine Beatty are not shown.

The Scout troop was still ready for adventure and spent a cold SC winter interlude with a campout at The Oaks.

More plans are in the works for the upcoming warmer weather,
**Calendar of Religious Dates 2013**

### JANUARY 2013

1 Mary, Mother of God – **Catholic Christian**
1 Feast of St. Basil – **Orthodox Christian**
1 Gantan-sai (New Years) – **Shinto**
5 Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti - **Sikh**
6 Theophany – **Eastern-rite Catholic Christian**
13 Maghi - **Sikh**
15 World Religion Day - **Baha’i**
26 Tu Bishvat* – **Jewish**
24 Mawlid al-Nabi - **Islam**

**Mahayana New Year - Buddhist**

### FEBRUARY 2013

3 Scout Sunday
3 Setsubun - **Shinto**
9 Scout Sabbath
11 Lent begins – **Eastern-rite Catholic Christian**
13 Ash Wednesday – **Christian**
14 Nirvana Day** – **Buddhism**
15 Vaisakhi - **Sikh**
24 Purim* – **Jewish** (precludes Scout activities)

### MARCH 2013

10 Shivrati - **Hindu**
21 Naw Rú/ (New Year) – **Baha’i**
21 Norouz (The New Year) – **Zoroastrian**
25-p4/2 Passover - **Jewish**
26 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zaranhushtra) – **Zoroastrian**
27 Holi - **Hindu**
28 Hola Mohalla - **Sikh**
29 Good Friday - **Christian**
31 Easter - **Christian**

### APRIL 2013

6 Theravada New Year – **Buddhism**
11 Akshaya Tritiya – **Hindu and Jain**
14 Baisakhi – **Sikh**
20 Ray Navami – **Hindu**
23 Mahavir Jayanti - **Jain**
25 Hanuman Jayanti - **Hindu**
27 Lag Ba’Omer* – **Jewish**

### MAY 2013

5 Easter/Pascha – **Orthodox Christian**
9 Ascension of Christ – **Christian**
14-15 Shavuot* – **Jewish**
25 Buddha Day (Vesak) ** – **Buddhist**
29 Ascension of Baha’u’llah* – **Baha’i**

### JUNE 2013

12 Race Unity Day - **Baha’i**
29 Ss. Peter & Paul – **Eastern-rite Catholic Christian**

### JULY 2013

3 Guru Purunima - **Hindu**
9 Martyrdom of the Bab - **Baha’i**
9 Ramadan begins - **Islam**
24 Pioneer Day – **Mormon Christian**

### AUGUST 2013

1 Fast in Honor of Holy Mother of Lord Jesus begins - **Orthodox Christian**
3 Lailat al Qadr - **Islam**
8 Eid Al-Fitr; Ramadan ends – **Islam**
15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - **Catholic Christian**
15 Dormition of the Theotokos - **Orthodox Christian**
and **Eastern-rite Catholic Christian**
21 Raskaha Bandham - **Hindu**

### SEPTEMBER 2013

4-6 Rosh Hashanah* - **Jewish** (precludes Scouting activities)
13 Yom Kippur – **Jewish**
13 Janmasthami - **Hindu**
16 Tisha B’Av* – **Jewish**
16 Onam - **Hindu**
19-25 Sukkot* – **Jewish**
23 Radhasthami - **Hindu**

### OCTOBER 2013

5-13 Navrati – **Hindu**
9-13 Durga Puja – **Hindu**
14 Dussehra – **Hindu**
20 Birth of the B’ab - **Baha’i**

### NOVEMBER 2013

1-15 Diwali – **Hindu and Jain**
1 All Saints' Day - **Christian**
2 All Souls' Day - **Catholic Christian**
3 Bandi Chhor Divas -**Sikh**
4 Al-Hijira – **Islamic New Year**
12 Birth of Baha’u’llah - **Baha’i**
14 Ashura – **Islam**
21 Birthday of Guru Nanak - **Sikh**
26 Day of the Covenant – **Baha’i**
Nov. 27-Dec 5 Hanukkah - **Jewish**
28 Thanksgiving - **Interfaith**
28-Dec 5 Day of the Covenant - **Baha’i**

### DECEMBER 2013

8 Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) - **Buddhism**
8 Immaculate Conception - **Catholic Christian**
8 Christmas - **Christian**
8 Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra – **Zoroastrian**
21-25 Pancha Ganapti **Hindu**
26-Jan 1 Kwanzaa - **Interfaith**