techniques they use to integrate social justice messaging into their work. We will complement this perspective by discussing the work of various organizations and individuals who are actively engaged in using art and activism as tools for social change.

Thursday, April 15, 7:00 p.m ET

Activism Through Art: A Dialogue on Social Justice and Artistic Expression

Thursday, April 15, 6:00 p.m ET

Community, Activism, and Black Trans Women in Leadership

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In addition to the academic events, the university chaplaincy is hosting a series of events that focus on religious and spiritual life. These events are open to all members of the university community and aim to foster a sense of community and belonging. The chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the university community.

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Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances

**Rama\’s Thanksgiving**
Celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, marking the beginning of Holy Week that culminates in Easter or Pascha.

**Passion Sunday.**
Orthodox Christians often observe this Sunday on a date different from the date on which Western Christians observe Easter. It celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, marking the beginning of Holy Week and Easter (Pascha).

**Tradition: Wicca/Paganism**

**Tradition: Christianity-Orthodox**

**Mahavir Jayanti**
Celebrates the birthday of Mahavira, the last Jain Tirthankara. This day is observed with prayer, meditation, and the study of Jain scriptures.

**Tradition: Sikhism**

**Vaisakhi**
Occurs on the first day of the solar year. It is primarily an agricultural festival, celebrating the harvest, and is especially important in North India. It is named after the month Vaisakh. For Sikhs, it is also the anniversary of the birth of Guru Gobind Singh.

**Tradition: Islam**

**Ramadan**
Period leading up to Holy Week and Easter (Pascha). In the churches that follow the Gregorian calendar, Lent is a period of penitence and fasting that precedes the celebration of Easter. In the Islamic tradition, Ramadan is a month of fasting from the first sign of dawn until sunset in honor of the first revelations to the Prophet Muhammad.

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I pray we all have a Ramadan Mubarak. Amen! Despite how we perceive our own capacity for courageousness, I pray we grow emotionally and spiritually and seek spiritual awakening or emotional healing. Regardless of whether you’re Muslim or not, I invite you to use this time as an opportunity to become more familiar with the beauty and richness of our Muslim community, challenging us to embrace this temporarily trying circumstance in new emotional and spiritual ways.

I don’t believe there is a one-size-fits-all spiritual practice, but I do believe that our spiritual and emotional states are inextricably connected. While living socially distant can sometimes feel like emotional asphyxiation, I have found hope in the small daily acts of kindness and connection that can bring light to our world. I have noticed the beauty in the simple things, the things the high-paced frequency of life lets me overlook. As a spiritual season of approximately thirty days, Ramadan invites us to cultivate a daily practice of self-reflection and connection to our innermost selves.

I hold you in my heart and wish you love and peace in every way possible beyond our imaginations. I pray we surface from this current temporary reality existentially healthier and more whole.