

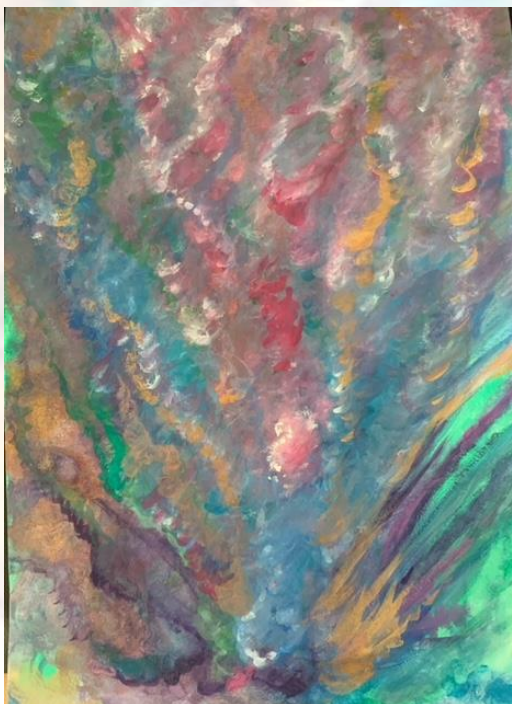
July Diversity Calendar

Date	Religion/Culture	Event
1 st	Canada	<p><u>Canada Day</u></p> <p>Marks the enactment of the Constitution Act in 1867, which formed the united nation now known as Canada. Those celebrating are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action.</p>
4 th	America	<p><u>Independence Day</u></p> <p>Marks the Declaration of Independence signed on July 4, 1776 after the original 13 colonies now known as the United States of America gained independence from Britain.</p>
8-9 th	Bahá'í	<p><u>Martyrdom of the Báb</u></p> <p>An observation to commemorate the execution of the Báb (founder of the faith) in 1850, ordered by the Persian Empire.</p>
14 th	France	<p><u>Bastille Day</u></p> <p>This day in 1789 marked the start of the French Revolution after the storming of a prison in Paris known as the Bastille, which held a number of political prisoners.</p>
14 th	Global	<p><u>International Non-Binary People's Day</u></p> <p>A day to raise our awareness of the difficulties faced by non-binary people.</p>
17 th -18 th	Judaism	<p><u>Tisha B'Av</u></p> <p>A day in history when two sacred temples were destroyed by the Babylonians and the Romans. To commemorate the loss, the Jewish community offer prayer by reading select passages from the Torah and fast for the day.</p>
17 th	Islam	<p><u>Hajj</u></p> <p>Hajj is the yearly Islamic pilgrimage that takes place in Mecca. It lasts for 5 days and is one of the five pillars of the Islamic Faith. Muslims are required to perform hajj at least once in their life time if they can afford to do so.</p>

18 th	Global	<p><u>Nelson Mandela International Day</u></p> <p>The U.N. General Assembly announced this day in 2009 as a recognition of Nelson Mandela's speech and call to young people to take leadership and address the world's social injustices.</p>
20 th	Islam	<p><u>Eid al-Adha</u></p> <p>A celebration that takes place on the third day of Hajj to commemorate the sacrifice made in the name of faith by Prophet Ibrahim. As the Prophet submitted his son Ismail to slaughter upon Allah's request, Allah had replaced Prophet Ismail with a sheep. Since then, it has become tradition on Eid al-Adha, to sacrifice an animal such as a sheep/goat/cow and share it as charity with those who are less fortunate.</p>
24 th	Buddhism	<p><u>Asalha Puja</u></p> <p>This is a celebration amongst the Theravada Buddhist community, (Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Laos) of the first sermon by the Buddha following his enlightenment. It is one of the most important celebrations in the Buddhist Community.</p>
30 th	Global	<p><u>International Day of Friendship</u></p> <p>A day announced by the U.N. General Assembly in 2011, for bridging friendships between people, cultures, religions, countries and communities.</p>

Above are the multicultural celebrations for the month of July, 2021. There may be some celebrations, which have not been included in this calendar and customs may vary. If you would like me to add your special holiday or vary the customs, please write me at afsana@gcmediation.com.

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Joan Cass - "I Will Not Be Silenced"—#13 Concussion Watercolour Series

This painting is about raising your voice up and telling your truth. If people try to silence you say loud and strong, "I will not be silenced". Your voice might shake and people you thought were your friends might pretend they don't know you. Speak for peace, speak for justice, speak for love and compassion. Speak.

With love,

Joni