**INTERFAITH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

**Thursday, January 26**

**Vasanta Panchami**—(HINDUISM)—a North Indian celebration associated with Saraswati, the Goddess of Wealth. The color yellow is associated with this festival.

**ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY**

**January: Ninene (Moon of the Child):** The face pf the young man represents youth, a new beginning, a the rebirth of the animal world, and the new edible shoots. This is the Saanich New Year. (Coast Salish)

**January/February: Iroquois Midwinter Ceremony** starts five days after the new moon appears. The celebration lasting for nine days, includes traditional events which revolve around the idea of new beginnings at the start of the Iroquois’ spiritual year.

[One of the initiatives of the HARC Interfaith Team is a weekly Interfaith calendar - a listing of upcoming events and commemorations from religious traditions around the world. We hope to raise awareness of the events and practices in the many faiths of our world. It is taken from the Multifaith Calendar 2022, www.multifaithcalendar.org. For suggestions or additional input, contact Ed Poling at elpoling1@gmail.com]