

#### Welcome!

## Faith Development Office Webinar

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## Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU)

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## **Opening Words**

Invocation by Kristin Harper



# What is Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism? (BLUU)

Formed in the wake of several conversations among Black UUs at the July 2015 Movement for Black Lives Convening in Cleveland, Ohio, the BLUU Organizing Collective works to provide support, information & resources for Black Unitarian Universalists. We also work to expand the role and visibility of Black UUs within our faith.

Find us online at www.blacklivesuu.com!



## **BLUU Highlights to Date**

- Crafting the 7 Principles of Black Lives
- Hosted an explicitly Black Healing Space at General Assembly 2016
- Facilitated the registration and attendance of Black UUs across the country and hosted a BLUU workshop track at General Assembly 2016
- Endorsed the Vision4BlackLives Policy Platform

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## **BLUU Highlights to Date**

- Co-sponsored the Revive Love Tour and Fortify the Movement Workshops hosted with Standing on the Side of Love
- Provided resources and physical witness at the No Dakota Access Pipeline demonstrations
- Participated in and provided leadership for the 2017 Women's March on Washington
- Put forward the historic request for the UUA to fund short term organizing needs and long term support for Black UUs



Over the course of four days together we will co-create spiritual nourishment and healing through ritual, worship and pastoral care. As a community we will help design what we want for ourselves and our faith now and for the future.





## Questions and Answers





## Closing Words

I Too Am Beautiful by Kristin Harper from *Voices from the Margins* (Skinner, 2012)



### **Upcoming Webinars**

Supporting Gender-nonconforming Children and Their Families

Tues. Feb. 14, 1 pm Eastern

Wed. Feb. 15, 9 pm Eastern

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Tues. March 21, 1 pm Eastern
Thurs. March 23, 9 pm Eastern

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