



LOVE *RESISTS*

BLUU CONGREGATIONAL NEXT STEPS AND LEARNING



1. Directly and financially support Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU):

- Utilize the BLUU website: <http://www.blacklivesuu.com>.
- Designate a Sunday between November 12, 2017 and February 4, 2018 to take a collection for BLUU during worship to honor *The Promise and the Practice of Our Faith*. NNEC congregational donations will be eligible for up to a \$100,000 match from our district (and perhaps also from a UUA \$1 million match).
 - Recognize that our faith has silenced or ignored Black voices,
 - Commit to amplify and celebrate the Black voices in our movement, &
 - Invite every Unitarian Universalist congregation to lend their own generous support to our UUA Board's bold financial commitment to Black Unitarian Universalists.

2. Consider the proposed 8th Principle, written by Bruce Pollack-Johnson and Paula Cole Jones. Since 2013, some UUs in the Central East Region have advocated for the adoption of an 8th Principle within our faith. This proposal was presented at the 2013 General Assembly Planning Committee retreat by Paula Cole Jones and later discussed by the members of the Council for Cross Cultural Engagement.

The proposed 8th principle states:

"We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

3. WorshipWeb – Challenge the supremacy of whiteness as part of your weekly worship. The Black Lives Matter Collection from WorshipWeb (UU) is an easy way to find inspiring words for any context: www.uua.org/worship

4. Book Suggestions to read and discuss with others:

- *Tears We Cannot Stop, A Sermon to White America* by Michael Eric Dyson
- *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving
- **UUA Common Reads: Centering: Navigating Race Authenticity, & Power In Ministry** edited by Mitra Rahnema
Daring Democracy by Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen
The Third Reconstruction by the Rev. Dr. William Barber II & Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

5. Love Resists Campaign – jointly offered by the UUA and the UUSC (focuses mostly on solidarity in immigration justice). Per the UUA: *Love Resists* will tie together initiatives that address racism, xenophobia, bigotry, and injustice under the umbrella of supporting inclusive policies across the country.

6. Standing on the Side of Love – use the website and its resources, including webinars.

7. Good webinar/website resources:

- Allies for Racial Equality (& CLFUU) Tema Okun's analysis of white supremacy culture (and others)
- Auburn Seminary webinars Dismantling White Supremacy
- Compassionate Activism Healing from Toxic Whiteness
- Repairers of the Breach Rev. William J. Barber II's webinars, calling for a national moral revival
- Indivisible Webinar, articles, further resources about white privilege, and next steps