

**Subject:** "Recommendations for Change" Presented at 4/20/18 UUA Board Meeting  
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**To:** DL Board, lena@blacklivesuu.com

Dear Members of the UUA Board & Lena Gardner, ED of the BLUU Organizing Collective -

I hope this message finds you all well amidst a busy time of meetings and preparation for this year's General Assembly and for next week's BLUU Revival.

I write to you in my capacity as the current President of DRUUMM (Diverse Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries) to express my gratitude for the offerings which Lena Gardner presented at this afternoon's UUA Board Meeting. Lena, thank you for the energy, commitment, and courage you modeled in bringing an already powerful documentation of possibilities to the UUA Leadership.

Although I only learned of this offering this evening, I am enthusiastic about the transformation and universal liberation it encourages our Association and faith to move towards. It resonates very deeply with the [Call for Renewal](#) issued by DRUUMM in June 2016, and in particular one portion that echoes the vision offered today:

*"We call on Unitarian Universalist institutions to lead in this transformational work, renewing commitments to anti-oppression and transparently aligning resources with these priorities. We call on all Unitarian Universalists to contribute our voices to the journey toward the spiritual, ecological and political wholeness all people require to thrive in this world."*

Much like the aforementioned Call to Renewal issued to the UUA in 2016, the recommendations Lena shared today call upon Unitarian Universalism and our institutions to recommit and realign its practices to a truly liberated sense of beloved community, grounded in abundance, wholeness, intersectional justice, and collective liberation. Myself and others in DRUUMM's volunteer leadership are eager to practice intentional communication, collaboration, and creation alongside you and others who choose to engage these important offerings.

My hope is that the recommendations shared today move you as leaders in our faith to set in motion significant transformation that reflects meaningful relationship and a committed awareness of the calls issued not only today, but in years past by the communities in the margins who have been at the forefront of transforming Unitarian Universalism.

With gratitude and blessings for the prophetic ministries you each live and serve,

Rev. Ranwa

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*"I know love will save us  
The proof is in the stories not broadcast  
The poems not published  
The truth between the lies  
The stories whispered in the dusk of this day."  
~ Suheir Hammad, "Beyond Words"*