



United Nations  
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## Black Lives Matter and Racial Justice

In light of the United Nations declaring 2015-2024 the Decade for People of African Descent, the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO)'s racial justice program is committed to expanding the domestic Black Lives Matter movement to address anti-black racism on an international level.

People of African Descent worldwide experience racist oppression at alarming rates. The global African population, including those of mixed heritage, is approximately 1.4 billion. Over 200 million live in the Western Hemisphere, most notably the United States, the Caribbean, and South and Central America. Brazil alone can account for over 100 million.

In most of these areas, an overwhelming and disproportionate amount of black lives are being threatened by violence, poverty, imprisonment, slavery, and war. Racism and discrimination have been used as weapons to incite conflict and hatred across nations and generations.

As racial hatred and oppression continues to increase worldwide, global racism remains a reluctant topic of conversation. It's crucial that we begin the conversation to build international awareness, specifically surrounding the impact of structural, anti-black racism.

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### WHAT WE'RE DOING

The oppression and mistreatment of people of African descent is a human rights issue. The UU-UNO is committed to approaching this by:

- Promoting an increased awareness from the United Nations regarding countries and the state of their race relations.
- Engaging with UU congregations to execute programs and develop educational spaces regarding global racism advocacy
- Setting a basic standard for developing respectful and fair communities
- Partnering with domestic and international programs dedicated to dismantling structural racism in favor of justice and equality

