

March 2020

Dear Congregational Leaders,

A youth from your congregation has been selected to attend Thrive Youth, a leadership school for UU youth of color to **deepen our faith, lift our spirits, and build critical skills for leadership in the face of our uncertain, broken and beautiful world.** Youth participants are guided by experienced co-facilitators as we worship, feast, play, explore our racial and ethnic identities, practice transformative leadership skills, and create authentic, supportive community.

This year, as the struggle for racial justice lives on in our streets and classrooms, in courtrooms and corner stores, your support of youth of color is critical. As we journey toward a more just world, the spiritually grounded leadership of youth and young adults of color is essential for the vitality of our movement.

Please consider providing financial support for their attendance. Whether it comes from the congregational budget, the minister's discretionary fund, or a special collection on Sunday, financial support from the congregation can empower the Thrive Youth participant's leadership without a financial burden. It also signals support, encouragement and investment on the part of the congregation.

The registration fee of \$325.00 covers food, housing and materials and is generously subsidized by our UUA's Annual Program Fund. Travel is arranged by the participant and travel subsidies are available. Covering all or part of the Thrive Youth participant's registration costs and/or travel lets them know that their congregation supports their leadership.

Thrive leadership schools are a powerful way that we support UU youth and young adults of color. In the words of one parent of an alum, *"I am grateful for you and the UUA for giving him the space to openly discuss and gain insight with other UUs of color. I think this experience has changed his perspective on whether he fits in this faith. He is now 'one of many' instead of being 'the one.'"*

Thank you for your support. You can learn more at uua.org/thrive!

In Faith,



Sara Green
Youth and Young Adults of Color Ministry Associate

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P.S. If you'd like to provide support for a youth's registration fee directly to the UUA, please see payment options below.

- **CREDIT / DEBIT CARD**— [UUA Thrive Youth Secure Payment Form](https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/thrive-youth-registration-payment/)  
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- **CHECK**—Make it out to "UUA," write "Thrive Youth" in memo-line, and mail to:

UUA  
ATTN: Youth and Young Adult Ministries  
24 Farnsworth Street  
Boston, MA 02210-1409

If you have any questions, challenges, or if you need to set up a payment plan, please contact Deborah at [dsanders@uua.org](mailto:dsanders@uua.org) or (617) 948-4355 and she'll be glad to help.

