



2021 Thematic Services Addressing Racism

As a UU Fellowship, we continue to recognize our need to reflect upon how we may inadvertently contribute to racism in our community and beyond. In June at the 2020 Lakeshore UU Fellowship Annual meeting, we formally endorsed the following, as our 8th Principle:

"We 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."

About the 8th Principle

The 8th Principle was created out of the recognition that the original 7 principles were not enough to directly address and dismantle individual, institutional or systemic racism in UU culture and beyond. Led by Paula Cole Jones, the 8th Principle Learning Community was formed in 2019 as a peer learning environment to support congregations in living out the 8th Principle. Endorsed by Black Lives of UU (BLUU) and Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM), the 8th Principle has so far been adopted by over 30 UU groups.

In order to assist us in our ongoing learning toward racial justice, the Service Planning Committee has set up a series of related services over the first three months of 2021 to create the opportunity to explore and discuss in-depth, different components of racism and white supremacy. Here is the schedule of services exploring components of the the 8th principle:

January 10 Sarah Urban	White Fragility
January 16 MLK Day	(we are scheduling a Joint Service)
February 7 Rev. Tony Larsen	Exploring the 8th Principle
February 14 LUV	Stories of Diversity
March 7 Rev Danny Givens	An Activist's perspective
March 28 Jim Neilson	An Arts Perspective on racism

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in this journey of learning!

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