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Diverse Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries



## UU PEOPLE OF COLOR GROUPS 2021 DIRECTORY

Dear Community,

One of the wonderful outcomes of community organizing is following the energy and opportunity that comes from building relationships and visioning together. DRUUMM has been engaging in deeper, more intentional conversations with UU Religious Professionals, congregations, and members over the last year as part of our Organizing Project. As we listened and took note of where UU Black, Indigenous, and People of Color were, we stepped back to recognize a new wave of UU BIPOC Groups forming.

The oldest continuous UU BIPOC Groups we've identified were founded in the 1990s when DRUUMM was forming, primarily by lay leaders who were seeking community, healing, and solidarity. Since then, over 40 groups have started up, over half in the last few years. While these groups have developed often in isolation, they articulate common values and visions that forge a shared journey. These groups also share several key characteristics - a welcoming place for new UU BIPOC, culturally responsive worship and faith formation, and healing from racism and oppression.

This Directory is our first effort to make more publicly accessible UU BIPOC Groups in the hopes of connecting more UU BIPOC together. These groups are independent of DRUUMM, as a more formal system of affiliation is still under consideration, and we believe there is value in knowing one another better. A special thanks to our DRUUMM Administrator, Dawn Robinson, for support in compiling and co-creating this directory. We are excited to be building with the facilitators and offering ways for leaders to share ideas, approaches and, support with one another. We hope you will share this with those who may be interested, and if you're aware of a group not listed, let us know.

With faith,

Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons  
Consulting Minister

Ayanna Kafi  
President

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## ARIZONA

**Un-Named Group (so far)****Contact:** Katie Resendiz**Year Founded:** 2019**Email:** KatieResendiz@phoenixuu.org**Phone:** (480)788-9363**Affiliation:** Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix**Geography:** Phoenix, AZ larger metro area (no public transportation to location)**Description:** As yet, undefined**Meetings:** We are in initial convening stages, have met 3 times in the past 6 months. Have met in evenings.**Membership:** 7-15 participants, age range 15-72 (majority 40-65), vast economic range, includes UU Professionals of Color, self-identify as- black, afro-latina, Navajo, Picuris, african american, chicana, japaneese american, Indian American, hispanic, Native, and Latina.**Geography:** Walnut Creek, CA Suburbs, SF East Bay**Description:** Our group began almost 2 years ago at the creation of Rev. Ranwa Hammamy. She wanted to have a space where people of color in the congregation could talk about their experiences, there visions, their needs. All this in an environment that felt safe and open.**Meetings:** We meet monthly, except for summer, at the church. We usually have 12 to sometimes 15 or 16 folks attend. We also have celebration dinners, like celebrating Rev. Leslie Takahashi's 10th year as our minister. Or when Rev Ranwa left to take her new position. Or when the Pacific Islander UUs came to the church. We had a wonderful people of color potluck. Good food, new friends.**Membership:** I will not pretend to be accurate with percentages. Our group is comprised of African-American, Asian, Native American, Latina/Latino, LGBTQ, 35 on our mailing list.

## CALIFORNIA

**First UU San Diego POCI Group****Contact:** Tania Marquez**Year Founded:** 2016**Email:** tania@firstuusandiego.org**Phone:** (619) 398-4433**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego**Geography:** San Diego, CA (Urban)**Description:** To offer a space for spiritual growth and exploration as well as of support for POCI individuals.**Meetings:** Monthly, 1st Thursday 6 pm at First UU Church of San Diego**Membership:** About 7, Black, Indigenous, Mexican, Latinx, Mixed.**MDUUC People of Color Gathering****Contact:** Linda Russell**Year Founded:** 2017**Email:** Irrusell55@gmail.com**Phone:** (925) 586-9022**Affiliation:** Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church**Mosaic****Contact:** Michael Lyde**Year Founded:** 2013**Email:** mikeuucb@gmail.com**Phone:** (562) 597-8445**Website/Social Media:** <https://www.uucb.org/>**Affiliation:** Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach**Geography:** Long Beach, CA; Coastal city with 500K+ residents.**Description:** Group has been dormant for 2 years. We are in the process of restarting the group.**Meetings:** TBD**Membership:** TBD**Neighborhood People of Color****Contact:** Christian Shu**Year Founded:** 2005**Email:** christinapshu@gmail.com**Phone:** (323) 717-7178**Affiliation:** Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church of Pasadena**Geography:** Pasadena, CA

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**Description:** Spiritual fellowship and support for POC within the congregation, in partnership with advocating for racial justice.

**Meetings:** Monthly, Sundays after worship, on church grounds

**Membership:** Ranges from 6-14 participants in attendance.

**People of Color Caucus; Mixed Race Caucus**

**Contact:** Donna Fujioka

**Year Founded:** POC Caucus 2015/Mixed Race 2018

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**Phone:** (510) 898-8036

**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Church of Oakland

**Geography:** Oakland, CA (East Bay)

**Description:** Provide a safe environment in which to explore and resist internalized racist oppression and how it has shaped our individual and collective lives.

**Meetings:** On 1st Sundays for Anti-Racism & Anti-Oppression after potluck with White Allies and others

**Membership:** Show up and sign up to be on email list. Approx. 8-12 regularly participate. 1/3 to 2/5 are Asian American incl. Pilipina/o. Next are African American, mixed race, Latinx, Native American.

**Salton Sea Mosaic**

**Contact:** Imari S. Nuyen-Kariotis

**Year Founded:** 2019

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**Phone:** (760) 234-1889

**Affiliation:** Not at this time

**Geography:** Salton City, CA

**Description:** To offer a space for spiritual growth and exploration as well as of support for POC individuals.

**Meetings:** Zoom gatherings 1st and sometimes the 3rd Thursdays of the month at 11:00AM (PST).

**Membership:** About 10-15 people

**UUCMP POC Group**

**Contact:** Patty Pai

**Year Founded:** 2021

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**Phone:** (650) 823-8556

**Affiliation:** Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

**Geography:** Monterey County, CA

**Description:** The UUCMP POC (People of Color) Group provides a framework of support and acknowledgment for members and friends of UUCMP who have lived experience as people of color. At our meetings, we gather as an intentional, accepting fellowship of POC UUs to explore and reflect on our individual experiences, intersectionality, and UUism.

**Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Saturdays at noon; 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7pm. Meetings online until they resume in person at UUCMP.

**Membership:** 3-6 participants: multiracial, Latinx, AAPI, and more.

**UUCOD BIOPOC (Black, Indigenous and Other People of Color)**

**Contact:** Sarita Gonzales

**Year Founded:** 2020

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**Phone:** (510) 427-2043

**Website/Social Media:**

<http://uucod.org/SocialGroups>;

[www.facebook.com/UUCOD](http://www.facebook.com/UUCOD)

**Affiliation:** Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert

**Geography:** Southern California Desert Region, Coachella Valley

**Description:** This group is for our members and friends who identify as Black, Indigenous and Other People of Color so that there is a safe space to hang out, have time for self-care and honest loving conversation. The group meets for spiritual practices that refill, renew, and support wholeness.

**Meetings:** Third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM PT except December

**Membership:** We have 12 people on our email list; Usual monthly attendance is 5-7.

**UU San Francisco POC**

**Contact:** Lori Lai

**Year Founded:** 2018

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**Phone:** (415) 577-6524

**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Francisco

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**Geography:** San Francisco, CA  
**Description:** Social/Networking with other UU churches  
**Meetings:** Potluck lunch at UUSF about once per quarter  
**Membership:** Maybe about 10-15 people

#### UUSF PoC Potluck

**Contact:** Kat Liu  
**Year Founded:** 2018  
**Email:** shaktinah@gmail.com  
**Phone:** (202) 486-6737  
**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco  
**Geography:** San Francisco, CA  
**Description:** As of now the main purpose is to gather as UUs of color in a social setting to provide support for one another.  
**Meetings:** We meet approximately quarterly at UUSF  
**Membership:** There are about 20 members and at least a dozen of us show up at any given time. We have members who identify as Black, Latinx, and A/PI.

## FLORIDA

#### South Florida UUPOCI Gathering

**Contact:** Cassandra Montenegro  
**Year Founded:** 2019  
**Email:** casmontenegro@gmail.com  
**Phone:** (305) 801-3968  
**Affiliation:** Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami; DRUUMM  
**Geography:** South Florida (based in Miami)  
**Description:** We are still working on this. Largely informal as of now.  
**Meetings:** Our first meeting was slated for late August, but then Hurricane Dorian arose, and we need to reschedule.  
**Membership:** Right now, we have 3 UUPOCI, representing black, brown, and indigenous UU and UU Affiliated peoples.

#### UUCT POC

**Contact:** Meagan Arrastia-Chisholm  
**Year Founded:** 2018  
**Email:** chisholm.mca@gmail.com

**Phone:** (407) 421-4058  
**Affiliation:** Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee  
**Geography:** Tallahassee, FL (North FL and South GA)  
**Description:** To provide a support system and hold up the voices of POC at UUCT.  
**Meetings:** We meet monthly at UUCT  
**Membership:** About 13 African American, Latinx, Asian, and other POC members

## GEORGIA

#### Abundant LUUV Congregation

**Contact:** Duncan Teague  
**Year Founded:** 2018  
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**Phone:** (404) 434-5719  
**Website/Social Media:** www.ALUUV.org, <https://www.facebook.com/ALUUV>  
**Affiliation:** Southeast UU Region  
**Geography:** West End Community, Atlanta, GA  
**Description:** We are an emerging UU congregation in the Black church tradition.  
**Meetings:** We worship weekly, information is at ALUUV.org  
**Membership:** We are open to all, leadership is 80% Black

#### Whitney Young Jr. Society

**Contact:** Christian Harden  
**Year Founded:** 2017  
**Email:** charden731@gmail.com  
**Phone:** (404) 886-3975  
**Affiliation:** Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta  
**Geography:** Atlanta, GA  
**Description:** The Whitney Young Jr. Society is a fellowship of African American members and friends working within UUCA to help it achieve its highest aspirations of being a beacon of anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multiculturalism for our faith, our city, and our world.  
**Meetings:** Once a month at UUCA, restaurant or a member's home.  
**Membership:** African Americans, African Dispora and Africans are members in the group

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and we have 15 members with about 10 active members.

#### HAWAII

##### Honolulu ADORE (A Dialogue on Race and Ethnicity)

**Contact:** Allison Jacobs

**Year Founded:** 2016

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**Phone:** (808) 260-3843

**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

**Geography:** Honolulu, HI

**Description:** This group is for members and friends of FUCH who identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color to have a safe environment for community and support.

**Meetings:** TBD

**Membership:** TBD

#### ILLINOIS

##### Unity Temple BIPOC Friends

**Contact:** Magane Koshimura

**Year Founded:** 2019

**Email:** bipocfriends@unitytemple.org

**Phone:** (708) 227-5859

**Affiliation:** Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation

**Geography:** Oak Park, IL (the western suburb of Chicago)

**Description:** Still in the process of identifying the goals (currently getting to know each other).

**Meetings:** We meet at Unity Temple Community Center.

**Membership:** Diverse racial backgrounds (African American, Latinx, Asian American and Bi-racial).

#### KANSAS

##### DRUUMM - Midwest Chapter

**Contact:** Patrice Gonzalez

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**Phone:** (913) 360-9291

##### Website/Social Media:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/277009970184806?tsid=0.13290085061539103&source=result>

**Affiliation:** Shawnee Mission Unitarian Universalist Church

**Geography:** Midwest, KS, MO, NE so far!

**Description:** Our purpose to have a space for UU BIPOC to have a safe and brave space to talk about our daily struggles and current events centered around our UU lifestyles.

**Meetings:** We meet weekly, Thursday evenings from 7 to 9pm

**Membership:** Multiple latines cultures, Native American, and black members that equal up to ten people.

##### UUFT POC

**Contact:** TBD (formerly Oshara Meesha)

**Year Founded:** 2019

**Email:** TBD

**Phone:** (785) 580-6387

**Website/Social Media:** N/A

**Affiliation:** Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Topeka

**Geography:** Mid America Region

**Description:** A POC group to encourage one another and do Social Justice Ministry

**Meetings:** Monthly

**Membership:** Black, Asian, Indian (at our fellowship)

#### MARYLAND

##### BIPOC Circle

**Contact:** Camille Loya

**Year Founded:** 2020

**Email:** camilledloya@gmail.com

**Phone:** (202) 821-3257

**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Church of Baltimore

**Geography:** Baltimore, MD

**Description:** Black, indigenous, and other people of color who come together for spiritual, educational, social and advocacy purposes and commitment to being voices in governance for the needs, concerns, and well-being of BIPOC members within the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore.

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**Meetings:** Weekly on Saturdays via Zoom  
**Membership:** Membership is open to all self-identified BIPOC members and friends of the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore.

**Cedar Lane POCI**

**Contact:** Ai-Ling Louie/Alison Moses

**Year Founded:** 2017

**Email:** ailing.louie@gmail.com

**Phone:** (301) 897-2786

**Affiliation:** Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethesda

**Geography:** Suburbs of DC

**Description:** POCI awareness

**Meetings:** Twice yearly, Fall and Winter for POCI speaker and lunch.

**POC Small Group Ministry**

**Contact:** Olga Pabon

**Year Founded:** 2019

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**Affiliation:** Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis

**Geography:** Annapolis Maryland Region

**Description:** An affinity group for POC, our goal is to connect spiritually.

**Meetings:** We meet virtually the third Wednesday of each month.

**Membership:** 15 members of African-American and Latinx descent.

**MASSACHUSETTS****First Parish People of Color Caucus**

**Contact:** Karin Lin

**Year Founded:** 2019

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**Phone:** 617-710-9581

**Website/Social Media:** TBD

**Affiliation:** First Parish UU in Cambridge

**Geography:** Cambridge, MA

**Description:** Build community, support each other

**Meetings:** Bimonthly soon to be monthly, after church

**Membership:** 5-6. African American / Black (including minister), Asian, Native

**MICHIGAN****BLUU at UUA**

**Contact:** Quiana Perkins

**Year Founded:** 2019

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**Phone:** (734) 665-6158 x 113

**Website/Social Media:**

<http://www.uuaa.org/index.php>

**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor

**Geography:** Ann Arbor MI

**Description:** Black congregants of UUA meet to watch worship service; to be in fellowship and community; to support each other as Black UU's

**Meetings:** Once Sunday a month from 3:45-6:00 with possible community meals afterward

**Membership:** Anyone who identifies as BLACK is able to attend

**POC of UUA**

**Contact:** Quiana Perkins

**Year Founded:** 2019

**Email:** quiana@uuaa.org

**Phone:** (734) 665-6158 X113

**Website/Social Media:**

<http://www.uuaa.org/index.php>

**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor

**Geography:** Ann Arbor MI

**Description:** To support POC members of the UUA Congregation

**Meetings:** Once a month/ Sunday after service- we will gather to discuss the unique perspective of POC UU people, ways we can support each other and engage in community actions as they present

**Membership:** The space is open to all those who identify as a person of color; we expect about 3-5 people per meeting

**MINNESOTA****Circle for People of Color and Indigenous People (POCI)**

**Contact:** Michael Dotson

**Year Founded:** 2012

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**Phone:** (612) 419-4260

**Affiliation:** First Universalist Church of Minneapolis

**Geography:** Minneapolis/Saint Paul Metropolitan Area

**Description:** 1. To experience fellowship in our religious community of UUs... 2. To seek the truth in love... 3. To explore and understand each other's truths... 4. To share communication of interest to us.

**Meetings:** We meet monthly at First U of Minneapolis

**Membership:** About 8 - 10 people attend each meeting; African American, Native American, Korean American, Pakistani American, Mexican American, Bi-racial American

### NEW JERSEY

**Beacon PoC**

**Contact:** Tuli Patel

**Year Founded:** 2019

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**Phone:** (908) 273-3245

**Website/Social Media:** www.summitbeacon.org

**Affiliation:** Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Summit

**Geography:** New Jersey, North East USA

**Description:** Not ready yet

**Meetings:** First meeting is this month

**Membership:** 30+ have been invited

**DRUUMM**

**Contact:** Lily Rappaport

**Year Founded:** N/A

**Email:** lilrapp@gmail.com

**Phone:** (516) 322-4221

**Affiliation:** The Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair

**Geography:** Metro NY/NJ

**Description:** connection, sharing, learning

**Meetings:** On 6/1/19 I attended a meeting Community Church NY led by Hope & Janice Marie Johnson

**Membership:** Approx. 20 people from the community

### NEW MEXICO

**People of Color (POC)**

**Contact:** Jane Davis

**Year Founded:** 2018

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**Phone:** (262) 220-1975

**Website/Social Media:** www.uuabq.org

**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque

**Geography:** Albuquerque, NM

**Description:** The vision is that First Unitarian Church becomes known, both inside the church walls and out, as a place that is welcoming to people of color and as an ally in the struggle against racism.

**Meetings:** First and Third Wednesdays 6:30-8 MST

**Membership:** 8-10 people: Black, Native, Latinx, Asian

### NORTH CAROLINA

**ERUUF People of Color Group**

**Contact:** Christopher Macon/Naa Adom

**Year Founded:** 2016

**Email:** chris@major7online.com

**Phone:** (919) 638-5408

**Affiliation:** Eno River Unitarian Universalist Church

**Geography:** Durham, NC

**Description:** To provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space to support and share for all ERUUF people of color.

**Meetings:** Once a month at Eno River UU Fellowship

**Membership:** 22 members, 10 regularly participating members, majority African American

### OHIO

**Da' Group**

**Contact:** Ndidi Achebe

**Year Founded:** 2018

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**Affiliation:** Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

**Geography:** Midwest - Dayton, OH

**Description:** We haven't gotten that "formal" yet.

**Meetings:** We usually meet once a month at the Fellowship however we often will decide if we want to go elsewhere once we're all there.

**Membership:** Currently we have a total of 7 members 6 who identify as Black and one who identifies as being of mixed heritage of a Black and a white parent. Considering the number of POC in our congregation 7 is a huge number.

## OREGON

### Beloved BIPOC Affinity Group

**Contact:** Lia Nagase & Saranna Weller-Filz

**Year Founded:** 2019

**Email:** BelovedBIPOC@gmail.com

**Phone:** (503) 764-8344

**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Church of Portland

**Geography:** Portland, OR and surrounding areas

**Description:** Connection and community.

**Meetings:** Twice a month online.

**Membership:** We average about 7-9 people per meeting, with a mailing list of about 35.

### Beloved Community of Color

**Contact:** Lia Nagase

**Year Founded:** 2020

**Email:** belovedcommunityofcolor@gmail.com

**Phone:** (503) 764-8344

**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Church of Portland

**Geography:** Portland, OR

**Description:** A place for people of color (UUs and friends) to build community, support each other, and nourish ourselves and each other spiritually.

**Meetings:** In pandemic times, we meet twice a month (one weekday evening and one Saturday morning) over Zoom. We will someday resume in-person gatherings too at First Unitarian Portland.

**Membership:** We regularly have 6-10 people at each meeting and have a mailing list of about

35. We have a mix of racial identities: Black, Asian, Latinx/Latiné, mixed race.

## PENNSYLVANIA

### POC Family Gatherings with 1st U Pittsburgh

**Contact:** Erica Shadowsong

**Year Founded:** 2019

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**Phone:** (412) 621-8008

**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Cluster

**Geography:** City, metropolitan (but not very large compared to others)

**Description:** For now, just getting these families together. Many of them have mixed racial identities. The purpose is to provide a sense of community and support and aid a sense of belonging in Unitarian Universalism. Also to celebrate identity.

**Meetings:** We are going to meet monthly. Our first meet was at someone's house. We may rotate houses or meet at the church. My guess is a combination of both.

**Membership:** We had about 7 families participate, all with mixed racial identities either in marriage or between children and parents. A number of others were invited who did not come, but they knew about it, and will continue to be invited. This includes a local minister who is a frequent guest speaker at our congregation, and some young adults.

## TEXAS

### UU People of Color Group

**Contact:** Sol Thomas

**Year Founded:** 2020

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**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston

**Geography:** Museum District, Houston, Texas

**Description:** To create dialogue around issues affecting people of color within UU, spirituality, and religions

**Meetings:** We will be meeting Monday's

**Membership:** We will be promoting this soon.

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#### **DRUUMM San Antonio Group**

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**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Antonio

**Geography:** San Antonio, TX

**Description:** Our purpose is to support UUs of color in our congregation as we grow in leadership while promoting welcoming and sustaining practices and culturally relevant and respectful worship.

**Meetings:** We meet quarterly, usually at a restaurant after service.

**Membership:** Currently about 10 people, mostly Latinx.

#### **Wildflowers of the Global Majority Affinity Circle**

**Contact:** Michelle Venegas-Matula

**Year Founded:** 2017

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**Phone:** (832) 754-8689

**Website/Social Media:** wildflowerchurch.org

**Affiliation:** Wildflower Church: A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

**Geography:** Austin, TX (Central TX)

**Description:** For People of the Global Majority/BIPOC to have a space of support and solidarity as we move through our journey as UUs and through the world at large.

**Meetings:** Meet quarterly on Zoom during the pandemic, at Wildflower Church when in person; Several of us share facilitator/lead roles, wasn't sure how to indicate that.

**Membership:** 5-10, Black, Indigenous, Latinx, South Asian, East Asian.

## VIRGINIA

#### **Black Unitarian Universalists (BLUU) of Richmond, Virginia**

**Contact:** Deborah Coleman

**Year Founded:** 2019

**Email:** coldeborah@gmail.com

**Phone:** (804) 796-1474

**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Universalist of Richmond

**Geography:** Richmond, Virginia serving Richmond and surrounding counties

**Description:** To provide safe space for growing and strengthening the black members of Unitarian Universalist, their families and friends in the Richmond Metro area and surrounding counties

**Meetings:** Monthly at various locations

**Membership:** We have around 25 members of the group, and we are Black

## WASHINGTON

#### **WSUU BIPOC UU Coffee Hour Connect**

**Contact:** Leilani Davenberry

**Year Founded:** 2021

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**Website/Social Media:**

<https://www.facebook.com/wsuu.westseattle>

**Affiliation:** Westside Unitarian Universalist Congregation

**Geography:** Seattle, WA

**Description:** Black, Indigenous, and People of Color UUs are invited to after-service coffee-hour on the first Sunday of every month. In BIPOC-only space, learn and share about resources & events and build connections. Let's speak and hold each other in togetherness.

**Meetings:** WSUU zoom meetings are virtual and BIPOC UU's are welcome.

**Membership:** Attendance 8-12 people average and all BIPOCs.

## WISCONSIN

#### **Pollinate (BIPoC)**

**Contact:** p. poet

**Year Founded:** 2015

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**Phone:** (920) 224-3006

**Affiliation:** Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

**Geography:** Appleton, WI

**Description:** Community and activism

**Meetings:** As needed; been on a break with the pandemic.

**Membership:** We have 12 people on our email list and 5-6 active members. our co-leaders consist of 1 black, 3 Asian (1 Pinay, 1 Pinay/Japanese).

## UU BIPOC GROUPS 2021 DIRECTORY

## CANADA – VANCOUVER

## UBIPOC

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**Geography:** Vancouver is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city in Canada, situated on the West Coast. The population of the greater Vancouver area is approximately 2.6 million, with a large Asian population.

**Description:** We want to build a BIPOC community within our UU congregations and provide a place of support, socializing, networking and education.

**Meetings:** Twice a month. We meet online and have yet to meet in person.

**Membership:** 12 people from 3 different congregations. Black, biracial, Latina, Metis, Japanese Canadian, Chinese Canadian, immigrants and Canadian born, gay and straight—no two have the same background!