

UUAA Annual Report

Team: Black Congregants of UUAA (BC@UUAA) (*formally BLUU at UUAA*)

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Team Description: In addition to being a supportive space for Black UU's, the group will also initiate and support collaborative social actions. This group meets twice a month (business meetings, BLUU Worship watch events).

Lay leaders: Constance Dickinson and J. Johnson

HIGHLIGHTS May 1 2019- April 30 2020:

- Black Congregants at UUAA (BC@UUAA) officially became a UUAA group in this program year. The group was developed after Black congregants expressed a desire to meet for more than BLUU Worship Services. Becoming an official group, allows the BC@UUAA access to church resources and supports that will help them grow and become sustainable.
- Oct 2019 Participation in the congregation wide Spiritual and Social Connections Open House. BC@UUAA shared a table with the POC Gatherings and Multicultural Outreach.
- Oct/ Nov- Constance Dickenson and Quiana Perkins attended the Black Lives of UU Jordan Harper Symposium in Minneapolis. The Symposium focused on Black liberation theological while also giving participants opportunities to create and cultivate community.
- Dec 2019- In partnership with POC Gatherings and Multicultural Outreach, BC@UUAA, hosted a Family Holiday Party at UUAA, we had over 30 people in attendance and a request to hold the event again in the Summer.
- Dec/ Jan 2019- BC@UUAA celebrated Kwanzaa by sharing essays on each Kwanzaa principles over the course of the seven-day celebration- sharing them on webpage and Facebook. This was one of the first intentional and visible celebrations of Kwanzaa the community has experienced in many years. This campaign included sharing's from Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout- Director of Music and Worship, Quiana Perkins and other Black Congregants

COVID-19

In response to COVID-19, BC@UUAA In partnership with POC Gatherings and Multicultural Outreach, are hosting bi monthly zoom calls.

FUTURE:

After we resume in person meetings, we will continue to meet twice a month: once online for connection and one in person business meeting. This time will be spent adding layers of structure and governance, and discussing the best ways to engage the larger UUAA Community and event planning.