

## **UUAA Annual Report**

**Team:** POC Gatherings

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Please note that this is the first year POC Gathering has existed and their first annual report.

**Team Description:** The purpose of the group is to be a brave and supportive space for UU POCs to share their unique perspectives through conversation and community building. The group is also committed to be in active partnerships that support the work of this congregation.

**Lay Leader:** E. Camu Kramp

### **HIGHLIGHTS May 1 2019- April 30 2020:**

- POC Gatherings was created to meet the needs of those who do not identify as Black or White; whose identity and experience is that of a person of color. This includes those who identify as Asian, Indian, Middle Eastern, Latino and Indigenous people etc. Their unique intersection of experiences needs their own space to grow and thrive.
- Oct 2019 participation in the congregation wide Spiritual and Social Connections Open House. POC Gatherings shared a table with the Black Congregants of UUAA (BC@UUAA) and Multicultural Outreach.
- Dec 2019- In partnership with Black Congregants @ UAA and Multicultural Outreach, 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.

### **COVID-19**

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

### **FUTURE:**

After we resume in person meetings, Quiana will work with the POC Gathering community to take the steps of becoming an officially recognized UUAA group. 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.