

Multicultural Outreach & Black Congregants at UUAA & People of Color (POC) Gatherings

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Multicultural Outreach (MCO) at UUAA centers the voices, needs, and spiritual growth of Black, Indigenous, People of Color. This ministry stands at the intersection of welcoming + racial justice + social justice.

The two subgroups that fall under MCO are Black Congregants at UUAA and POC Gatherings.

HIGHLIGHTS May 1, 2020- April 30, 2021:

- BC at UUAA + POC Gatherings has several small online zoom-based gatherings from June 2020-March 2021 with sporadic attendance.
- After a call for lay leadership; Vanessa Marr stepped in the role in Dec 2020.
- Black History Walks 2021; working on the collaborative community team, MCO represented by Vanessa Marr, co lead Black History Walks and discussions. The overall event was a success reaching about 40 UUAA members.
- In March 2021, Vanessa stepped down as lay leader due to other life commitments
- Citing the lack of attendance and lay leadership; BC at UUAA and POC Gatherings are on hiatus status until the Fall. At that time, another open meeting and call for lay leadership will be held.

COVID-19

In response to COVID-19, Multicultural Outreach is hosting bi monthly zoom calls attended by members of both POC gatherings and Black Congregants @UUAA.

FUTURE: Citing the lack of attendance and lay leadership; BC at UUAA and POC Gatherings are on hiatus status until the Fall. At that time, another open meeting and call for lay leadership will be held. If a Black or POC person is seeking information or support from UUAA while the group is in hiatus, QDP will respond.