

## ***JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS SUNDAY***

“Racial and cultural diversity will, I pray, come to Unitarian Universalism. But it will come as we become known as a faith community that strives to live our open hearted theology, and a faith community that is willing to be an ally in the struggle for justice.”

—William G. Sinkford, President, Unitarian Universalist Association, General Assembly Fort Worth, TX (June 2005)

The Unitarian Universalist Association encourages congregations to focus on multiracial and multicultural transformation as we work together to build an Association of Congregations that is racially and culturally inclusive.

As we live the Beloved Community, we are called to examine ourselves, our congregations, our communities, and beyond. This examination encompasses an understanding of our individual and collective history and possible next steps to take as we move along on the Journey Toward Wholeness. It involves learning more about institutional and cultural racism, as well as white identity and privilege. Through this process we learn more about ourselves, our congregations, and other institutions of which we are a part.

The **Journey Toward Wholeness Sunday** program lifts up an antiracism worship, education, stewardship, and action Sunday, providing resources to support congregations on the path to dismantle racism and oppression as we move closer to the wholeness we yearn for.

- *Worship* plays a key role in the JTW Sunday experience and helps to reinforce that antiracism and multicultural work is, at its essence, spiritual work.
- *Education* is a lifelong process and this component invites special age-appropriate learning into the congregational community regarding the issues of racism for students of all ages.
- *Stewardship* helps support antiracism, anti-oppression programming for the congregation and association. By honoring the stewardship piece of JTW Sunday congregations deepen their commitment to this work.
- *Action* flows from an energized Sunday experience that can lead to next steps along the antiracism, anti-oppression, multicultural path.

Making **Journey Toward Wholeness Sunday** a part of the worship calendar, ministers and lay leaders provide congregations with an outstanding opportunity to learn, to grow, and to transform into inclusively excellent faith communities. The money collected shared three ways with 1/3 going to the congregation, 1/3 going to the congregational ARAO Transformation Team or Social Responsibility Committee, and 1/3 to the UUA. Many thanks for your consideration and support of antiracism and anti-oppression in your congregation and communities.

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