NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT (NNED)
OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

Fall 2017

Dear Northern New England District congregations,

At the Annual Meeting of the Northern New England District this spring, the delegates from our district congregations voted to donate $100,000 to Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU). The funds will help BLUU provide support, information, and resources for Black UUs. We have sent BLUU that $100,000 check.

Delegates also voted that our District **match *up to $100,000 more* for every additional dollar our Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont churches donate** to BLUU over the next two years.

In addition, an anonymous donor to the UUA has pledged $1 million in matching funds for all congregations that meet a threshold of donating at least $10 per member to support BLUU. This means that churches in our district that meet this $10 per member criteria will have their gifts matched so that each dollar results in a total $3 to BLUU.

The UUA asks congregations to designate a Sunday between November 12, 2017 and February 4, 2018 to take a special collection for BLUU.

If you wish, you may use a donation form available on the UUA website: giving.uua.org/bluu-promise. Please indicate **BLUU** or **Promise and Practice** in the memo line of your check. Our district **WILL** match donations from our NNED congregations, but we ask you to send your checks to directly the UUA and they will report the information to the district office for our match. The UUA address is:

Unitarian Universalist Association, Attn. Gift Processing, 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210

Donations to BLUU are *one* part of our process to engage in the work of combating racism and white supremacy, but it is not all we must do. We agree we must do more to educate ourselves about these issues.

Below (on the back of this letter) you will find suggested resources for you and your congregation.

If you encounter challenges or obstacles as you approach this important topic, we invite you to contact Meck Groot, who specializes in Justice Ministries for our New England Region: email her – mgroot@uua.org or call her – 617-948-6414.

We are grateful to you for your energy and generosity and look forward to continuing to learn with you as together we commit to dismantling white supremacy, and amending a long broken promise to the Black Lives within our Association.

On behalf of the NNED Board, I am yours in faith and service,

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