

Beloved Conversations is a small group anti-racism curriculum developed at Meadville Lombard which has been used by hundreds of UU's, including three cohorts at 2U. It begins with a Friday night/all-day Saturday retreat, and then eight 2-hour sessions. Dates are set for "BC4" and registration is open! The retreat will be October 4-5. The eight 2-hour sessions will be on Sundays after service, starting October 20 and going roughly every other week until February 1 (see details below).

2U member Rev. Darrick Jackson writes, "Beloved Conversations has proven to be transformative for congregations engaging issues around race and ethnicity. It engages people to discuss racism in ways that allow them to move forward and change themselves, and their communities. It comes from a spiritual place, so that you can remember that this is sacred work. I hope that 2U members participate in this program. It will help us be the strong, antiracist faith community that is so needed in this time."

The retreat will begin Friday evening, October 4, and then be all day on Saturday, October 5. Attendance is mandatory in order to begin learning together. The location is still being finalized, but will be at a Chicagoland UU church and carpooling will be organized. The Sunday sessions will be at 2U, on Oct. 20, Nov. 3 and 17, Dec. 1 and 15, Jan. 5 and 19, and Feb. 2. Participants should plan on missing no more than one of these sessions.

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