

# Beloved Conversations VIRTUAL

for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color

**GATHERING OUR SELVES**

for White People

**UN/LEARNING FOR LIBERATION**

**Beloved Conversations**—the signature offering of The Fahs Collaborative at Meadville Lombard Theological School—is a program for Unitarian Universalists seeking to embody racial justice as a spiritual practice. In Beloved Conversations, we are here to heal the impact of racism on our lives, in order to get free together.

## WITHIN

### *Individual Registration, open to all*

The first phase of our program focuses on the internal spiritual work and individual un/learning that each of us needs to do as we engage in explorations of race and our work for racial justice. This learning is different for white folks and for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and we offer two separate programs to meet those needs:

- Gathering Our Selves for BIPOC participants
- Un/Learning for Liberation for white participants

Both *Within* programs involve opportunities for individual, self-paced learning, relationship building in small groups, and large group worship and fellowship. Our Fall and Spring Terms contain different content—participants can sign up for one or both and may begin in Spring or Fall. *Within* is open to any adult who wants to join, regardless of connection to or participation in a Unitarian Universalist congregation. Registration for the Fall Term is August 1–31, 2023 and the Fall Term will run from mid-September through early December. Registration for the Spring Term will run from mid-March through early June.

## AMONG

### *Launched Fall 2021, for congregations whose members have participated in Within*

In this second phase of our program, we take our learnings from *Within* and focus them on institutional change in our congregations. In *Among*, participants work with a dedicated coach and a core group of up to 20 *Within* alums from their congregation to:

- better understand the ways dominant white culture is woven into the congregation's systems
- explore possibilities for change in up to two chosen areas of congregational life
- learn from examples of others who have made bold changes
- center the spiritual needs and voices of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)
- create a plan for change that fits the congregation and context

We are excited to work with congregations who are looking to transform! With that aim in mind, congregations applying to the program must have a demonstrated commitment to anti-racism, a majority of lay and professional leadership who have taken at least one term of *Within*, and can point to ways their congregation has been accepting of change.

*Congregational applications for Among for the 2024–2026 cohort will open in March 2024. In the meantime, you can learn more about Within and Among and review a copy of the Among application on our website at [www.meadville.edu/beloved](http://www.meadville.edu/beloved) or by emailing [belovedconversations@meadville.edu](mailto:belovedconversations@meadville.edu)*

## WITHIN Pre-Registration

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