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DRUUMM ELECTIONS



As a community ministry, we uphold a democratic process where members elect our leadership. DRUUMM holds elections each year to vote on members to serve on our Steering Committee, our highest governing body. Per our bylaws, a nominating committee was formed and candidates have been proposed for the vacant positions. We are grateful to Ayanna Kafi and Rhiannon Smith for their diligent work.

Voting opens on Tuesday, June 22nd at 8:00 AM Eastern and closes Friday, June 25th at 5:00 PM Eastern. Members can vote via a unique poll that will be sent to your email address on file. You can also login to our member portal at druumm.wildapricot.org and cast your vote there. If you have not received or cannot access your member ballot, please contact our DRUUMM Administrator at dawn.druumm@gmail.com.

The following members have graciously agreed to serve and the DRUUMM Nominating Committee recommends your vote in support. Members are also permitted to write-in candidates.



Candidate for Co-Vice President: Dandelion Prinsloo (they/them)

Two-year term 2021-2023



Dandelion Prinsloo (they/them) is a second generation Maasai-American living in Atlanta, Georgia. Dandelion is currently attending a Master's program in Resilient and Sustainable Communities at Prescott College; they are a survivor of many stories, and hope to transform our global narratives around environmental justice through the education of young minds. They thank their faith and community for supporting and guiding them through their journey of self discovery, development and acceptance as a Black and Indigenous trans person, academic and leader. Dandelion enjoys performing Improv with their friends, their cats, Cactus and Captain Jean-Luc Picard, and swinging as high as they can on swing sets.

Candidate for Secretary: Sangye Hawke

Two-year term (2021-2023)



Sangye received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of California at Berkeley in Linguistics and completed a Master of Divinity in December of 2020 from Starr King School for the Ministry in Oakland. Married for forty years, Sangye is the mother of two adult daughters and continues their twenty-six year-long practice with Karma Kagyu Buddhism. In April 2021, Sangye was welcomed into Pre-Fellowship by Unitarian Universalist Association's Ministerial Fellowship Committee and will be ordained in Late August. Sangye is an active member in both the Native (Indigenous) and Asian Pacific Islander Caucuses of the Diverse & Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM) chapter of the UUA. Sangye is also a member of the UU Religious Professionals of Color, Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association-BIPOC Chapter, UU Buddhist Fellowship, and co-host of "Mindful Meditation Moments", a weekly Jewish

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/Buddhist meditation course in Davis with Rabbi Seth Castleman, a student of Jack Kornfield. Sangye will be ordained in August by their internship congregation and the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento and shortly afterwards will begin as a chaplain resident at UC Davis Medical Center in September. however has work dedicated alongside young adults, adults, and all between all ages of life. Youth Midwest Leadership School (YMWLS) & Thrive Youth are the most recent partnerships Noel has collaborated with. What sets Noel apart is that she is 11 years post-op from a spinal fusion surgery she had in her teens. She is grateful for the encouraging support system she has in place which allows her to keep reaching for her goals. Noel is excited to continue the role as Outreach Coordinator.



Candidate for Outreach Co-Coordinator: Noel Burke (she/her)

Three-year term (2021-2024)

Noel Burke currently serves on the steering committee as the Outreach Coordinator. Noel plans to continue her service in the same role.

Noel is a member of her home congregation, Eliot Unitarian Chapel, in Kirkwood, MO. Very prominent in the MidAmerica Region Noel has also served in several capacities on other leadership teams working alongside youth specifically however has work dedicated alongside young adults, adults, and all between all ages of life. Youth Midwest Leadership School (YMWLS) & Thrive Youth are the most recent partnerships Noel has collaborated with. What sets Noel apart is that she is 11 years post-op from a spinal fusion surgery she had in her teens. She is grateful for the encouraging support system she has in place which allows her to keep reaching for her goals. Noel is excited to continue the role as Outreach Coordinator.



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Candidate for Outreach Co-Coordinator: Paul Niyonizigiye (he/him)

Three-year term (2021-2024)

My name Paul Niyonizigiye born and raised in Burundi, I have dual citizen (US and Burundi) and educated at the University of Burundi. I worked as a teacher and principal in high school in Burundi. My roles in Burundi I consulted with parents regarding the progress and behavior of their children to assist in their success; marketed the school and recruited teachers and students for each school year; produced marketing events, developed written materials and presentations, held one on one meetings, and led school tours.

I have been living in Portland, Maine since 2011. I was a former member and treasurer of the Burundi Unitarian Church. I have been attending the Allen Avenue UU Church since 2014, and I have many friends who are Unitarians, some of them offered support in many, the 7 Principles of UU are my guides and values in researching the real truth in this world.

I attended many gathering and meeting such as : ICUU in 2012 New York ; 2016 in Netherland; UUA General assembly in Kansas; and DRUUMM annual retreat in San Antonio Texas 2018 , in these meeting I find out that my People of Color and indigenous are there and recognized me that I am part of the group , I am just excited to be part of DRUUMM team as Outreach-Coordinator and I look forward to accomplish the mission and vision of DRUUMM for POC in the local, regional and international as contribution.



Spiritual Odyssey with Michelle Bentley

A DRUUMM member-only event

Thursday, September 30th, 2021
8:00 PM Eastern / 5:00 PM Pacific
RSVP:

<https://druumm.wildapricot.org/event-4352247>

DRUUMM VILLAGE VIRTUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 21-27, 2021



DRUUMM Village is our collection of worship, workshops, and special events for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly.

To Register for the 2021 DRUUMM Village: <https://2021druummvillage.eventbrite.com>

For more information:

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Schedule of Events

Monday, June 21, 2021 (All times Eastern)

4:00 PM-5:00 PM DRUUMM Village Live Q & A

8:00 PM-9:30 PM Solstice Gathering

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 (All times Eastern)

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM DRUUMM Elders Conversation

Connect with DRUUMM elders to learn more about the history of People of Color in Unitarian Universalism, collectively explore the implications and possibilities in our community's resilience, and build a deeper multi-generational community through conversation. Hosted by the DRUUMM Steering Committee & facilitated by Dr. Jannice Marie Johnson.

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM DRUUMM Village Live Q & A

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (All times Eastern)

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM DRUUMM Opening Ceremony

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM DRUUMM Village Networking & Caucus Space

Black, Indigenous & People of Color will share space in celebration of People of Color's identities, the positive gifts of family, ancestry, ethnicity, legacy, pain, loss, and history. We shall start off as a large group and breakout into identity caucus space as capacity allows.

Meet us in DRUUMM Village!

Objective: To create a safe and brave space where people can express their fears, pain, and hopes without bystanders, so when they re-enter mixed identity spaces it will be with greater self-awareness, less self-judgment, and stronger confidence.

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM OPEN MIC NIGHT

This Open Mic Night is dedicated to those who identify as Black, Indigenous, or as people of color (BIPOC). This evening is a collective that seeks to uplift and center voices from the BIPOC community.

Although open mics are traditionally a poetry scene, we are committed to opening the mic to all forms of art that racialized folks are producing. If your art is poetry, music, writing, oral traditions, or if you want to plug art you're creating we welcome you.

Thursday, June 24, 2021 (All times Eastern)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM DRUUMM Village Networking & Caucus Space

1:30 PM-2:30 PM BIPOC Unitarian Universalist Oral History Project Q&A

A space for the BIPOC Unitarian Universalist Oral History Overview drop-in/visit and to get more information on the project, set a time to be interviewed, volunteer some time to this project, etc.

8:30 PM-9:30 PM Queer POC Night out

Rev. Michael Crumpler hosting.

Friday, June 25, 2021 (All times Eastern)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM DRUUMM Village Networking & Caucus Space

8:00 PM-9:00 PM Vespers Gathering

Please enter into an intentional spirit of reverence and reflection with us at our Vespers Service

Saturday, June 26, 2021 (All times Eastern)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM DRUUMM Village Networking & Caucus Space

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM DRUUMM Annual Meeting

Please attend the DRUUMM Business Meeting. The Steering Committee will share our annual report with the membership. Steering Committee election results will be announced during this meeting. This is a perfect opportunity to renew your memberships. Celebrate your DRUUMM community! Hosted by the DRUUMM Steering Committee.

6:00 PM- 7:00 PM Talk Back Session for Imani Ritual: Expanding Our CommUUnity Through Faithful Practice

Sunday, June 27, 2021

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM BIPOC Drop-in Space

4:00 PM -4:45 PM DRUUMM Closing Ceremony – DRUUMM Chaplains, & newly ordained BIPOC Ministers

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NOTATIONS

- The next DRUUMM Member Orientation will be Tuesday, July 6th at 7pm Eastern.
- DRUUMM will be hosting a new series of Elder Spiritual Odyssey's, connecting our living ancestor's across the generations. If you have someone you'd like to nominate to share their faith journey as a BIPOC UU, let us know!
- The UUA announced a re-alignment of justice-making ministries under the banner of Side with Love.
- Elandria "E" Williams received the UUA Distinguished Service Award posthumously.
- DRUUMM's Facebook The Gathering Place, our private group for members, has grown to 411.
- The 2021 DRUUMM-BIPOC local groups directory is now available.



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