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MINISTRY DAYS & GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SPOKANE

Welcome to Spokane, ancestral homelands of the Spokan or Spokane Native American peoples who inhabited the areas of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. The Spokane language is a part of the Salishan language family that was spoken throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The current Spokane Indian Reservation is located in northeastern Washington, centered at Wellpinit about an hour from here. We honor this place and continuously seek to acknowledge that we minister and live on stolen lands, and ask for permission and forgiveness as we strive to be in authentic relationships.

DRUUMM has worked for a generation in calling for the UUA and UUMA to be mindful of our place and to work for reconciliation and healing as part of our Journey Towards Wholeness for anti-racism, anti-oppression and multiculturalism. Rev. Dr. Bill Sinkford, former UUA President and a founding member of DRUUMM offered to the Ute people at our GA in Salt Lake City, "What I believe is that reconciliation begins with truth-telling, with knowing and telling the stories. Reconciliation begins with confession on both sides. And so, to the Ute people, the Unitarian

Universalist Association of Congregations offers our heartfelt apology. We participated, however ineptly, in the process that stole your land and forced a foreign way of life on you...We ask for your forgiveness and we promise to stand with you as you chart your way forward."

There will be amazing opportunities throughout this week in Spokane to connect with UU People of Color. We will be leading worship, the business plenaries, hosting workshops and facilitating small group meetings. We hope you will connect with DRUUMM, drop by our booth, join or renew your membership for 2019-2020.

Your support matters as we prepare to grow our organization. Check out our special session on Re-Imagining DRUUMM on Thursday at 1:30pm in our DRUUMM Room 303 of the Convention Center.

May we continue to carry the words and spirit of relationship and reconciliation forward as we build with locally and globally our UU faith and community.

EMBRACING THE CRACKS AND THE GOLD



The Rev. Leslie Takahashi, former DRUUMM President and Lead Minister of the Mt Diablo UU Church

in Walnut Creek CA is this years esteemed Berry Street keynote speaker. On Wednesday June 19th at 2:00pm in the Davenport Grand, she will deliver her address "Truth, Trauma and Transformation: Embracing the Cracks and the Gold" before the members of the UU Ministers Association and guests. Rev. Sofia Betancourt will deliver the response. Rev. Takahashi who is bi-racial Japanese American, came into Unitarian Universalism as a young adult in North Carolina and credits the faith with saving her life.

Unitarianism was her family religion on her mother's side—and she was raised unchurched. She is the co-author, with Rev. Chip Rouch and Dr. Leon Spencer of *The Arc of the Universe is Long: Race and the UUA*, published by Skinner House, a comprehensive overview of our denomination's anti-racism and anti-oppression efforts since the 1990s.

Rev. Takahashi is also currently Chair of the Commission on Institutional Change and on the faculty of Meadville Lombard Theological School where she is also a graduate. She is the grateful parent of Garner Takahashi Morris and Liam Takahashi and mother to canine trauma-survivors Crystal and Ferdinand.

ANNUAL MEETING: THURSDAY 5:30PM

PEOPLE OF COLOR CAUCUS MEETINGS

One way to connect with DRUUMM is through our caucus and affinity groups. These are one way to connect more intentionally with members in more culturally specific communities. These are co-led by DRUUMM member-leaders, and will be held in the DRUUMM Room 303 in the Spokane Convention Center. For more information please drop by the DRUUMM Booth in the convention hall.

Wednesday 3 - 5 p.m. ~~~ Indigenous
 Thursday 10 a.m. - noon ~~~ Pagans of Colour
 Thursday 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ~~~ S.W.A.N.A. (South West Asian and North African)
 Friday 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ~~~ Latinx
 Friday 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ~~~ African-American/Black
 Friday 4 - 6 p.m. ~~~ Indigenous
 Saturday 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ~~~ A.P.I.C.
 Saturday 4 - 6 p.m. ~~~ Mixed Ethnicity



**"I WAS REMINDED THAT THE PURPOSE I SEEK IS FINDING ME."
 - PAKOU HER**

Get your DRUUMM GA Program at our Booth in the Exhibition Hall, and visit our DRUUMM Room 303AB in the Convention Center



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DRUUMM Presents
THE POWER OF US
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

Wednesday, June 19
 Navigating GA as People of Color (2pm - 3pm)
Facilitators: Kia Bordner & Ben Gabel
 Theology of Survivorship - Teach-In with J Mase III (5pm - 6:30pm)
DRUUMM invites our white Trans/Non-Binary/Gender Queer Siblings to join
Facilitators: J Mase III
 Ingathering Worship with J Mase III (8:30pm - 9:30pm)
Facilitators: J Mase III

Thursday, June 20
 Re-Imagining DRUUMM (Workshop 1: 1:30pm-2:30pm)
Facilitators: Rev. Ranwa Hammamy, Sana Saeed, and members of the DRUUMM Steering Committee
 UU People of Color Chronicles (Workshop 2: 3pm - 4pm)
Facilitator: Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons
 Intergenerational Circle Conversations (Workshop 3: 4:30pm - 5:30pm)
Facilitators: DRUUMM Steering Committee & Elders
 DRUUMM Annual Meeting (5:30pm - 6:30pm)
 Vespers (8:30pm - 9pm)

Friday, June 21
 Pre Ware Lecture Reception (6pm - 7:15pm)
Facilitators: Kia Bordner & Ben Gabel
 Alternate Option to the GA Dance (9pm - 11 pm)
Facilitators: Kia Bordner & Ben Gabel

Saturday, June 22
 Youth of Color Led Worship & Coffee Hour (Workshop 4: 1:30pm - 3:30pm)
Facilitators: Sana Saeed & Rev. Sara Green
 DRUUMM Closing Worship "The Power of We" (6pm - 7pm)
All are welcome to join for the Closing Worship
Facilitators: Kia Bordner & Ben Gabel

DRUUMM Healing Space: Room 303AB
 All programs are exclusively for People of Color unless otherwise noted