

CATALYST

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES REGARDING RACIAL AND ETHNIC CONCERNS



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A Special Request from Rev. Alicia Forde:

The UUA's Professional Development and Credentialing Offices, the UUMA's Committee on Ministry for Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression and Multiculturalism, and the Diversity of Ministry Team are collaborating on strengthening our mentoring program for candidates and ministers in preliminary fellowship.



We envision this as an opportunity to improve the odds of successful UU ministries and to bolster our mentoring culture while creating the infrastructure to further ministerial formation. We are excited about this venture and see it as a positive step toward strengthening our ministry.

Our task force is inviting **all ministers** to join in the collaboration with us by completing our very brief survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K7FWHYD>.

Your input will help shape our work as we move forward. We look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

With gratitude,

Rev. Alicia R. Forde, Professional Development Director, Ministries and Faith Development

Seminarians of Color Group:

The Seminarians of Color group has new leadership! We are excited to welcome the new co-conveners, **Kathleen McGregor** and **Theresa Ines Soto**.

Kathleen is a candidate for UU ministry who currently serves as the interim coordinator of religious education for her new home church, the **Unitarian Universalist Church of Anaheim**. She also serves on the executive committee of Diverse Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM). Kathleen will graduate from Claremont School of Theology in May 2013.



Photo courtesy of Kathleen McGregor

Theresa is a first-year seminarian at Meadville Lombard Theological School and an Aspirant to UU ministry. She hopes to support the expansion of her teaching church into the Spanish-speaking community. Theresa also lives with cerebral palsy and drives a red scooter.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to **Rev. Angela Henderson**, who did an admirable job of convening the group solo for a good while until Kathleen joined her in co-leadership.

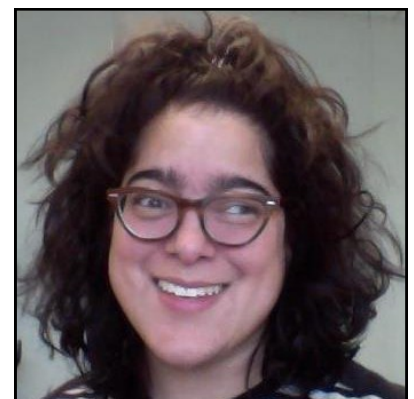


Photo courtesy of Theresa Ines Soto

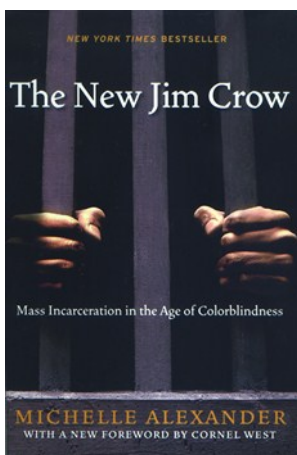
UU Congregation of Kandahar, Afghanistan:

Did you know that **Rev. Chris Antal** is nurturing a budding Unitarian Universalist congregation in Afghanistan? This multicultural congregation also has about a half dozen other "friends" on the path to membership.

The photo at right was taken the day the group held a membership ceremony and each person present committed to becoming a member of the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF). To learn more about this congregation, read the article from *UU World*: www.uuworld.org/news/articles/284043.shtml.



Common Read:



If you've engaged in a common read before, you'll know that the experience offers opportunities deep and wide enough to engage as an individual, as a member of a congregation, or member of the community. Our current common read, *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander, is building momentum in our congregations and communities. Dozens of in-person and online conversations are happening in UU congregations, professional groups, campus groups, book groups, and small groups of all kinds. We encourage you to join one—or start a conversation in your own UU group, community group, or with your family and friends!

To learn more about *The New Jim Crow* and the Common Read:

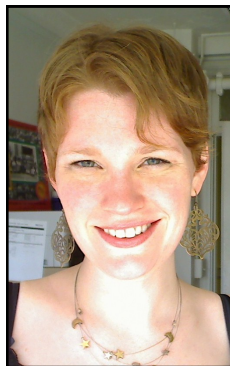
- View the GA 2012 [video](#) of Michele Alexander's workshop
- Read [the book](#) and use the [discussion guide](#)
- Check out **Rev. Bill Sinkford's** [blog post](#)
- See how a congregation [got the news out](#) to its community
- Check out the [radio blog](#) hosted by **Rev. Carlton Elliott Smith & Alex Boston**
- Discuss the larger implications at [UUs Resisting New Jim Crow and Mass Incarceration](#) on Facebook
- Reach out to others engaged with the book at [UUA Common Read Lab—The New Jim Crow](#) on Facebook

Dream with us. Strategize with us. Build community with us. Support us...Join us in this holy work.

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