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August 2016: Enough! Time for a Revolution of Values

Dear Friends,

We've all been traumatized by the violence we've witnessed in our nation in the past week. The continued police executions of black and brown people and the killing of police in Dallas. We need to take time for lamentation, and we also need to speak out and act. There is much that faith communities and we UUs can do to support the Movement for Black Lives, and for justice, right now.

Join The Revival. On Monday, July 11th, UUA President Rev. Peter Morales joined up with [The Revival: Time for a Moral Revolution of Values](#) tour with Rev. William Barber, II—architect of the Moral Monday Forward Together movement, Rev. James Forbes, Rev. Traci Blackmon—United Church of Christ Justice & Witness Ministries Director, and Sister Simone Campbell of “Nuns on the Bus.” UU Society of Cleveland hosted the event that featured prophetic witness, testimonials from a Black Lives Matter leader, a Muslim community organizer, a Syrian refugee advocate, and a youth activist. The faith community embraced these community leaders and joined local organizing calls for actions and plans for next steps to support those in our communities who are crying out for justice. (A video of the event is posted on The Revival website.) The national leaders also held a press conference earlier in the day and marched to the Republican National Convention headquarters where they delivered the [Higher Ground Moral Declaration](#) calling on the 2016 presidential candidates, senate candidates, and governors to advance a moral agenda.

We're encouraging UUs to join The Revival tour and to sign the Declaration. UUs in Philadelphia are on the organizing team for the Revival there next Monday and delivery of the Declaration to the DNC. The UU Urban Ministry in Roxbury and other Boston-area UUs are getting ready for the Revival in Boston on August 1st and UUs in Charleston, SC are preparing for the one on August 8th and we are hearing from UUs in other cities where the tour is scheduled.

Support Movement for Black Lives Organizers. The Black Lives of Unitarian Universalists Organizing Collective is asking UU congregations to [provide meeting and healing spaces](#) to Black organizers. Seventy congregations have already signed up.

The Movement for Black Lives is calling for mass direct actions at police stations on Thursday, July 21st. Join a call tonight at 9:00pm ET/6:00pm PT for [The Movement for Black Lives](#) for #FreedomNow: Movement for Black Lives National Call. Contact local Black Lives Matter and Showing Up for Racial Justice chapters for details. Please sign and share the [Movement for Black Lives Pledge](#).

Take Time for Healing and Lamentation. See the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference Resource Guide, developed and sent out last week, designed to address the need for healing from traumatic experiences. [Download Guide here.](#)

Lastly, get ready for the **We Say Enough!** Campaign launching soon. Go to <http://wesayenough.org/>.

Let us go gently, and act boldly,



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