

The Black Lives Matter banner on the Melrose Unitarian Universalist Church's lawn is a public proclamation of our church community's ongoing anti-racism work and support of equity and justice in Melrose and throughout the world.

The BLM movement represents a call for fair and equitable treatment. As a congregation, we respond to that call in good conscience and support these principles.

Our work is to foster a congregational and community-wide understanding of White supremacy as a dominant culture that "privileges White people over others, regardless of the presence or absence of racial hatred". For us, being anti-racist includes an open examination of our own actions, biases, and behavior and a reflection on ways in which we have benefited from structural and institutional racism. These actions, when fused with our [Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism](#), will help us become authentic allies in the fight against racism.

Our goal is for People of Color and White allies to know that our church community supports and actively participates in the strivings of Black Lives Matter. We understand that we must work proactively to achieve this goal including the work of dismantling the system of White supremacy.

The BLM sign on our lawn expresses our passion to take action as anti-racists and allies consistent with our values and ongoing social justice work.

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*