

In 2021, our congregation adopted the 8th Principle of Unitarian Universalism.

We covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse, multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

This represents both individual and congregational commitment and accountability. One way we can begin to fulfill this covenant is to learn about, engage with, and support the Black organizations that serve, support, and advocate for individuals and communities in the metropolitan area and in Oregon.

[The Black Community Guide](#) is a great resource for learning about a great many organizations. And here are brief descriptions of just a few, to whet your curiosity.

[Albina Music Trust](#) is the only full service community archive in the United States, dedicated to the revitalization of a Black community's historic music culture. Our community archive preserves Albina's arts and cultural legacy, serving as a living resource for education and creative engagement.

[Albina Vision Trust \(AVT\)](#) is a community-driven non-profit 501(c)(3) created to buy back land, rebuild community, and reroot Black legacies and Black futures in the heart of Portland's central city.

The mission of the [Black United Fund of Oregon \(BUF-OR\)](#) is to assist in the social and economic development of Oregon's underserved communities and to contribute to a broader understanding of ethnic and culturally diverse groups.

[Brown Hope](#) is building a movement of interdependence, working with neighbors from all different backgrounds to inspire the racial justice and healing our communities need and deserve. Brown Hope is planting and nurturing seeds for racial justice and healing.

[Imagine Black](#) helps our Black community imagine the alternatives we deserve and build our political participation and leadership to achieve those alternatives. Imagine Black envisions a world where people of African descent enjoy the rights, resources, and recognition to be a thriving, resilient, and connected community.

[Oregon Black Pioneers](#) is Oregon's only historical society dedicated to preserving and presenting the experiences of African Americans statewide. For more than 30 years, they've illuminated the seldom-told stories of people of African descent in Oregon through engaging exhibits, public programs, publications, and historical research. Additionally, they partner with local organizations to identify, interpret, and preserve sites with African American historical significance.

[Self Enhancement, Inc. \(SEI\)](#) is dedicated to guiding underserved youth to realize their full potential. Working with schools, families, and partner community organizations, SEI

provides support, guidance, and opportunities to achieve personal and academic success. SEI brings hope to individual young people and enhances the quality of community life.

Taking Ownership is a community and reparations-based organization in Portland, Oregon founded with the intention to activate and utilize community members and their resources for equitable change. Together we renovate and revive Black-owned homes and small businesses that have requested our help, with an emphasis on enabling Black homeowners to age in place, generate wealth and simultaneously deter predatory investors and real estate professionals to deflect the gentrification process.

Urban League of Portland is one of Oregon's oldest civil rights and social service organizations, empowering African-Americans and others to achieve equality in education, employment, health, economic security and quality of life.