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## Backgrounder

Recognizing that racism is an institutionalized pattern, we at the Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship plan to support efforts to end racism by fixing a “Black Lives Matter” banner to our building for 120 days.

As a liberal religious congregation, we dedicate ourselves to “bringing love and reason to life” while “building a just and compassionate world.” We welcome spiritual seekers and offer a place for people to nurture their spirits so that they can go into the world and make a difference. We are a growing mid-sized church with a solid base of energetic and compassionate members.

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## Fact Sheet

- We are a “liberal religion”: we keep an open mind to religious questions, believe that personal experience, conscience, and reason should be the final authorities in religion, and that religious authority lies only within ourselves.
- We are a Welcoming Congregation, which means we welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and gender fluid individuals.
- Our members’ beliefs span a wide range, including Humanist, Atheist, Buddhist, Mystic, Agnostic, Pagan, Wiccan, Christian, and Jewish.
- An average of 142 people attend our Sunday services each week.
- We have 250 congregational members, with an additional 100 active participants.

## Rev. Lydia's Biography and Photo

The Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship chose Rev. Lydia Ferrante-Roseberry to serve as our called minister in April 2007. With a rich and varied education, Lydia holds an undergraduate degree from Cornell University, a Master's degree from University of California-Berkeley, and a Masters of Divinity from Starr King School for the Ministry. She was ordained in 2000 by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Oakland, California, a congregation that "loved her into ministry." She once served as the President of the Pacific Central District Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association.



Sample Photos



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**For Immediate Release**

**The Merging of the Waters  
at Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

LAFAYETTE, COLO., Aug. 18, 2015 -- The Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (known as BVUUF or the Fellowship for short) will celebrate “Merging of the Waters” at 9 a.m. Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 1241 Ceres Drive.

Congregants bring water they have collected over the summer and merge it in a special blessing ceremony that symbolizes the Fellowship reuniting after the summer season.

“Relevant quote,” person said.

The Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship welcomes liberal spiritual seekers with a mission to “bring love and reason to life.” One service is held from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend each Sunday at 10 a.m.; the rest of the year two services are offered on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

For more information about this event, call Communications Specialist Alyse DeVan at 303-665-4280 or email her at [commspecialist@bvuuuf.org](mailto:commspecialist@bvuuuf.org).

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# Testimonials

“My spiritual life has become very important to me and BVUUF is one of the reasons. I have made many good friends there, I feel connected to the people and the place, and I feel loved and valued whenever I'm there. These last eight months that I have been away I have missed the support I receive from our Fellowship and it has been a highlight for me each time I have returned to be able to attend services once again. The commitment to social justice is also very important to me and I am proud of all that BVUUF does for the community both inside and outside the walls of the church.”

- Dianne Ladd

“My daughter and I love the open minded community and liberal religious values here. We are members and it's home to us!”

- Clara Kelly

# Frequently Asked Questions....

Q: How many Unitarian Universalists are there?

A: Around 800,000 people around the world consider themselves to be Unitarian Universalists.

Q: What's the Dress Code?

A: Our motto of "come as you are" extends to our dress code, so we promote a casual atmosphere. You're welcome here, no matter what you wear.

Q: What does a typical service look like?

A: Generally, our services run an hour. We offer a medley of experiences and affirming service activities, which include excellent music from our choirs, readings from inspiring figures, passionate talks from our beloved minister, and "Candles of Community," where one can briefly share a joy or a concern.

Q: How do I become part of this community?

A: We have many ways to get involved in the Fellowship. To start, check out one of our services -- the friendly volunteers at the Welcome Table in the foyer can help you pick up some informational pamphlets about Unitarian Universalism. If you want to join as a full-time member, keep an eye out for "Path to Membership," which happens 2-4 times a year, depending on interest. There, you can learn more in depth about the Fellowship, the Unitarian Universalist faith, and more.

Q: Who can I contact to find out more information?

A: Feel free to call us at 303-665-4280, email either our Office Manager at [officemanager@bvuuf.org](mailto:officemanager@bvuuf.org) or our Communications Specialist at [commspecialist@bvuuf.org](mailto:commspecialist@bvuuf.org). Also, many visitors have told us they learned a lot by exploring our website!

Q: How do I find the Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist calendar?

A: Check the home page of the website ([www.bvuuf.org](http://www.bvuuf.org)) or visit <http://www.bvuuf.org/bvuuf-calendar/>.

Q: How do I reserve a room at the Fellowship?

A: Visit <http://www.bvuuf.org/contact-us/forms/> and search for the "Reserve a Room" option. Please contact Carol at [officemanager@bvuuf.org](mailto:officemanager@bvuuf.org) with any questions.



Q: Can I reserve a room between services on Sundays?

A: Space and room tends to be substantially limited between Sunday services. Please check with the Director of the School of the Spirit (formerly known as Religious Education) for room availability before using the “Reserve a Room” form available at [www.bvuuf.org](http://www.bvuuf.org).

Q: Are rooms available for rent at the Fellowship?

A: Rooms are available for rent. Please visit our website for more information at <http://www.bvuuf.org/our-fellowship/building-rental-2/> or email Carol at [officemanager@bvuuuf.org](mailto:officemanager@bvuuuf.org).

Q: Where do I send congregational-related announcements to?

A: Please contact the Communications Specialist at [commspecialist@bvuuuf.org](mailto:commspecialist@bvuuuf.org).

Q: How many people can fit in our sanctuary?

A: 150