

# *Confronting Racism*

## **As Unitarians**

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We are already authorized by the Canadian Unitarian Council to call ourselves a "welcoming" congregation with respect to the LGBTQ community. We worked hard to educate ourselves and learn about our whole community to achieve that recognition.

Now we are engaged in educating ourselves about others who face difficult challenges. We are learning together and moving forward steadily. Many Unitarians are asking: "What can we do? How can we best contribute to making our community a safe place where all can grow, learn, and live together in harmony?"

One answer is to find partners and work with them toward common goals. Thankfully there are now many people and organizations in Regina working actively to make our city welcoming for all people. One possible partner for Unitarians is the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan, and specifically their initiative: "WE CAN ALL HELP". The Council encourages us to take a pledge which clarifies how we (as a Fellowship and as individuals) can help make our community stronger. For more information: <http://mcos.ca/welcome-150-pledge>

The whole pledge is at : <https://www.facebook.com/We-Can-All-Help-124154277949168/>

Here are some excerpts from the pledge so we can all begin thinking about how we can help as Unitarians:

*"We will support equality, respect and dignity among all people in our community."*

*"We will learn more about contributions of Indigenous people and our Treaty rights and responsibilities. "*

*"We will recognize and reject racism in our community."*

Another Chalice article will explore specific things we can do as individuals.