Vendor Resource Guide

Find Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) Owned Businesses in Milwaukee

Help staff, committees, teams, groups, and members support the First Church vendor policy developed by our Anti-Racism Team.

Policy: Staff and members of the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee will include an equity lens in their matrix of consideration when contracting for goods or services for the church. Priority will be given to businesses owned by People of Color, especially businesses owned by Black or Indigenous People.

Wonder ♦ Authentic Connection ♦ Love ♦ Justice

Aware of the historical and ongoing racism that has led to Milwaukee’s Black/White wealth gap, the largest in the nation, this policy reflects a small step towards economic justice. It also reflects our community’s commitment to build connection across differences, prioritize relationship building over efficiency, and better align our spending with our values. Please join this congregation’s shift to intentionally seek on-going investment and relationship with the BIPOC businesses in our city.

Use this brochure to find:
- Services, Shopping and Goodies...
- First Church Community Recommended Restaurants
- A Lot More Restaurants (try a new one this weekend!)
- A Helpful Process Graphic

HELP! We would love to grow this resource! Send the names of Black, Indigenous and People of Color-owned businesses you know and love to Deb.Solis@uumilwaukee.org so we can help others find them!

A great resource for Black Owned businesses is: mkeblack.org/business-directory/

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Purpose: To advance Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, and Multi-culturalism (ARAOMC) in First Church as a whole, focusing on Anti-Racism.
Services

The Milwaukee Times Weekly News has printing services!

Columbia Saving and Loan CDs, IRAs, mortgages https://columbiasavingsandloans.com/about-us/

Shopping


The Bronzeville Collective – Featuring handmade goods from Black, Brown, Queer and Ally creatives https://www.bronzevillecollective.com/

The Collective at Bay Shore Mall – A local vendor marketplace https://www.facebook.com/thecollectivebysggn/


Goodies

Signature Sweets Bakery 3801 N Oakland Ave, Shorewood

Cakes by Linda Kay Bakery 2053 N Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Milwaukee

Confectionately Yours https://www.shermanphoenix.com/shop

Goodies Made to Order:

Pound 4 Pound Cakes by Nesha Pound 4 Pound Cakes by Nesha LLC

Cookies by Elyse Home | Cookies By Elyse (cookies-by-elyse.com)

Baked Dreams Creations Bakery | Www.bakeddreamscreations.com | United States

A Goodman’s Desserts Home | A Goodman’s Desserts (agoodmansdesserts.com)

Community Recommended Restaurants

- Big Daddy’s BBQ and Soul Food
- Blue Star Cafe
- CJ’s Tasty Treats
- Coffee Makes You Black
- Confectionately Yours
- Funky Fresh Spring Rolls
- Goody Gourmets
- Greens and Things
- Immy’s African Cuisine
- Lush Popcorn
- Mr. Dye’s Pies
- Mr. Perkins Family Restaurant
- Nino’s Southern Sides
- Pepperpot
- Rise & Grind Café
- Shindig Coffee
- Twisted Plants
Black Owned Milwaukee Restaurants per mkeblack.org/business-directory/

4th Quarter Sports Bar and Grill
1700 Pull Up
A Taste Of Soul MKE
Alem Ethiopian Village
Arlanderz
Ashley's Bar-B-Que
Bougie Berries
Brownstone Social Lounge
Brunch All Day Cafe
Buffalo Boss
Catfish Lounge
Clarke Street Candy Land
Club Timbuktu Milwaukee
Coaches
Coconut Bowl
Crab It Your Way
Daddy’s Soul Food & Grille
Daq Shack
Dee's Elegance Bar and Grill
Deli 1614
Ethiopian Cottage
EVE MKE
Fast Break Cafe
Garden House Subs & Sandwiches Shop
Garfield’s 502
Green Ring 2
Heaven's Table BBQ
Hideaway
Hook-Us Lounge
Hookah Live Boutique
In The Nick Of Time
Irie Palace
Island Jam
Jamaican Season Island
Jamerican Jerk Center
Jewels Caribbean
Jizzle's Sandwich Shop
Junior's Cocktail Lounge
Kiss Ultra Lounge
Love’s Lounge
Mae Velma’s Corned Beef
Manhattan Mocha
Mi Casa Su Cafe
Moss Doli
Nature's Tasty Treats
Oasis Lounge
On the Bayou
Paparazzi Ice Cream Shop
Pass Da Peas
Pat's Rib Place
Perkins Boyz On Tha Grill
Plate Pleasures Eatery
Pluto Nile
Red Snapper Fish Co.
Sam's Place Jazz Cafe
Sandwich God
Skybox Sports Bar
Speed Queen Bar-B-Q
Stella J’s Soul Food
Swayne' Tea
Taste of Lindsay Heights
Tastee Twist
Tee's Lounge
Terri Lynn's Soul Food Express
The Corn King
The Q
The Truck Stop
Third Street Tavern
Tony's BBQ Unlimited
Top Corned Beef
Top Dogg
Uppa Yard
Villa Italian Kitchen
Wall Street Stock Bar
Whitetail MKE

Group Hug by Debra Klepp
So You Need a New Vendor...
How to activate your First Church values and prioritize finding a local BIPOC-owned business.

Start Here!
Go ahead and consult the Anti-Racism Team list of locally-owned BIPOC businesses

I found a vendor!
Is this a one-time purchase or a repeating purchase?

One Time.
Go ahead and use the vendor - represent First Church well. Please let us know how your experience was with this vendor.

Repeat Purchase.
Great! This is the priority area for developing relationships.

I cannot find a vendor!
Consult the Internet. Try Googling Black-Owned Business Milwaukee with vendor type.

Still no vendor?
Email the Anti-Racism Team for additional consultation, through the groups on Realm, our church database.

Reach out to the vendor to establish a relationship.
Be clear about your needs: how often will you be ordering / using the service? How many of the thing do you need and on what timeline? Be clear, gracious, and appreciative. Remember the goal is not just to get your needs met, but to develop a long-term relationship with a BIPOC business in MKE.