

## Fall 2023 All Grants Made

### UU Funding Program Fund for Unitarian Universalism *Grants Made Fall 2023*

**AUUMM - Association for UU Music Ministries** **\$13,000/ \$2,000 TA**  
*Convening UU Worship Bands*  
Boston, MA

The Association for UU Music Ministries (AUUMM) primarily serves professional music staff for our congregations and in the last three conferences, has expanded our offerings to include songleaders, professional and lay. We want to grow our offerings and participation by organizing conference-within-our-conference for UU Worship bands.

**BLUU - Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism** **\$18,000**  
*Care and Communications: Black UU Community Building in the Aftermath of COVID*  
St Paul, MN

BLUU Interns will support community care and communications, adding to BLUU capacity for new programming. They will offer fresh perspectives on spiritual care and can navigate communications platforms in ways that bring more Black UUs together, virtually and in person, especially important as we continue to struggle to find a safe and secure home in UU congregations.

**DRUUMM - Diverse and Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries** **\$10,000**  
*UU Related Ministries Network Capacity Building*  
Winter Garden, FL

Our ministries serve over 25,000 UUs annually and contribute significantly to volunteer leadership. Despite their impact, they often struggle administratively. This proposal aims to formalize a network among these ministries to improve administrative systems, reduce organizational risk, and enhance their ability to fulfill their missions.

**DRUUMM - Diverse and Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries** **\$20,000**  
*UU People of Color Bi-Annual Conference*  
Winter Garden, FL

The Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM) proposes a Continental Conference in early 2025 in collaboration with the UUA Multicultural Office. We envision this becoming a new every-other-year signature event bringing together UU People of Color.

**Flaming Chalice International****\$10,000 / \$3,000**

*Charting a direction from the francophone Ministry project*  
Saskatoon, SK

The francophone ministry started online way before Covid and is attended by many people from around the world offering a Facebook page, a website and a minister serving the community. This project intends to bring together participants for an online 3 day retreat and bring together the advisory group to chart a way forward for the francophone Ministry. One will happen online, another one will happen in-person.

**Greater New Orleans Unitarian Universalist****\$10,000 / \$10,000**

*The GUUMBO Project*  
New Orleans, LA

Towards a vibrant and impactful Unitarian Universalism in New Orleans, the GUUMBO Project equips new congregational leaders through spiritual practice, networking, and capacity building. We will focus on worship, fellowship, and stewardship to build a resilient regional UU community.

**ICUW - International Convocation of UU Women****\$8,000**

*U\*U Women Facing the Future Together: Creating a Strategic Roadmap to Advance Gender Equity*  
Seattle, WA

During the grant year, which includes the 4th International Convocation of U\*U Women and People of Liberal Faiths in Transylvania, the International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women (ICUW) will set out a vision for the future to enhance its own capacities and to create a more collaborative U\*U network for a greater impact on global women's empowerment.

**King's Chapel****\$20,000**

*King's Chapel Memorial Project*  
Boston, MA

The King's Chapel Memorial to Enslaved Persons will consist of inspirational artwork, including both painting and sculpture within the church building and grounds. As one step toward reckoning with the full history of King's Chapel, this project strives to tell the emerging truth about our building, its grounds, and our past ministers and congregants, naming the enslaved people who were part of our history.

**Linden Tree Productions****\$7,500 / \$5,000 / \$2,000 TA**

*WHY ARE YOU YOU?*  
Stow, MA

This feature documentary explores the history of the Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) community where adolescents discovered their true selves and were empowered to incite positive change in the world. Forty years after the program's inception, those former

participants reflect on how being a part of the program shaped them and still informs their lives. YRUU, est. in 1983 ended in 2008.

**Living Legacy Project, Inc**

**\$10,000 / \$3,000**

*Board and Leadership Development*  
Richmond, VA

The Living Legacy Project seeks to expand its mission of Civil Rights Movement education to support and inspire today's justice work. The project includes the engagement of an organizational development consultant to help strengthen the organization and prepare it to meet the future by engaging donors in a vision for a sustainable organization, expand multicultural leadership, and grow a strong staff.

**Mirth and Dignity**

**\$5,500 / \$3,000 / \$2,000 TA**

*Soulful Singing: Songs for the Journey*  
Winnipeg, MB

Soulful Singing is a thriving online UU community founded by me, the Rev. Wendy Luella Perkins. We sing "short-on-words / long-on-meaning; easy-to-learn/ hard-to-forget" songs. The songs and singing practice foster depth and uplift, resonance and healing, connection and community. Soulful Singing: Songs for the Journey will share these beautiful songs and powerful model more widely within and beyond UUism.

**TRUUsT**

**\$13,900**

*TrUUsT-ing In Our Future*  
Boston, MA

TrUUsT (Trans UU Religious Professionals Standing Together) is an organization that provides support for UU religious professionals. However, given the hate and bigotry toward the queer and trans communities, TrUUsT envisions ourselves growing into a public, religious voice for justice. During COVID our organization grew, and our administrator and their "administry" is crucial to our day-to day operations.

**UU Church of the Philippines**

**\$20,000**

*Safe Sanctuary In Unitarian Universalist Congregations (SSUUC)*  
Negros Oriental, Philippines

This project aims to offer a safe space for both UUs and non-UUs within our congregations who are abused, bullied, abandoned, homeless, or those experiencing family crisis. It will include trainings for key persons who will provide counseling and support group.

**UU Church of Tucson**

**\$15,000**

*Building Paths Toward Healing from Misconduct*  
Tucson, AZ

The UU Church of Tucson is seeking to hire Rev. Dr. Samantha Wilson as our Consultant for Restorative Practices for a second year to continue our work in healing from decades of misconduct by clergy, staff, and lay leaders which have caused dysfunctional patterns to develop and become stuck in our congregational culture.

**UU Trauma Response Ministry**

**\$10,000**

*Trauma-Informed Trauma-Prepared (TITP): A Robust Congregational Approach*  
Easton, PA

To respond to the current political landscape, we need to know what our capacity, skills, and assets are. TITP will guide congregations in reflection, mapping, to develop a vocabulary that will facilitate greater understanding of service to one another in the community in the event of a crisis.

**UU Wellspring, Inc.**

**\$5,000 / \$5,000**

*Love at the Center: UU Values and Covenant*  
Orlando, FL

UU Wellspring provides heartfelt programming for the UU Soul. In time for Fall 2024, UU Wellspring will create a church yearlong program focused on a spiritual deep dive into Article II to replace our Sources and Deep Questions (principles) programs as the cornerstone of our programming. We will also propose offering it for free for one year to twenty congregations under 300 members.

Total Grants: \$177,900

Total Challenge: \$47,000

Total TA: \$6,000

*Challenge Grants are in Italics*