



Unitarian Universalist Funding Program
Fund for UU Social Responsibility
2016 Grants

Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin UUs **\$2,000**
Brookfield, WI

Beyond the Banner III: Walking the Walk, Anti-Racism Action Training

To hold a “Beyond the Banner III, Walking the Walk” workshop on taking action for racial justice with anti-racism trainer, Chris Crass, as part of an ongoing collaboration among five Milwaukee metro-area UU congregations.

Emerson UU Church Houston - UUNO English Classes for Immigrants **\$7,000**
Houston, TX *\$3,000*

English Classes for Immigrants Project

To offer English classes to adult immigrants in Houston so they can be better equipped to find jobs, succeed in school, and prepare for citizenship. The fall 2016 had 105 students. By building these relationships, congregants hope to learn more about immigrant communities and other ways to assist in the issues they face. Childcare is provided, giving parents the opportunity to attend. The congregation has earmarked up to 3% of its endowment for Outreach programs this year.

First Church in Belmont, U.U. **\$5,000**
Belmont, MA *\$7,500*

Assistance to Refugees through Interfaith Consortium

For a project that will organize UUs and the broader community to support refugees resettling in Massachusetts.

First U.U. Church of Essex County (a) **\$10,000**
Orange, NJ *\$5,000*

The HUUB: Building Urban Ministry

To support local resistance to disinvestment and gentrification in low-income communities, reinforcing existing social infrastructure through Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD).

First U.U. Church of Wausau **\$6,550**
Wausau, WI

March for Racial Justice

To plan and implement a March for Racial Justice in response to the Black Lives Matter call. The event will include workshops, a call to action and a commitment to support development of strong, resilient reflective and strategic leaders for a diverse community.

First U.U. Society of San Francisco- Guardian Group **\$10,000**
San Francisco, CA *\$1,000*

UU Guardian Group Sexual Minority Resettlement Assistance

A second grant to provide lifesaving resettlement assistance to sexual minority refugees/asylum seekers/asylees through financial support, advocacy, support in cultural adaptation, housing, jobs, education, social support and friendship.

First Unitarian Society of Brooklyn - Weaving the Fabric of Diversity **\$10,000**
Brooklyn, NY

First Unitarian - Housings + Solutions Partnering

To partner with Housing +Solutions to provide stable, community-based housing and support services to formerly homeless women veterans. The program aims to provide measurable increases in life management skills for the mentees and a deeper commitment to social justice by the mentors, along with an increased understanding of the consequences of poverty and discrimination.

Maine UU State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN) **\$5,000**
Augusta, ME

Strengthening Communication and Building Sustainability - Year 2

A second grant to expand and strengthen the statewide advocacy network through an improved state-wide communications system, increased visibility, and building organizational and financial sustainability.

Michigan U.U. Social Justice Network \$12,000
Royal Oak, MI

UUs Challenging Racism in Michigan

To support Michigan UU congregation's implementation of the Black Lives Matter Action of Immediate Witness with a resource toolkit, promoting communication between clergy and activists, organizing workshops in each of the two clergy clusters and providing opportunities for UU's. to be allies of African American communities.

Minnesota U.U. Social Justice Alliance \$5,000
Minneapolis, MN

MUUSJA/UUSC Social Justice Capacity Building Summit

For a capacity-building summit co-hosted by MUUSJA and UUSC to be held in the Spring 2017 that will focus on building relationships, honing concrete skills, and articulating the theological grounding for justice work.

Minnesota U.U. Social Justice Alliance \$5,050
Minneapolis, MN

Internship for Justice and Religious Leadership

A second grant for an internship position for a UU seminarian to develop programs and resources for Greater Minnesota and to partner with secular and faith-based organizations on issues of common interest.

Oregon U.U. Voices for Justice \$10,000
Salem, OR \$9,000

Oregon UU Voices for Justice

To support the State Advocacy Network that connects 3,210 UUs in 21 congregations and provides a vehicle to voice their UU values through justice work and advocacy at the state legislature.

Spindletop UUC \$5,000
Beaumont, TX \$2,500

KUUV Community Radio

To claim radio broadcast space from corporate commercialism and provide an outlet supporting diverse voices and positive change. Program plans include broadcasting UU services, public debates, call-in programs, educational and cultural offerings. "The Progressive Voice of Southern Texas" will reach 30,000 people and provide a platform for all members of the diverse community.

Throop Memorial Church \$1,330
Pasadena, CA

Thirty Days for the Earth

To create a "time out of time" to celebrate our connection and commitment to the Earth, culminating in Earth Day Sunday Worship where people will be invited to make a year long commitment to environmental action.

U.U. Church of Annapolis - AWAKE Ministries \$2,500
Annapolis, MD \$2,500

AWAKE Social Justice Expansion

To support a covenant between local groups and churches doing anti-racism work, to fund the congregation's developing work with International Bridges to Justice and the UUSC, and to build on relationships between the community, law enforcement and interfaith organizations.

U.U. Church of Wakefield \$5,000
Wakefield, MA \$5,000

Coming Home: Restorative Justice Circles in Community

A third grant for a congregationally-centered, statewide prisoner re-entry program for returning citizens, using restorative justice practices implemented by trained volunteers with the support of a congregation.

U.U. Congregation of South Jersey Shore \$8,000
Pomona, NJ

Black Lives AC: Beyond the Slogan

To bring people in and around Atlantic City together across lines of race, religion, age, gender, economic and educational levels, to organize for change to the educational system, for civil disobedience, and to hold monthly events on topics affecting Black Lives.

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| U.U. Fellowship of Northern Westchester | \$6,000 |
| Mt. Kisko, NY | \$1,500 |
| <i>Building Beloved Community in Northern Westchester</i> | |
| To continue a series of multiracial offerings, including two Undoing Racism trainings and Building the Beloved Community conversations, to understand systemic racism and to begin the work to dismantle it. | |
| U.U. Justice Arizona (UUJAZ) | \$5,000 |
| Tucson, AZ | \$5,000 |
| <i>UUJAZ ACT: Young Adult Outreach</i> | |
| To build the culture of social justice activism and create a strong network of young activists in Arizona by providing online and regional engagement and training events for 18-35 year olds. | |
| U.U. Justice Florida | \$5,000 |
| Sarasota, FL | \$7,500 |
| <i>Partner with the Vulnerable on Climate Adaptation</i> | |
| For eight UU fellowships in Florida to partner with residents of vulnerable communities to educate residents about how to protect their health and safety as climate change increases. | |
| U.U. Justice Ohio | \$5,000 |
| Medina, OH | \$5,000 |
| <i>A Moral Revolution of Values 2017</i> | |
| To energize and organize Ohio UUs to confront racial justice issues through community conversations and collaboration with people of color, and continue to build a statewide moral movement that addresses institutionalized racism. | |
| U.U. Legislative Ministry of New Jersey | \$10,000 |
| Summit, NJ | \$5,000 |
| <i>Expanding Justice</i> | |
| To support the expansion and growth of this statewide network in their capacity to communicate, advocate and create equitable public policy in NJ. They will continue in their work for social and racial justice across the state and give a stronger voice to UU congregation in those efforts. | |
| U.U. Massachusetts Action Network | \$15,000 |
| Greenbush, MA | \$2,500 |
| <i>Climate Action</i> | |
| To deepen the commitment to climate justice, with a focus on legislative advocacy for solar power, increasing renewable energy options, and divesting MA public funds from fossil fuels, as well as increasing UU engagement in direct action and civil disobedience as part of pipeline resistance efforts. | |
| U.U. Ministry For Earth | \$5,000 |
| Portland, OR | \$2,500 |
| <i>Environmental Justice Practitioners Network Webinar and Web Portal</i> | |
| To offer monthly educational webinars and greater connectivity among UU's involved in environmental and climate justice work at all levels. It will be integrated into the Commit2Respond campaign as a collaboration with the Green Sanctuary Program. | |
| U.U. Pennsylvania Legislative Ministry | \$10,000 |
| Harrisburg, PA | \$9,000 |
| <i>Phase II Support for Immigration Justice & Anti-Mass Incarceration Work</i> | |
| To provide assistance to returning citizens with criminal record expungement, to end immigrant family detentions in the Berks County Detention Center, to organize to pass legislation for PA immigrants to obtain unmarked drivers licenses and to provide health care for PA's 24,000 undocumented children. | |
| U.U. Prison Ministry of Illinois | \$8,000 |
| Evanston, IL | |
| <i>Prison Ministry</i> | |
| A second grant for fostering connections between UU prisoners and Illinois prisoners, build a UU presence inside correctional centers, establish welcoming congregations for people returning from incarceration, and engage participants in advocacy to reduce incarceration. | |

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| U.U. Refugee and Immigrant Services and Education | \$10,000 |
| Vista, CA | <i>\$5,000</i> |

Sanctuary is More Than a Building

For a nationwide program that will provide consultation and technical assistance to UU congregations, regions, districts and the UUA to explore, discern and implement efforts to provide sanctuary and sanctuary support for high risk immigrants and refugees.

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| Unitarian Congregation of Saskatoon | \$10,000 |
| Saskatoon, SK Canada | <i>\$2,500</i> |

UU Pastoral Presence with Francophone Immigrants

For the Ministerial Intern to provide Francophone immigrants with a pastoral presence, with services to assist in integration and to share UU values. The project will continue to build the congregation's cross-cultural competency and further connections with the growing Francophone community.

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| UU Advocacy Network of Illinois (UUANI) | \$5,000 |
| Chicago, IL | <i>\$5,000</i> |

UUANI Capacity Building

To expand the capacity of the state advocacy network to mobilize UU congregations in Illinois to effect meaningful change toward justice, beloved community and a healthy planet, in collaboration with each other and with partners aligned with those values.

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| UU Society of Rockport | \$16,000 |
| Rockport, MA | <i>\$2,500</i> |

Cape Ann Slavery and Abolition Website

To create a website-based digital trail to raise awareness of the nearly-hidden and often ignored history of complicity with slavery on Cape Ann, and to highlight abolitionist and anti-slavery efforts. Homes and churches of colonial slave owners, mid-nineteenth century slave ship captains, and early African American activists will be identified and their history will be made accessible and real through compelling narratives and images from primary sources.

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| UUs for a Just Economic Community | \$9,200 |
| Springfield, MA | |

2016-17 UUEC Admin and Program Development Reimbursement

To extend work on the "Escalating Inequality" CSAI to more UU congregations nationwide by adding a part-time staff person and increasing support for communications, materials, and conferences.

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| UUs for a Just Economic Community | \$14,850 |
| Springfield, MA | |

2017 Reversing Inequality Conference

To co-host a conference with UUs for Social Justice for UU congregations in Washington, DC about reversing inequality. Attendees will learn about policies impacting economic inequality and build skills to engage decision makers to promote UU values.

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| Wildflower Church, A UU Congregation | \$7,500 |
| Austin, TX | |

Building the Beloved Community

To develop a multicultural and anti-racist church community through both internal reflection, listening campaigns and community outreach.

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| # of Grants Made: 33 | | \$235,980 |
| | Grants Made Total: | \$235,980 |
| | <i>Challenge Grants Made Total:</i> | <i>\$93,500</i> |
| | Grand Total: | \$329,480 |