



Unitarian Universalist Funding Program

Fund for Unitarian Universalism

Grants Made Spring 2019

All Souls Church Unitarian \$4,000

Washington, DC

Stories to Tell: African American UUs & Racial Justice

To document the racial justice history of the church as it approaches its 200th anniversary by gathering the oral histories of 31 long-time African-American members. The final digital histories and compilation video will be duplicated and shared with the Sankofa Archives at Meadville-Lombard and with the public.

All Souls UU Bellville OH \$7,500

Bellville, OH

All Souls Satellite Project

To establish satellite campuses to offer services, sanctuary and social advocacy across four rural Ohio counties that are not currently being truly served by a UU congregation.

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism \$18,000

St Paul, MN

The Harper-Jordan Memorial Theological Symposium (HJMS)

For a 4-day gathering for Black UUs that offers spiritual grounding, deep learning, worship experiences, networking and community building opportunities. The Symposium will provide a Black-centered UU theological forum for exploration and faith expression, cultivate and curate interfaith relationships with Black leaders, theologians and denominations. The Symposium will also create a Black UU Lectionary.

Cedar Lane UU Church

Bethesda, MD

\$5,000

The Spirit Experience

For a program that unites people from diverse cultures and spiritual backgrounds to celebrate and share the collective spirit of life, love and faith. The Spirit Experience offers a compelling alternative to traditional worship, enriches the perspectives of current members, promotes meaningful multi-generational worship and attracts visitors from throughout the area.

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DRUUMM (Diverse and Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries)	\$9,000
Boston, MA	

DRUUMM Organizing Project

For a joint initiative with the Church of the Larger Fellowship to expand the base, capacity and structures of support for UU People of Color. With approximately 5,000 UU People of Color the project seeks to identify, theme and prioritize key concerns of DRUUMM communities and to scale up year-round, responsive and constructive outreach to create the next wave of anti-racist, anti-oppressive, multicultural ministries.

EqUUal Access	\$10,000
Hartford, CT	

The Next Decade of EqUUal Access

The purpose of EqUUal Access is to enable the full engagement of people with disabilities in UU communities and the broader society. The *Next Decade* project is to plan and hold a two day meeting to assess the work of EqUUal Access, understand current and future needs and opportunities, identify how to broaden and reach underserved constituencies and determine the best models of working in relationship to the UUA.

First Parish Universalist Church	\$5,000
Stoughton, MA	

The Un-Hidden Gem of Unitarian Universalism

To raise the visibility and community awareness of Unitarian Universalism, making sure that everyone in town is aware that the “church on the green” is an active, thriving resource to the community.

First UU Society of San Francisco	\$4,000
San Francisco, CA	

Young Adult Ministry Initiative

To create a network of young adult ministries (YAM) through a combination of advocacy, resource development, community organizing and fundraising. The overall percentage of UU young adults declined from 13% to 11% between 1990 and 2008 with little sustained investment being made currently. In response to the threat of “grey out” the goal is for every UU congregation and organization to have a YAM connection and presence.

Follen Community Church UU	\$5,000
Lexington, MA	\$2,000

Greater Boston Collaborative with Song Activist Melanie Demore

To use the strong musical identity of the church to launch a residency for renown queer African American song-leader and activist Melanie Denmore that includes UU Urban Ministry, UU congregations, at least three AME churches. The project will feature performances and consortiums and model a broad repertoire of relationships between UUs and faith communities of color.

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Murray Grove Association		\$5,000
Lanoka Harbor, NJ		
<i>The Hand in Hand Comes Ashore</i>		
To build a centerpiece of the sestercentennial (250+) anniversary of Universalism at Murray Grove in 2020. The monument will be a 1/2 to 3/4 representation of the sailing ship, the Hand in Hand.		
River Road Unitarian Church		\$7,000
Bethesda, MD		
<i>Training the Heart to Listen</i>		
To develop a program to increase the capacity to talk about race, racial justice and racial healing. The process, once developed and tested, can become a model to assist other congregations in building thriving, multicultural ministries.		
Starr King School for the Ministry		\$10,000
Berkeley, CA		
<i>Climate, Faith and Justice Certificate</i>		
To prepare and equip clergy and lay leaders to minister in a time of climate disruption. The Certificate Program is grounded in values of countering oppression and creating just, sustainable communities and is designed to better equip UUs who are passionate about the climate crisis to be more effective in interracial and multi-faith coalitions.		
Theodore Parker UU Church		\$6,500
West Roxbury, MA		
<i>The Parker Center for Spirit Justice and Arts: A Project of the Church</i>		
To develop a detailed Spirit - Justice - Arts community engagement plan that will help to transform the physical space in the church to an active hub for the community.		
UU Church of the Philippines		\$7,500
Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental		
<i>Enhance Ministry of Southern UU District (EMSUUD)</i>		
For a project in the largest District, consisting of 10 congregations, that will provide religious education teacher training, workshops on congregational administration and record keeping, explore the Principles of UUism and purchase land for a congregation.		
UU Fellowship of Huntington		\$5,000
Huntington, NY		
<i>Justice Associates Curriculum</i>		
To develop a curriculum to support lay justice leaders of all ages that incorporates practical skills with a focus on faith formation. The Curriculum will be developed with the Fahs Collaborative.		

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UU History and Heritage Society \$6,000
Dedham, MA

2019 Convocation for UU Studies: Origins of Unitarianism, Universalism, &

For the fourth Convocation of UU Studies to commemorate the 200th anniversary of William Ellery Channing's sermon "Unitarian Christianity" and the 250th anniversary of John Murray's arrival in America. The goal is to bring together ministers, lay scholars, seminary students, community ministers and lay parishioners for deeper investigations of and conversations about the meaning of their work and Unitarian Universalism today.

UU Ministers Association \$3,500
Boston, MA

Ministerial Conference at Berry Street 200th Anniversary Celebration

To celebrate the 200th anniversary at the Ministerial Conference at Berry Street in 2020 with events and publication of a book for UU clergy and lay people that will reflect on the essays and their history and impact.

UU Partner Church Council \$5,000
St Louis, MO

UUPCC International Youth Pilgrimage/Camp

For a pilgrimage/camp to Transylvania to foster community and spiritual growth among U.S. and Hungarian U/U youth. The trip includes visits to religiously and culturally significant sites. The goals include inspiring youth to a deeper relationship with their faith, helping them see it as a broad, diverse movement and to build connections and community.

# of Grants Made: 18	Grants Made Total:	\$113,000
	<i>Challenge Grants Made Total:</i>	\$12,000
	Grand Total:	\$125,000

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