



# Unitarian Universalist Funding Program Fund for Unitarian Universalism Grants Made Spring 2020

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## **All Souls UU Bellville OH**

**\$8,000**

Bellville, OH

### *Church Satellite Year 2*

To maintain the physical presence with a satellite campus within the outlying areas of our parish to offer services, sanctuary and social advocacy within our rural Ohio communities. After 1 year of operation it was clear that there is a need more of a pastoral care and presence.

## **International Council of UU's**

**\$10,000**

Framingham, MA

### *The Art & Practice of Our Faith - Program Leaders*

For a conference that allows for participants to connect with the international U/U community to explore the many ways in which we each practice our shared faith and the art of living as a religious liberals in the world. The share experiences of our global faith will be expressed through music, sacred texts, art and movement.

## **Mirth and Dignity**

**\$6,200**

Saskatoon, SK

**\$2,000**

### *Memes to Meaning*

The Project will leverage the success of the Unitarian Universalist Hysterical Society's humour-based evangelism and connect it to the larger UU movement. We will create original UU content for faith formation that is funny and highly shareable which will also pique the interest of the wider community. The public group where people share UU jokes and memes has grown steadily, to 37,000 members.

## **Murray Grove Association**

**\$8,412**

Lanoka Harbor, NJ

### *Universalism's Sestercentennial*

To educate and inspire Unitarian Universalists to understand the power of our Universalist heritage to meet the challenges of the 21st. century. The project this grant application will support is two-fold: 1. A once-in-a-lifetime Sestercentennial Homecoming October 2-4, 2020 and 2. Celebratory activities on the East Coast and in congregations across the continent.

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**Peoples Church of Chicago** **\$7,000**

Chicago, IL

*Podcast Ministry Promoting UUism*

Using UUA Principles, six-30 minute podcasts will be created and distributed to raise the profile of the Peoples Church. Podcasts include archival radio broadcasts of Peoples' founding minister, Rev. Dr. Preston Bradley (1888-1983), engage congregational members and neighbors, and provide an audio resource on UU faith. Podcasts will be part of a program for community spiritual growth and create a way for the Peoples Church to renew its broadcast legacy

**Pocatello UU Fellowship** **\$10,000**

Pocatello, ID *\$5,000*

*UU Community Presence - Phase 1*

To go beyond its current tenuous foothold of the UU presence in conservative Southeast Idaho. Phase One calls for courageous visibility, deepening interfaith connections, and a clear UU outreach to historically marginalized people of the region. This requires a major shift from being the 'best kept liberal secret' to committed development of UUism.

**United Theological Seminary** **\$15,000**

St. Paul, MN *\$5,000*

*UU Seminarian Innovation Fellows*

UU Seminarian Innovation Fellows is an investment in our movement's leaders. Ten promising seminarians will form a cohort to develop never-been-done-before ministry innovations that reflect their passion and talents for community, congregational, and religious education. Innovations will be tested with innovation leaders and UU stakeholders and learning will be captured

**Universalist Convocation**

Roswell, GA *\$4,500*

*Universalist Convocation 21st Century Project*

For 30 years Universalists have held annual convocations to celebrate our Universalist heritage. This grant will help to sustain these unique meetings, attract the participation of denominational leaders and provide scholarships for youth and those studying for the ministry and religious education.

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**UU Ministers Association** **\$20,000**

Boston, MA

*UUMA Shared Ministry Team Scholarship*

To provide scholarships for shared ministry staff teams to attend the UUMA Institute for the Learning Ministry. The Institute is a weeklong conference that promotes continuing education, spiritual nourishment, and collegial connections. The goal is to have at least 30 non-minister religious professionals attending the Institute to build learning relationships between ministers and other religious professionals and pave the way for more engagement across religious professional groups

**UU Trauma Response Ministry** **\$20,000**

Buffalo, NY

*UU Trauma Ministry Infrastructure Development*

The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Trauma Response Ministry is to provide culturally sensitive spiritual care to survivors of mass disasters and other significant trauma. The grant is for work to enhance UU-wide awareness of UUTRM through greater communications, to increase fundraising capacity, to strengthen volunteer and congregational coordination and training, and to facilitate board coordination.

**UU Wellspring** **\$6,700**

Orlando, FL

*UU Wellspring: Spiritual Ancestors*

To support a yearlong program that engages both our own personal/religious ancestors as well as those of others. The overall goal is to provide a resource that meets the quest of Unitarian Universalists who have historically had an intense interest in world religions. Rituals to honor ancestors’ wisdom and inspiration, creating sacred art, and connecting them to our daily lives will nourish spirits and remind us of how we are connected

**UU Women and Religion**

Benton Harbor, MI *\$5,000*

*UU Women Spirituality Programming*

To support the creation and implementation of diverse UU Women’s Spirituality programs, including: The Shared Leadership Women’s Spirituality Retreat Series and other train-the-trainer programs. Programs will be shared online for congregations, groups and individuals to access. The primary outcome of the train-the-trainer programs is that participants will take the skills they learn back to their congregations and use the model to create women’s gatherings at the local level

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<b># of Grants Made:</b> 12		<b>Grants Made Total:</b>	<b>\$111,312</b>
		<i>Challenge Grants Made Total:</i>	<i>\$21,500</i>
		<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$132,812</b>

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