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

Cape Town Unitarians
Cape Town, South Africa

$20,000

Developing Spiritual Leaders from the Tip of Africa Up

To develop spiritual leaders to nurture Unitarian Universalism throughout Africa. This project builds upon the strong foundations and rich history that Africa’s oldest UU community in Cape Town, South Africa has sustained since 1867. Strategies include a year long Lay Leaders’ Training Program, opportunities to deepen community, knowledge of Unitarian Universalism and ministry skills, and to offer a formal programs of Religious Education for children and teenagers in our community.

David Ferenc Unitarian Youth Association
Kolosvar/Cluj-Napoca, jud. Cluj Romania

$11,000

On A Common Road for 120 Years

The Association is open to youth & young adults between 14–30 and exists to strengthen the ties of youth to the Unitarian faith in Transylvania, to provide appropriate social opportunities, and to develop their abilities so that they can truly and freely live their faith and be an active part of the society. In this year they will celebrate their 120-year anniversary, focus on the activity of the youth groups from local congregations, and organize central activities to bridges between traditions and new alternative ways.

Flaming Chalice International
Saskatoon, SK Canada

$17,600

UU Outreach in the African Greatlakes Region

This project plans to evaluate the work done with refugees and chart a way forward for new actions in the future, providing support to Unitarians of Burundi as they expand in the eastern part of Rutana. We will offer training and tools for internal growth and outreach. Projects to showcase the values of UUsm in action include a music programme, leaflets for the word of UUsm to go out in the community, and support of innovative projects like the reusable menstruation pads to support poor and marginalized girls and women.

International Council of UU's
Framingham, MA

$10,000

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.

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Providence Charity Organization
Kolosvar/Cluj-Napoca, jud. Cluj Romania

Together for People in Need

To support vulnerable groups affected by the corona virus pandemic and provide accommodation for people needing medical care or accompanying hospitalized relatives, to establish of a Social Community Center in Szekelyudvarhely, to hold a series of professional presentations for youth on topics relevant to their lives and concerns, and provide equine assisted therapy for children with disabilities from socially disadvantaged families.

UU Church of the Philippines
Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental Philippines

Congregational Life to Beloved Community (CLBC)

This project will strengthen 20 congregations in Dumaguete through a process of strategic planning - how to dream together and find ways and means to achieve goals, name assets and resources, introduce healing-centered care and socio-civic engagement strategies that help heal disempowerment and oppressions (internal and external). The project will be done in phases and clustering of Districts.

UU Partner Church Council
St Louis, MO

International U/U Collaboration Group

In order to ensure the existence, growth, and impact of these core values of worth and dignity, interconnectedness of body and spirit, freedom and justice, we need an international, multicultural, intercultural organization serving and supporting the missions of our global faith. The International U/U Collaboration Group will focus on broadening the meaning of partnership grounded in relationship, training lay and professional religious leaders, and supporting existing and emerging groups.

# of Grants Made:  7

Grants Made Total:  $103,600

Challenge Grants Made Total:  $11,900

Grand Total:  $115,500

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