

UU Funding Program  
Fund for UU Social Responsibility  
*Grants Made Fall 2020*

**All Souls Unitarian Church**

Tulsa, OK

*REWIRE*

\$10,000 grant / \$5,000 challenge / \$5,000 TA

REWIRE's vision is that every person who has been racialized as white will participate in a developmental process of unlearning and uprooting racism, personally and systemically. The goal is the ending of white supremacy through the transformation of consciousness and participants' willingness to take action in its dismantling. Since the murder of George Floyd the congregation has been flooded with requests to participate in REWIRE. They have launched six new courses within the congregation and are about to launch REWIRE at a local non-profit, in Paris, France and in a UU congregation in Vermont. The waiting list is long, growing and includes professional of all kinds, including teachers, social workers and therapists who want to bring this work to their workplaces.

**Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of IL**

Carbondale, IL

*Rooting Our Work in Accountability: COIC*

\$15,000 grant / \$5,000 challenge

Engaging in work set by the Commission on Institutional Change 2020 (CIC), UUANI, will offer three Learn – Reflect – Act sessions to their communities of 37 congregations, focused on learning the attitudes and vocabulary of antiracist work while building relationships with organizations led by people of color. Justice advocates will move toward more authentic allyship with the people most impacted by the work.

**Unitarian Universalist Mass Action**

Boston, MA

*End Solitary Now!*

\$15,000 grant / \$2,500 challenge

The UU community is working with Massachusetts Against Solitary Confinement and other partners including Black & Pink Boston to build grassroots power that results in the end of solitary confinement and demand that the DOC produce accurate and comprehensive data on a regular basis.

**Flaming Chalice International**

Saskatoon, SK Canada

*U-Thrive Project: Promoting Black People Flourishing*

\$15,940 grant / \$3,000 challenge

Flaming Chalice International was born in Prison and expanded the work with refugees in East Africa and Unitarians in Burundi. When refugees started to come to Saskatoon through the sponsorship program, Flaming Chalice International got involved with supporting refugees and helping them settle and get services that they need. The pandemic and the lockdown brought to the surface the inequities and the vulnerabilities of black people.

**International Convocation of UU Women**

Seattle, WA

*Her Commissary Project: Building Resilience and Capacities of Asylum-Seeking Women in Detention*

\$15,000 grant / \$2,000 challenge

The project will build the resilience of detained asylum-seeking women and their children who lack any means of support by providing comprehensive assistance and facilitating access to the asylum process. The project also commits to mobilizing UU women into a network of advocates for the specific needs of women detainees and works in partnership with women from the First UU Church of San Antonio.

## **Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing**

Lansing, MI

*Increasing Capabilities for Social Justice: A Prison Reform Initiative*

\$7,200 grant

UU Lansing has identified criminal justice reform as a critical need in their community and a priority program in the congregation. The project will identify and expand strategic racial and social justice efforts in our community and engage a Community Organizer to assist in three areas: creation, education, and engagement around prison reform.

## **Unitarian Universalist Justice Arizona (UUJAZ)**

Phoenix, AZ

*LGBTQ+ Justice in Arizona – Year Two Program Expansion*

\$10,400 grant / \$2000 challenge

To continue to strengthen support of trans, non-binary, and LGBTQ+ UUs in all 13 Arizona congregations through a small group ministry, renewal of the Welcoming Congregations program, Transforming Hearts webinar, support from UUJAZ staff, and representation at statewide virtual Pride celebrations. Since the first grant last year the project has quadrupled in size and budget.

## **Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois**

Evanston, IL

*Reshape UUPM and Advocacy for the Pandemic*

\$6,500 grant / \$1,500 challenge

To increase the involvement of UU's in abolition advocacy and interactions with people in prison. The new project at the Unitarian Church of Evanston with Connections for the Homeless has increased participation in direct service projects and in advocacy at the local and state level for increased opportunities to find affordable housing for people returning from incarceration. The long-term goal is to engage the values and energy of UU congregations to transform our criminal justice system with much less reliance on incarceration, a rehabilitative emphasis of any sentence, and reduction of harm from incarceration.

## **UUs For Social Justice**

Washington DC

*Shifting to Collective Environmental Justice*

\$17,000 grant / \$3,000 challenge

To leverage UUSJ's advocacy network and virtual strategies to engage communities at greatest risk of environmental and economic injustice to amplify their voices in the national dialogue around federal policy reform efforts to address climate change and reduce the risk of environmental devastation. UUSJ regularly consults with the UUA, and consistently collaborates with the UU Service Committee, UU Ministry For Earth, UUs for a Just Economic Community, and UU the Vote. It has a covenant with CUUSAN and participates in its bimonthly calls.

**9 Grants / \$136,040 Total / \$24,000 Challenge / \$5,000 TA**