

UU Funding Program
Fund for Unitarian Universalism
Grants Made Fall 2022

Association for UU Music Ministries (AUUMM)
Scholarships for the UU Songleaders Convergence
Boston, MA

\$6,000 / \$6,000

Much of the music in our congregations is based in our white protestant inheritance of choral performance or congregational hymns sung with piano or organ accompaniment. Songleaders seeks to engage congregations in music making, with or without instrumental accompaniment. This conference-within-a-conference has been a powerful way to invite singers and songleaders to the AUUMM conference with programs that are relevant to their unique roles in our congregations and communities. The grant is for scholarships, the first Convergence brought 48 first time attendees.

Baja 4 Unitarian Universalists
Baja 4 - Expanding Capacity through Interdependence
Tucson, AZ

\$20,000

The four UU congregations in southern Arizona seek to continue this robust collaboration by feeding the strengths and smoothing the rough edges that were identified through a consultation process. The Baja 4 project offers a new way, one deeply informed by "Widening the Circle of Concern," from the UUA's Commission on Institutional Change. The grant will support continued growth and interdependence, not only for UUs in Southern Arizona, but for the Unitarian Universalist faith community as a whole.

Flaming Chalice International
Let It Shine. Promoting UUsm in French
Saskatoon, SK

\$12,710

The francophone ministry based in Canada is present online. This project intends to redesign the website and widely share conversations on topics of interest by leading UUs who speak French. The outcome of the project will be more resources available online, a user-friendly website and UU lived experiences widely shared. This project will strengthen UUsm by allowing people to approach UUsm in their own language and allow new people and seekers to know about our faith and explore it from linguistic, cultural, and geographical perspectives. It will also be an opportunity to spread the word on various online platforms and let the world know about the saving message of UUsm.

Sanctuary Boston**\$1,000**

In Honor of Paul Sawyer's Service to the Fund for Unitarian Universalism
Cambridge, MA

Sanctuary Boston was founded by Young Adults with connection to college students in the Boston area. Sanctuary Boston is not a Young Adult ministry specifically, but an all ages community that lifts up the leadership of Young Adults and fosters Young Adult connections.

SANKOFA CPE**\$10,000 / \$5,000**

People Stations: A UU Response to the Epidemic of Loneliness
Minneapolis, MN

UU seminarians, in partnership with local congregations, will develop public chaplaincy care sites, PeopleStations that will provide public spiritual care to individuals seeking a listening ear, an open heart and a non-judgmental companion. Seminarians and lay leaders will be trained as UU Chaplains, meeting people where they are without the burden of dogma and prescription.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis**\$20,000**

UUCA Growth in Membership and Racial Diversity Plan
Annapolis, MD

The UU Church of Annapolis consider themselves models for the UUA. Their new Membership Coordinator has already welcomed over 50 new members in the last year. New POC are coming on Sundays along with many new younger faces, their Adult Faith Formation programming is strong and includes an ongoing ARAO class with 8-sessions (8th Principle Practice Series). “The post-pandemic UUCA is no longer led by “White Fragility” but rather “Empowered Agency”, “Collaboration” and “Shared Leadership”.

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Philippines**\$18,000**

Church Initiatives for Financial Sustainability (CIFS)
Negros Oriental, Philippines

The goal of the project is to establish sustainable income generating projects to the four district offices and the UU Women Association of the UU Church of the Philippines. They envision the growth of the church with the full operation of the district offices in bringing the works of the ministry to wider communities. The goal is that district offices become self-supporting in the very near future. To prepare them for a much bigger responsibilities UUCP is holding trainings on Administration and Finance to the district leaders to equip them with the right skills needed to lead the operation of their respective offices.

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Philippines

\$20,000

Expanding the UU Liberal Faith: 48 by 2028 (EUULF)

Negros Oriental, Philippines

This project proposal is called "Expanding the UU Liberal Faith: 48 by 2028" (EUULF). This proposal aims to expand the reach of Unitarian Universalism here in the Philippines. We aim to double the number of UU Congregations by year 2028 during the term of the current Executive Minister whose focus is to establish fellowships and congregations in key towns and cities in Visayas regions here in the Philippines. Since the new Executive Minister is passionate about expanding the church ministry through church planting and evangelizing works, he emphasized on the role of the District Offices in the realization of this vision. The new administration wants to establish new fellowships and congregations in urban areas targeting educated and working people who can eventually support the church ministry and its operations.

Unitarian Universalist Studies Network

\$10,300

*Study and Analysis of the COIC Report:**"Widening the Circle of our Concern"*

Chicago, IL

The Unitarian Universalist Studies Network (a merger of the Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Society (UUHHS) and UU Collegium) studies UU history, ethics, theology, and other related disciplines. Their first Convocation, planned for March 2023 at the Meadville Lombard, will focus on the COIC Report: "Widening the Circle of our Concern." The gathering, "Widening the Circle of UU Studies," will study and analyze the work of the Commission on Institutional Change. As in the past, they aspire to draw attendees from across the United States, including ministers, lay leaders, students, and other professionals. The 2023 Convocation will welcome both traditional and creative presentations - including scholarly papers, reflections grounded in lived experience, art, poster sessions, and conversations around works in progress. Presentations will be made in person and by live remote Zoom discussion.

Your Game Minister

\$9,500 /\$1,000

Role Playing Game Curriculum

Oneonta, NY

Role Playing Games (like Dungeons & Dragons, D&D) are experiencing an exciting renaissance. RPGs, though primarily played for fun, often explore themes of justice, morality, and cooperation. The latest edition of D&D has started to address the inherent racism, sexism, colonialism, and euro-centric focus of the game. These changes, along with D&D presence in popular media and the advent of RPG podcasts and video streaming, have drawn a more diverse population to RPGs. Female, GLBTQ+, disabled, and BIPOC people have become involved as players and content creators — initiating an RPG renaissance and evolution. The RPG Curriculum Project will create a curriculum introducing RPGs, exploring UU identity and values, and setting the stage for safe, engaging RPG youth programs.

Total Grants

\$127,510

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