



## **Unitarian Universalist Funding Program Fund for Unitarian Universalism Grants Made 2013**

Number of Grants	32
Grants Made	\$251,950
Challenge Grants	\$ 48,000
Grand Total	\$299,950

### **Beloved Cafe, Kensington, CA**

Phase 1.5 - Programming \$8,000 / \$5,000 Challenge

A second grant to establish a series of cafe storefronts with educational, spiritual, and social justice programming promoting UU values. Beginning with an initial site in Berkeley, CA, Phase 1.5 will focus on programming - events, classes, community organizing - and the creation of the cafe site.

### **Central East Regional Group of Districts of the UUA, Columbus, OH**

Threshold Congregations: Third Year \$2,500

For the third and final year of a three-year growth program for nine UU congregations across four Districts to become mentors and resources for additional congregations.

### **Chalice Oak Foundation, Portland, OR**

Pathways to Justice \$8,000 / \$8,000 Challenge

A second grant to provide the infrastructure, tools, training and resources to develop and enhance effective community ministries led by lay or ordained UU ministers. The project will also assist UU congregational leaders in developing social justice ministries.

### **Chicago Chalice Connection, Roseville, MN**

Chalice Connection - UU Young Adults \$14,000 / Challenge

For a new, supportive community of young adults in the Chicagoland area to cultivate religious growth and social connection, and to enhance young adult involvement in congregational life and political and social action. The project will sustain current UU young adults and serve as an inviting entry point for others to discover UU theology, values and community.

### **Church of the Larger Fellowship, Boston, MA**

Dynamic UUism: Online Family Faith Development and Spirituality

\$8,000 / \$4,000 Challenge

To create a website that provides families with unique progressive faith development opportunities. The site will serve as a hub for educational resources, online experiences, family worship, exercises and activities to engage and inform the spiritual lives of UU and seeker families.

**Continental Gathering of U.U. Seminarians (Mass Bay District),  
Watertown, MA**

Continental Gathering of U.U. Seminarians 2014 \$4,000 Challenge  
For the second annual gathering of UU future ministers from across the US and Canada to build collegial relationships, explore ideas, share visions and build energy for the future of Unitarian Universalism.

**Faith Architects, Berkeley, CA**

Scaffold Series \$10,000 Grant / \$3,000 Challenge  
For a curriculum to support young adults seeking to find or sustain a place in Unitarian Universalism. Three to six leadership conferences will be held with attendees following tracks on Identity and Community, Social Justice or Ritual and Worship. An interactive website will be created to serve as a source of information, resources and connection.

**First Church in Boston and First Parish Cambridge, Boston, MA**

The Sanctuary Boston \$7,000 / \$5,000 Challenge  
For an evening worship service geared toward young adults and others drawn to a more contemporary, creative, spirit-filled worship. The goal is to grow a sustainable, multigenerational, multicultural spiritual community in partnership with area congregations, to support and grow young adult UU involvement, and further develop contemporary modes of UU worship.

**First Parish in Framingham, Framingham, MA**

Talking Across Class Divides to Strengthen UUism \$14,000 Grant  
To develop and test workshops and a worship service that explore class and classism through a UU lens, and build on the diversity work undertaken by the denomination over past years.

**First U.U. Church of Houston, Houston, TX**

Multisite Coordinator \$11,500 Grant  
A second grant support a Multisite Coordinator to connect and ensure cohesive service delivery across three UU campuses of one church, stabilizing the smaller churches and strengthening all three.

**First Universalist Church of Denver, Denver, CO**

Create Meaning \$6,000 Grant / \$6,000 Challenge  
To expand participation in opportunities for spiritual growth through an open source, on-line, and in-person center for spiritual renewal for the Pacific Western Region. The website curates and interprets content for congregations and individuals and directs people to workshops, discussion groups and gatherings.

**Great Lakes UU Ministry, Evanston, IL**

Great Lakes UU Ministry to Navy's Recruit Training Command, \$5,000 Challenge  
A third grant to establish a self-supporting program that provides ministry, shared among several UU congregations, to Navy recruits at the Great Lakes Recruit Training Command.

**HUumanists Association, Hamden, CT**

Unitarian Universalism and the Humanist Community Project \$5,000 Grant  
To build, grow and replicate congregational communities for non-theists while ensuring that the project benefits from UU expertise and shared goals and that the UUA and UU congregations participate in the expected growth.

**International Convocation of U.U. Women, Houston, TX**

International Women's Day Celebration, Education and Offering \$6,500 Grant  
To continue to build support among U.S. congregations for ICUUW's work to help women around the globe. The project will also develop a web-based, interactive Communications Platform to engage members and build networks and partnerships, and continue the Uganda Pilot Micro-Finance project.

**International Council Of U.U.'s, Corvallis, OR**

Multicultural Competency Training \$4,000 Grant  
To increase multicultural skills and competency among American Unitarian Universalists. The ICUU Council Meeting and Conference in January 2014 will focus on improving skills and increasing effectiveness in supporting global cooperation. Beth Zemsky, a renowned teacher and leader, will be the keynote speaker and workshop facilitator.

**Mass Bay District of the U.U.A., Watertown, MA**

Faithify - Mass Bay \$17,000 Grant  
For an internet based crowdfunding platform connecting people to innovative UU ministries within and beyond congregations. This pilot program will engage UUs in deciding which ministries will receive District grants and aims to create a culture of innovation and inspiration.

**Murray Grove Association, Lanoka Harbor, NJ**

Universalism's 250th Celebration Visioning Meeting \$2,200 Grant  
To support the planning for a major celebration in 2020 for the 250th anniversary of Universalism in North America.

**Navigators USA, New York, NY**

Strengthening UUism Through the Navigators Scouting Program  
\$6,500 Grant / \$2,000 Challenge  
A third grant to strengthen and expand the Navigators USA scouting troops associated with UU congregations.

**New England Region of the UUA, Watertown, MA**

Summer Seminary \$4,000 Grant  
To give high school youth leaders an understanding of the paths available to them as professional religious leaders and to offer them a meaningful spiritual experience that will inspire them to become adult UU leaders.

**Religious Institute, Westport, CT**

Sexuality Education for UU Religious Professionals and Lay Leaders \$10,000 Grant  
To sustain and expand quality sexuality education for UU religious leaders. The project includes a revised sexuality issues online course for ministers, creating two webinars for continuing sexuality education, evaluating the online “Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct” workshop and assessing the long term impact of the courses.

**Skinner House Books, Boston, MA**

Selma Revisited \$6,000 Grant  
A second grant for a book and study guide by Mark Morrison-Reed that captures the history of UU involvement in the 1965 civil rights protests in Selma, Alabama. The book examines the espoused values of UUs and how these values were lived out, explores the consequences and impact of the history, and promotes discussion of lessons learned and how institutional change takes place.

**Southeast District Dream Team, Charlotte, NC**

2014 Racial Justice Conference \$7,000 Grant  
For a pilot project at the Southeast District racial justice conference to train congregational teams to become anti-racist, anti-oppressive, multiculturally competent leaders within their congregations.

**Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, CA**

Graduate Institute for Multi-religious Life and Learning \$15,000 Grant  
For a program of study that will increase the understanding of diverse spiritual practices and world religions. The Institute will offer six courses a year in multi-religious studies, have one immersion trip, support research grants for students engaged in bridge building and integrate an annual symposium as a foundation of the degree program.

**U.U. Church of Annapolis - AWAKE Ministries, Annapolis, MD**

Awake Ministries \$12,000 Grant / \$2,000 Challenge  
A second grant to support a new model of ministry created to share UU values and faith with those who have been historically untouched by the message of hope, inclusion and generosity. The ministry includes a prison ministry, mentoring programs, weekly worship services, addiction ministry and social media evangelism.

**U.U. Church of Savannah, Savannah, GA**

Savannah Soundings - Community Radio \$7,500 Grant  
For a church-run FM radio station and online radio platform that will bring greater voice and visibility of Unitarian Universalism to the Savannah community and beyond.

**U.U. Church of the Philippines, Negros Oriental, Philippines**

Chapel is Teaching the Religion of UUs \$12,250 Grant  
To purchase land and reconstruct the demolished UU chapel of the Aquino congregation, and complete the construction of six chapels - a project that began in 2005.

**U.U. Fellowship of Elkhart, Elkhart, IN**

Chalice Sparx UU Family Camp

\$5,000 Grant

For creation of a multi-generational camp for families in the Great Lakes area that will strengthen UU community life and UU identity in the Midwest.

**U.U. History and Heritage Society, Scituate, MA**

Convocation 2013: UUism in the Nation's Capital and Beyond

\$13,000 Grant

To convene the second UU History and Heritage Convocation in November, 2013. The convocation will be an opportunity for participants to present scholarly works of UU history, theology and sociology. Special attention will be given to Unitarian and Universalist histories in the Washington, DC area.

**U.U. Ministers Association, Boston, MA**

UU Ministers Learning and Collegiality Channel

\$18,000 Grant

To create on-line resources - seminars, video learning circles, facilitated small groups via video conferencing - that will provide new opportunities for learning and collegiality to seminarians and ministers.

**U.U.A. Green Sanctuary Program, Boston, MA**

Environmental Justice Volunteer Training

\$4,000 Grant / \$2,000 Challenge

To strengthen and improve the Green Sanctuary Program by updating web and printed resources, creating educational materials to bolster understanding and integration of environmental justice, enhancing volunteer capacity, and developing a monitoring and evaluation system.

**Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, Clearwater, FL**

Festival Ruah: A Spirit Experience

\$2,000 Grant / \$2,000 Challenge

A third grant for a multi-cultural, multi-generational, multi-faith celebratory devotional practice. This gathering brings greater diversity to the worship life, community engagement, faith development and membership of the congregation. Worship materials, ideas and podcasts will be made available for the Florida District, the UUA Office of Multicultural Growth and Witness and other UU congregations.