



# Unitarian Universalist Funding Program Fund for Unitarian Universalism 2017 Grants

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<b>Cedar Lane UU Church</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
Bethesda, MD	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>The Spirit Experience</i>	
For a monthly program to grow a multicultural UU religious community at Cedar Lane in which participants celebrate the collective breadth and breath of life, love, faith, diversity and connection. Participants also engage in small group dialogue. Worship materials and video podcasts of services will be shared with the Central East Region, the UUA and UU congregations.	
<b>Church of the Larger Fellowship</b>	<b>\$13,200</b>
Boston, MA	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>New UU Latinx Course, a CLF Project</i>	
To create "Introduction to UU" (Introducción Para Nuevos UU), an online learning experience in Spanish that will help people new to our faith to understand the essence of UU tradition and how to live it in community in the search for truth and meaning and the creation of a better world.	
<b>Drum Major Program for Spiritual Discipleship</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
Cambridge, MA	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>The Drum Major Program for Spiritual Discipleship</i>	
For a year-long spiritual discernment program grounding participants in a deeply personal and intimate relationship with God/the Sacred that becomes a lived experience through evangelism for the social and spiritual transformation of humanity.	
<b>DRUUMM (Diverse and Revolutionary UU Multicultural)</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
Chicago, IL	
<i>The Global Majorities Collective: A UU POC Project</i>	
For a gathering over 3 days in August for brainstorming, drafting proposals, worship, and training focusing on the question, "What would UUism be like if whiteness was not the norm?"	
<b>Eno River UU Fellowship</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Durham, NC	
<i>A Culture of Singing</i>	
To foster a UU culture of singing among youth by establishing a common repertoire of shared songs that reflect our values, diversity and ideals. The project includes the production of a recording of hymns and songs for use in RE classrooms and supplemented by a teacher's guide to provide students with context. The material will be freely available to all.	
<b>First Unitarian Church of Baltimore</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
Baltimore, MD	
<i>UU Regional Choral Workshop and Festival</i>	
To host a 2-day choral workshop with a choral musician skilled in multicultural worship, including the performance of a newly-commissioned work which can be used in liturgical settings, and a performance by the chorus during the Channing Sunday commemoration at the new sanctuary of the UU Congregation of Columbia.	

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<b>First Unitarian Church of Honolulu</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
Honolulu, HI	
<i>Barack Obama Made in Hawaii - film</i>	
To edit scenes in the documentary that highlight Unitarian Universalism, and to promote the film to UU congregations, organizations and individuals around the country. The film is already attracting high praise from various media outlets, and will appeal to a much broader audience than those that identify with UUism. It has the potential to introduce our faith and values to new audiences and draw them to UUism.	
<b>First Unitarian Church of Victoria</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
Victoria, BC	
<i>Orion Vespers Project (Vesperae pro Serveto)</i>	
To create a choral setting of a Vespers in Latin expressing UU beliefs, with piano and optional small ensemble accompaniment, which can be sung by UU church choirs. The Mass will be available free of royalties for use in a worship or social justice setting.	
<b>First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
Minneapolis, MN	
<i>The Humanist Center of Minnesota</i>	
To create a Humanist Center of Minnesota, a multi-faith collaboration between UUs, congregational humanists, secular humanists, atheists, and unaffiliated “nones.”	
<b>Flaming Chalice International</b>	<b>\$8,755</b>
Saskatoon, SK	
<i>Francophone Outreach Ministry</i>	
To advance UUism to the the French-speaking community in North America by developing resources and an online infrastructure to reach and serve those who would not otherwise have access to our faith.	
<b>International Council of U.U.'s</b>	<b>\$7,700</b>
Framingham, MA	
<i>The Heart of Unitarian Universalism</i>	
To produce a conference in Shillong, Meghalaya, India, to explore the multifaceted nature of our shared global faith and how we bridge the differences of our faith expressions in order to better articulate our beliefs and become a stronger, united voice for religious freedom in our world.	
<b>International Women’s Convocation</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
Monterey, CA	
<i>UU Women’s Consortium</i>	
To bring together UU women’s organizations and international organizations that focus on women’s basic human rights in an effort to strengthen women’s voices and leadership in our movement and improve working collaborations among women’s organizations.	
<b>Meadville Lombard Theological School</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Chicago, IL	
<i>Fahs Collaborative: Inclusive Theology for Social Change</i>	
To create a collaborative, inclusive, justice-seeking curriculum that will provide UU congregations with shared theology for social justice work. The curriculum leads participants to delve into theological constructs to create and support multicultural, multi-racial and theologically diverse social action projects rooted in Unitarian Universalism.	

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<b>Navigators USA</b>	<b>\$9,500</b>
New York, NY	
<i>Strengthening UUism through the NavigatorsUSA Scouting Program</i>	
To strengthen and expand the NavigatorsUSA scouting chapters associated with UU congregations by hiring a Project Coordinator and creating a Badge Book and a curriculum guide.	
<b>Skinner House Books</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>
Boston, MA	
<i>The Empowerment Controversy Revisited</i>	
For the completion of “The Empowerment Controversy” project, a book by Mark Morrison Reed, and for its promotion after publication. The book builds on <i>The Selma Awakening: How the Civil Rights Movement Tested Unitarian Universalism</i> . The overall goal is to reshape the conversation about race in the UUA by reframing an almost universally misunderstood story.	
<b>Transforming Hearts Collective</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
Durham, NC	
<i>Next Generation Welcoming Congregation Program</i>	
To develop and launch a Next Generation Welcoming Congregation Program that is intersectional, relational and transformational. The project seeks to change people’s hearts and transform congregational cultures so that people with fluid sexualities and genders, queer and trans youth, people of color, people with disabilities and working class people can enter a UU congregation and stay.	
<b>Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson</b>	
Hudson, MA	<b>\$4,800</b>
<i>Be the Love Campaign</i>	
To respond to attacks on civil rights, health care, the environment, and freedom of religion in our country using existing structures of the Spiritual Growth & Community Center and Sunday morning worship services to expand justice programming.	
<b>UU Church of Augusta</b>	<b>\$14,264</b>
Augusta, GA	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Seizing an Opportunity for Church Growth: The Cyber Command in Augusta,</i>	
To implement and evaluate the first of a 3-year membership campaign focused on military service people, civilians and their families moving to Augusta to work in the Ft. Gordon Cyber District.	
<b>UU Church of Bloomington</b>	
Bloomington, IN	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Africa Through Different Eyes</i>	
To research and curate a short series of contemporary African social documentary films to create a new UU ARE program that helps create racial justice for American descendants of African ancestors by educating about the realities of African American life and history.	
<b>UU Church of Long Beach</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
Long Beach, CA	
<i>UUCLB Church Community Play Area</i>	
For a kinetic art and installation project that features UU principles and sources to be placed in an outdoor play space to give the Church a more welcoming and affirming presence in the community.	

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<b>UU Church of Worcester</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
Worcester, MA	
<i>Artist in Residence &amp; Creation of Earth &amp; Spirit Songbook</i>	
To compose new UU-conscious music, create a second volume of the <i>Earth and Spirit Songbook</i> , and to perform the work at area congregations.	
<b>UU Class Conversations</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
Medford, MA	
<i>Continuing the Conversation: UU Class Conversations Expansion Project</i>	
To create new ways to engage UU's in dismantling classism within UU congregations and communities. Workshops will follow the OWL model of training local leaders and developing a certification program for congregations. New strategies and resources to serve congregations are being developed, as well as methods to expand denominational impact with an intersectional lens.	
<b>UU Community Cooperatives, Inc.</b>	<b>\$16,510</b>
Roxbury, MA	
<i>Organizational Growth and Development</i>	
To expand the administrative capacity of UU Community Cooperatives and streamline systems through administrative support, and expand the capacity of member leaders through intensive leadership development programs. UCC was founded with the vision of forming a new kind of UU community and has consistently been one of the most successful examples of sustainable, new ministries.	
<b>UU Congregation of Miami</b>	
Miami, FL	\$4,000
<i>Singing for Justice Choir</i>	
To create an intergenerational choir, comprised of the congregational choir, singers from the University of Miami Frost School of Music, and youth from the UUC Miami's children's program, to inspire and educate through its music, a repertoire of freedom and justice songs performed at Sunday services, community events, and special audiences.	
<b>UU Fellowship of Poughkeepsie</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>
Poughkeepsie, NY	
<i>Coming Home 4</i>	
For a restorative justice collaboration between the Fellowship & Fordham University's Beck Institute on Religion & Poverty that serves previously-incarcerated individuals as they re-enter society. The program provides mentors, healing and growth, and skill development within a family-like structure.	
<b>UU International Joint Working Group</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
St Louis, MO	
<i>A Year of Religious Freedom: Reflection, Connection &amp; #Resistance</i>	
To engage UUs in the US and around the world in theological reflection, global relationship building, and strategizing to #resist authoritarian government policies restricting religious freedom.	
<b>UU Ministers Association</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Boston, MA	
<i>Ministerial Formation Network</i>	
To nurture the ministerial formation of all eligible aspirants and candidates for the UU ministry no matter where they live or which seminary they attend, delivering discernment support, and education to supplement seminary gaps and collegiality.	

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**UU Musicians Network** **\$15,000**

Lincoln, NE *\$5,000*

*Comprehensive UU Music Survey*

To survey congregations throughout North America with the goal of identifying specific needs for resources and support. healthy congregations are singing congregations. Directing resources that strengthen music ministry in our congregations is one of the easiest growth strategies we could possible devise.

**UU United Nations Office** **\$15,000**

New York, NY

*2018 Intergenerational Spring Seminar*

To host an intergenerational seminar that will train UUs of all ages and backgrounds to be justice activists knowledgeable about refugees and the global migration crisis, and to collaborate with local and international networks that support refugees.

**Washington Ethical Society** **\$3,000**

Washington, DC *\$5,000*

*WES Documentary Short, UU & EC*

To create a documentary short focusing on promoting UU & Ethical Culture ideals and values by highlighting WES's current involvement in social justice activities while providing a historical narrative of WES's work in Washington, DC and nation wide.

**Wildflower Church, A UU Congregation** **\$10,000**

Austin, TX

*Funding of ASL Interpreters*

To develop a program that will address the spiritual needs and provide interpreters at church services and events for the sizeable deaf community in Austin, home of the Texas State School for the Deaf. The school, located near Wildflower Church, estimates 200,000 deaf people live in Austin, and new members indicated a desire and need for a liberal religion in their community.

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**# of Grants Made: 31**

**Grants Made Total:** **\$285,829**

*Challenge Grants Made Total:* *\$39,800*

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**Grand Total:** **\$325,629**

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