

UU Funding Program 2006 ANNUAL REPORT Grants Made by the Fund for Unitarian Universalism

Total Number of Grants Made: 30
Grants Made: \$219,430
Challenge Grants Made (Italics): 23,000
Total Grants Made: \$242,430

\$15,650 All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa / Tulsa, OK

Transforming Themes: A Vocabulary of Faith

For a video series to be used to enhance discussion, study and reflection, worship, adult religious education and small group ministry in U.U. churches that will present a broad range of ministers speaking on essential concepts in U.U. theology and faith development.

\$9,000 Church of the Larger Fellowship Boston MA

Sources - a U.U. Cantata

For a multi-movement choral work that “engages our theological diversity through a musical exploration of the six sources of our living tradition”.

\$5,100 Church of the Larger Fellowship/ Boston, MA

Companions in Faith

To expand the Prison Ministry enabling those incarcerated to explore the message of liberal religion through interactive UU RE correspondence courses, and to provide opportunities for deeper connection and learning between “free world” CLFers and incarcerated UUs.

\$15,000 Church of the Larger Fellowship / Boston, MA

To design and test a web-based advertising campaign that will create a significant, effective Internet presence for the denomination. Results will be shared with UU congregations and organizations.

\$5,400 Collegium - An Association of Liberal Religious Scholars/ Chicago, IL

Creating a Web-Based Network of U.U. Scholars

For a comprehensive database, to be published on an open and accessible Collegium website, of Unitarian Universalists and others doing scholarly work in UU ethics, history, social justice, theology and women’s studies. Congregations and UUA affiliated groups will be canvassed for names of scholars.

\$20,000 First Unitarian Church, Albuquerque / Albuquerque, NM

Albuquerque Branch Project

For an effort to organize branches of the church in small towns in New Mexico, bring isolated religious liberals into relationship with Unitarian Universalism and provide a new model for UU extension efforts.

\$5,000 \$2,000 First Unitarian Church of Rochester / Rochester, NY

Life Now! Radio

A second grant for a magazine-format radio show and podcast that expands the message of Unitarian Universalism, to reach 28,000 people and provide a tool for a door-to-door campaign.

\$5,000 \$2,000 First Unitarian Society of Madison / Madison, WI

U.U. Spiritual Enrichment: A Two-Year Quest

A second grant to develop a Quest curriculum for use by other UU congregations. The two-year, spiritual enrichment program includes an integrated suite of classes, retreats, small group meetings, individual spiritual practices and work with mentors, and it will strengthen participants UU identity and faith.

\$6,000 Interweave Continental / Montpelier, VT

Bisexuality Curriculum

To create an adult education bisexuality curriculum to be used in congregations as a follow up to the Welcoming Congregation program or as a stand-alone product to increase awareness of bisexuality and bi-phobia.

\$2,000 Joseph Priestley District of the UUA – Youth / Wilmington, DE

Building Our Future with Our Youth

To engage more middle school and high school youth in programs beyond their home congregations and deepen their UU identity through the development of cluster programming.

\$8,000 Kingston Unitarian Fellowship/ Kingston, Ontario Canada

Invisible Influence: Reclaiming Canadian UU Women's History

For a project to research and share the history of UU women of Canada. The outcomes include a workshop on feminist theology and history, a call for papers, a daylong conference and a book.

\$20,000 Liberal Religious Educators Association / San Antonio, TX

Online Initiative for Safer Congregations: Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education

For an online approach designed to give congregations access to essential information and skills needed to create a community that is safer from sexual abuse.

\$15,000 Mass Bay District of the U.U.A. / Belmont, MA

"The Learning Congregation"

For a model continuing-education program offering education, resources, and connection for teams of leaders in congregations to build their capacity for understanding and addressing the dimensions of congregational life that require specialized training and understanding.

\$8,000 Meadville/ Lombard Theological School /Chicago, IL
Sacred Service in Civic Space

To support publication of a comprehensive history of UU community ministry that contributes to the understanding of the many ways that people within our Unitarian, Universalist and UU traditions have ministered to the needs of the world.

\$13,000 Meadville Lombard Theological School - Sankofa Archives / Chicago IL
Sankofa Project Archives

For a partnership of the Society of Sankofa and the Department of Ministry and Professional Leadership at MLTS to establish a collection that documents and showcases the lives and ministries of Unitarian Universalist ministers and laity of color ancestries, and to create a virtual archive with on-line accessibility.

\$8,000 \$2,000 Mountain Desert District, U.U.A. / Denver, CO

Mountain Desert District Clusters For a program that will expand the “Council Project” pioneered in New Mexico to form ten clusters in the District, and re-establish the custom of gathering elected congregational leaders to gain a deeper understanding of congregational polity, covenantal theology and beloved community.

\$8,000 Murray Grove Association / Lanoka Harbor, NJ
U.U. Institute for Faith and Justice

For a collaboration among four districts and Murray Grove to develop a residential leadership development program that will focus on supporting clergy and laity to deepen their faith and bring faith and action together for justice.

\$6,430 PCD Regional Marketing Taskforce/ Berkeley, CA
Bay Area U.U. Focus Group Taskforce Project

To develop UU marketing strategies, using focus groups and feedback instruments to identify and evaluate messages and themes that are most effective in reaching church visitors.

\$4,000 \$4,000 Prairie Star Dist. Southern Cluster Outreach & Extension Board
Lawrence, KS SCORE

For a cluster-based extension and growth program in Western Missouri and Kansas that will provide an infrastructure to support congregations in this large geographic area where increasingly regressive social policy demands a growing liberal religious response.

\$4,000 Prairie Star District: Heritage and Archives Committee /Minneapolis, MN
Bringing Our History to Life

For a program to motivate and train congregations to produce quality video/DVD material and establish a Heritage Media Service as part of a mission to preserve, understand and celebrate the past.

\$5,000 Southeast U.U. Summer Institute (SUUSI) /Greensboro, NC
Covenant Groups for UU Camps and Conferences

To introduce Covenant Groups/Small Group ministries into SUUSI and provide a model of spiritual enrichment programming for other UU camps and conferences.

\$5,000 \$2,000 Starr King School for the Ministry / Berkeley, CA
Seminary for the Laity

For an on-line theological education program for UU lay people to expand the understanding of UU theology, history, polity and leadership leading to more effective and grounded engagement in congregational, denominational and community life.

\$5,000 U.U. Church of Riverside / Riverside, CA
Multi-site Congregation

For a collaboration among several congregations to create satellite sites that will expand the outreach and growth of a UU presence into communities not presently being served.

\$2,000 U.U. Church of the Philippines / Oriental Negros, Philippines
U.U. Faith on Air

For a weekly half hour radio broadcast program to introduce liberal religious ideas and Unitarian Universalist faith to metro Manila.

\$600 U.U. Congregation of the South Fork / Bridgehampton, NY
“Homofiles” - An Original Play

For collaboration with a theater company for production of an original play as a formative tool for building a Welcoming Congregation, to raise awareness, understanding and acceptance of GLBT life.

\$4,500 U.U. Congregation of Venice / Venice, FL
Paraministry Group to Serve the Needs of Older Adults

To create a model of pastoral care for congregations that serve aging populations, using the talents of retired UU professionals in the fields of psychology and social work.

\$12,500 U.U. Musicians Network / Charlotte, NC
Strategic Planning and Leadership Retreat

For a strategic planning process to reframe and revision the UU Musicians Network. At 25 years old, the Network has become a vibrant organization of 700 members and needs to engage in a process of strategic planning so they may continue to thrive and serve the denomination.

\$5,000 U.U. Small Group Ministry Network/ Newport, RI
Continued Development of UUSGM Network

A second grant to provide general program support for a growing organization that provides extensive resources for small group ministries in UU congregations.

\$3,250 U.U. Women's Heritage Society / Boston, MA

Women's History Publication Fund

For a two volume collection of photos and brief biographies of notable Unitarian, Universalist and UU women.

\$5,000 United Ministries in Higher Education / Boulder, CO

UUs @ CU

A second grant to partner with an existing progressive campus ministry at University of Colorado in Boulder to offer UU college students an affirming and sacred community and join like-minded students in pursuit of justice and service.