

The Fund for Unitarian Universalism Grants Made 2008

of Grants Made: 29

Grants Made Total: \$220,827

Challenge Grants Made Total: \$34,500

Grand Total: \$255,327

All Souls Church, Unitarian - Washington, DC \$15,000

DVD: Theology of UU Social Justice

To create a DVD about UU social justice missions, and share effective practices for congregational work.

All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa - Tulsa, OK \$14,400

Theme-based Ministry

To create a web-based resource offering theme-based collaborative resources to congregations of all sizes with all models of leadership. The project knits together diverse constituents by creating a common theme for each month of the church-school year over three years (30 themes). The project will help UUs to think theologically and live out their ministry and calling at home, at church and in the world.

Beacon Press Boston, MA \$5,000

New Media Initiative

A second grant to expand readership of the blog "Beacon Broadside" (www.beaconbroadside.com) and advance the socially responsible work of the denomination by linking online UU communities through shared conversation on books, issues and authors.

Church of the Larger Fellowship - Boston, MA \$6,712

UU Web Initiative For a project that will maximize online exposure to and engagement with Unitarian Universalism through videos, social networking sites, improved page rank and a plan for marketing and outreach to the military. More than 95% of new UU's arrive via the CLF website.

First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta - Atlanta, GA
\$10,000 Grant, \$2,000 Challenge

Old Stone Church History Project

A second grant for a “living history” project dedicated to community re-education, documentation and the preservation of the biracial dynamics of the church’s post civil war neighborhood. The congregation is partnering with others to initiate acts of restorative justice.

First Unitarian Church of Alton - Alton, IL \$4,500

Digital Curricula Archive

To obtain permissions, collect, and digitize out-of-print UU Religious Education curricula and make these available to all UU congregations on request.

First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati - Cincinnati, OH \$5,355

African American Family History: A Pathway to Racial Reconciliation

For an event celebrating the transfer of the church’s archival records, research, and documentation on the life of the Reverend W.H. G. Carter, a Unitarian minister of African American descent who was snubbed by the Association in the early 1900s.

First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh, PA \$13,000

“Comrades in a Common Cause” - UU in Western PA

A second grant to support a history of Unitarian Universalism in Western Pennsylvania from 1808 to 2008. It will result in a book, an exhibit and an oral history archive.

First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh, PA \$4,000 grant, \$1,000 challenge

To Preserve the Past - Archive SW PA UU Church Records

To create a central archival collection of the records of UU churches in southwestern Pennsylvania. The records will be collected, catalogued and prepared for housing in appropriate acid-free containers and will be stored at the John Heinz History Center, a subsidiary of the Smithsonian Institution.

**First Unitarian Church of San Jose - San Jose, CA \$9,000
Grant \$2,000 Challenge**

El Proyecto JUUNTOS/ The Together Project

For development of the Spanish-Speaking Ministries from a single congregation's project into a program benefiting the entire denomination. Fulfilling this commitment to multiculturalism will allow us to better serve the growing diversity of the population.

**Joseph Priestley District of the UUA - Wilmington, DE
\$13,140**

Leading Together: Building Relationships that Strengthen Lay Leadership

For a program that will build coaching relationships between past and present congregational lay leaders, resulting in healthier congregations, building connections among congregations and deepening lay leaders' connections to our faith.

**Liberal Religious Educators Association - San Antonio, TX
\$6,290**

The Future of UU Religious Education

To support two meetings of the Religious Education Futures Committee to consider the future of RE education for professionals and to strategize ways LREDA can provide support and advocacy to meet these needs in our larger UU movement.

**Pacific Northwest District U.U.A. - Bellevue, WA \$15,000
*GoldMine Youth Leadership School Training of Trainers***

To expand the success of the PNWD's Youth Leadership School into other UU Districts through a "Train the Trainer" approach, revising the student and staff manuals to reflect the evolution of the program, and presenting the key concepts so that participants will be able to adapt and replicate it according to their district/region's unique challenges and gifts.

**Prairie Star Dist. Southern Cluster Outreach & Extension Board
- Topeka, KS \$5,000 Challenge**

Southern Cluster Outreach Extension Board Project

A second grant for SCORE, 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.

**Shawnee Mission U.U. Church - Overland Park, KS \$3,475
Julia's Voice - Loud and Clear**

A second grant to produce a DVD and web-based digital video of "Stand for Peace: Moms against the War - Julia Ward Howe". These will be available to all UU churches.

**Southwest U.U. Women - Houston TX \$3,000 Grant
\$3,000 Challenge**

Global Online Community and Database of Model Programs and Partnerships

To extend the work of the International Convocation of UU Women through development of online global communities.

**Starr King School for the Ministry - Berkeley, CA \$6,000
Challenge**

Rumi Immersion Program

For scholarship support for the "Rumi Immersion in Turkey", a two week learning experience to celebrate the life teachings of Rumi, a 13th century Sufi poet and theologian.

T.R.U.U.s.T. - Boston, MA \$16,000

TRUUsT Formation

For a second grant to develop an organizational structure for transgender religious professionals that will provide support, enable transgender leaders to emerge, educate Unitarian Universalists, combat discrimination and provide a model for others in the interfaith community.

U.U. Ministry For Earth - Portland, OR \$3,000 Challenge
Locally Based Earth Ministry

To refocus local program delivery and support for environmental action, to strengthen relationships with District staff and leaders, and to train regional coordinators to serve District needs for environmental programming.

U.U. Partner Church Council - Bedford, MA \$20,000
Strengthening UU Communities Through Partnership

To extend partnership opportunities to individuals and small groups within UUA congregations and expand the ability of UUs to support locally-defined religious and social needs abroad.

U.U. Women and Religion - Houston, Tx \$8,000 Grant
\$8,000 Challenge

Margaret Fuller BiCentennial

For a year-long celebration of the life, work and legacy of Margaret Fuller in 2010 with a website, online community, publications, tours and a travelling exhibit.

Unitarian Congregation of Taos - El Prado, NM \$4,000
From the High Hill: A long view of our lives

To develop a program and workbook directed toward people in their maturity - 60 and beyond - to help them tell and understand the story of their lives and address the question, "What do I wish to do that I have not done?"

Unity Church-Unitarian - St. Paul, MN \$10,200
Faithful Words

For a program that will engage writing and the written word in congregational life while developing and making available resources for other UU churches. The church focuses its worship, education and intergenerational programming on monthly themes; these will be central to the literary ministry.