

## **Guidelines for Social Justice Committee Funding and Volunteer Requests**

### **General Information**

Any member or friend of the First UU congregation who feels that he/she is involved with an organization or project that would help the Social Justice Committee to fulfill its vision and mission is welcome to request either funds or volunteers through the committee.

### **OUR VISION**

The Social Justice Committee has a dream of a sustainable world in which every person, every community, every nation resolves conflicts peacefully by working for equality, justice and equity for all.

### **OUR MISSION**

-Work on eliminating the root causes of poverty, intolerance and genocide by promoting fair and equitable access to and stewardship of the earth's resources, through the use of the democratic process.

-Identify, study, and provide opportunities for church members and friends to work on the important issues of our time.

### **Criteria**

The primary criterion for funding and volunteers is that the funds or volunteers will be used in a manner that upholds the Unitarian Universalist Association's Principles and Purposes.

### **PRINCIPLES**

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

The right to conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

### **PURPOSE**

The Unitarian Universalist Association shall devote its resources to and exercise its corporate powers for religious, educational and humanitarian purposes. The primary purpose of the Association is to serve the needs of its member congregations, organize new congregations, and extend and strengthen the Unitarian Universalist institutions and implement its principles.

In addition, a request for funding or volunteers should also fulfill the following criteria:

-The requestor must be actively involved with the organization or project. Personal involvement may include volunteer commitment or work, substantial contributor (preferably of time), Board or other committee member of organization or project. Other types of involvement will be considered, but must be detailed within the request

-Organizations or projects which involve the active participation or more than one UU church member or friend will receive preferred consideration.

### **Procedure for requesting Ongoing Funding from the Social Justice Committee**

Complete the Request for Funding Application and submit it to the Social Justice Committee via mailbox in the church work room. Requests are accepted annually during the committee budgeting process during July and August. Requests made outside of the annual budgeting process will be considered by the committee at the monthly meeting following submission of the request. The requestor may be asked to attend the meeting to present back ground information and answer questions. Requestors will then be asked to leave the meeting for final committee discussion and decision making. Discretionary funds are limited, so requests made outside of the budgeting cycle, while worthy, may not be able to be funded.

### **Procedure for requesting One Time Funds from the Social Justice Committee**

One time funding requests may be made to the SJ Committee via the Church Mailbox. Requests should include the organization, amount requested, rational for funding, additional sources of funds if appropriate, and date funds are needed. One time requests may be discussed by committee members via email, prior to a monthly meeting or at a monthly meeting, per the SJ chair's discretion.

### **Procedure for requesting Volunteers from the Social Justice Committee**

Requests for volunteers are for the Congregation-at-large, not specifically from the Social Justice Committee. Requests to send information/calls to action to the members of the Social Justice Action List should be emailed to Jane Larson at [janelarson@columbus.rr.com](mailto:janelarson@columbus.rr.com). Requests may also be made to staff tables in the SJ area in Fellowship Hall. Requests for tables may be made to Michael Brennan [Administrator@FirstUUColumbus.org](mailto:Administrator@FirstUUColumbus.org), or Marian Garcia [Office@FirstUUColumbus.org](mailto:Office@FirstUUColumbus.org). Unattended sign up sheets for volunteers or other materials may not be left on SJ tables.

**APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**For committee use only: Amount approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION ABOUT REQUESTOR:

Name of requestor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

UU Church Member or Friend: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of requestor to organization or project (explanation of personal involvement)

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Number of UU members or friends actively involved with organization or project: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list their names: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION ABOUT RECIPIENT OF FUNDS:

Organization (or project) money is requested for:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (if different than requestor) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number and email (if different than above): Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Description and purpose of organization or project:

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Scope of organization or project:

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Justification for funding (refer to criteria on information sheet)

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Additional Funding Sources of organization or project:

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Additional information to aid in Funding Decision:

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