

## UUAA Jackson Social Welfare Fund Committee 2021-22 Annual Report

This report covers activities of the UUAA Jackson Social Welfare Fund Committee (“Committee”) for the funding cycle January to May 2022.

**Mission:** The Committee serves to implement the 1955 bequest of George and Bessie Jackson, which requires distributing annual earnings for two purposes:

- to advance understanding and acceptance of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, and/or
- to promote rational and peaceful means of conflict resolution, both internationally and domestically.

**Annual Activities:** Each funding cycle, we:

- learn our annual giving limit from the UUAA Investments Committee (\$32,700 for 2022);
- solicit proposals by distributing a Request for Proposals to organizations, using our contacts and the UUAA website;
- receive proposals by our deadline;
- evaluate and discuss the proposals, then decide on grants. For the 2022 annual cycle, this occurred in April via Zoom; we received 12 proposals and made 12 grants;
- send decision letters to all applicants, enclosing checks as appropriate (to be completed for the 2022 funding cycle by the end of May).

**Membership:** Our unique membership for this year consisted of five UUAA members plus two members appointed by the Ann Arbor Friends Meeting (AAFM). The 2022 UUAA members are Roberta Allen, Kyla Boyse (co-chair), Christine Pellar-Kosbar (co-chair), Joe Libin, and Terry Madden, and AAFM-appointed Mark Hoover and Shirley Wolfe. For next year’s grant cycle UAAA member Darwin Cordovilla will join the committee. Kyla will remain on the committee, but step down as co-chair, and Joe will assume that role, co-chairing with Chris.

**2022 Award Recipients:**

- Americans United for Separation of Church and State
- Visions
- Friends Committee on National Legislation (Welcoming Refugees)
- Friends Peace Teams Libraries
- Friends Peace Teams Indonesia
- Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice
- Prison Creative Arts Program (PCAP)
- Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR) Teen Group
- Defending Rights and Dissent
- Witness for Peace Writing Workshops at Lurie Terrace
- Jeffrey L Bernstein 1A Research
- Groundcover News

**Values:** The Committee meets UUAA core values through the missions of the projects we fund and our democratic decision-making process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kyla Boyse and Chris Pellar-Kosbar, co-chairs