

Jackson Social Welfare Fund Committee

2016 Annual Report

This report covers the activities of the UUAA Jackson Social Welfare Fund Committee ("Committee") from May 1, 2015 to the present.

The Fund and the Committee's Mission: The Committee has implemented the 1955 bequest of George and Bessie Jackson annually since 1956; we are in our 61st year. The bequest requires that we distribute annual earnings for two purposes, briefly stated as follows:

- (1) to advance understanding and acceptance of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution OR
- (2) to promote rational and peaceful means of conflict resolution.

The Committee and its annual activities: The Committee's annual cycle of activities extends from January to May. We...

- learn our annual giving limit from the UUAA Investments Committee (\$28,200 for 2016);
- solicit proposals by distributing a *Request for Proposals* to local, regional, national and even international organizations, using our contacts and the UUAA website;
- receive proposals by our deadline (twelve 2016 proposals arrived by April 11, 2016);
- analyze and discuss the proposals, then decide on grants. For the 2016 annual cycle, this will happen in May. In 2015 we received sixteen proposals requesting a total of \$108,325 and made eleven grants totaling \$27,200;
- send decision letters to all applicants, enclosing checks as appropriate (completed for the 2015 cycle last May; still ahead for 2016).

Membership: The Committee's unique membership consists of six UUAA members plus two members appointed by the Ann Arbor Friends Meeting (AAFM). The 2016 UUAA Committee members are Roberta Allen, Kyla Boyse (co-chair), Joan Burleigh, Cesilie Cordovilla, Phil Tuchinsky (co-chair) and Kate Warner. AAFM appointed Marilyn Churchill and Art Wolfe.

2015 Award Recipients: We congratulate our most recent (2015) grant recipients:

American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan
American Friends Service Committee
Americans United for Separation of Church & State
Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living
Citizens Alliance on Prison and Public Spending (CAPPS)
Citizens United for Rehabilitation Of Errants (Michigan Chapter, MI-CURE)
The Dispute Resolution Center, Livingston & Washtenaw Counties
Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice
Prison Creative Arts Program (PCAP)
U.M.-Dearborn College Courses at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility

Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR)

Respectfully submitted,

Kyla Boyse and Phil Tuchinsky, co-chairs,
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