

2018 Annual Report
Khasi Hills Sponsor a Student (SAS) Committee
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The Khasi Hills SAS Committee provides financial support for the Unitarian lower primary school in the village of Mawkisyiem in the Khasi Hills of northeast India. This support helps to improve access to education in the region and makes possible personal connections between the students there and their sponsors in Ann Arbor by providing a conduit for written communication. Sponsors provide support in the form of \$50 contributions and are assigned to a particular student.

The committee also organizes occasional pilgrimages to the Khasi Hills. Such trips were made in 2006, 2011 and 2016. The next trip is tentatively scheduled for October of 2021.

The committee directs its work to support the following Unitarian Universalist principles:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
3. The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
4. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are all a part.

Program Highlights - May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018

The committee hosted a forum at which bah Rupaia Lamar from the Jowai Unitarian Church (in northeast India) spoke on Unitarianism in the Khasi Hills. Members of the committee were also involved in various other hosting activities during the visit time, including a stop at the historical Unitarian Church at the corner of State and Huron in downtown Ann Arbor.

Committee members include Laura Bauman, Cathie Breidenbach, Hal Breidenbach, Cathy Doherty, Allen Duncan, Janet Duncan, Deborah Golden, Gwen Guthrie, Peter Hochgraf, Rick Johnson, John Seeley, Hashen Sohtun, and Robert Treadway.

The committee plans to continue support of the Unitarian school at Mawkisyiem through the sponsorship program during the 2018 school year.