

UUAA Jackson Social Welfare Fund Committee

2019 Annual Report

This report covers activities of the UUAA Jackson Social Welfare Fund Committee (“Committee”) for the funding cycle January to May 2019.

Mission: The Committee serves to implement the 1955 bequest of George and Bessie Jackson, which requires that we distribute annual earnings for two purposes, briefly stated:

- 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.

Annual Activities: Each funding cycle, we:

- learn our annual giving limit from the UUAA Investments Committee (\$29,500 for 2019);
- 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 2019 annual cycle, this occurred in April; we received 12 proposals and made 12 grants;
- send decision letters to all applicants, enclosing checks as appropriate (to be completed for the 2019 funding cycle in May).

Membership: Our unique membership consists of six UUAA members plus two members appointed by the Ann Arbor Friends Meeting (AAFM). The 2019 UUAA members are Roberta Allen, Kyla Boyse (co-chair), Marina Brown, Christine Pellar-Kosbar, Phil Tuchinsky (co-chair) and Kate Warner. AAFM appointed Mark Hoover and Tom Taylor; Shirley Wolfe substituted for Tom in his absence.

2019 Award Recipients:

- American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan
- American Friends Service Committee, Michigan Criminal Justice Program
- Americans United for Separation of Church and State
- Friends Peace Teams – Asia West Pacific
- Groundcover News
- Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice
- Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency
- Michigan United
- Prison Creative Arts Program
- UM Dearborn Inside/Out and Theory Group
- Visions
- Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights

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 Phil Tuchinsky, co-chairs