

UUAA Coffee Project 2020-21 Annual Report

When the UUAA building closed due to the pandemic, Cathy and Marlin Whitaker took on the task of continuing to sell our products. They cleaned the merchandise, transferred it to their home, and set up shop. This included following the COVID-19 safety plan of the UUAA, taking orders, continuing to do the bookkeeping, packaging products to be sold from their front porch, and delivering if needed. They also publicized in the UUAA newsletter, bulletin and Facebook Page.

During this year, most orders were for coffee and tea. Sales for 2020 were \$6,113, and we were able to donate \$2,000 of profit to the UUAA, down from \$10,044 in 2019. The number of people purchasing was 29-- "out of sight, out of mind." Even with all the necessary changes related to the pandemic our coffee project has remained in the top 5% of faith-based partners of Equal Exchange (EE) in terms of sales for 2020.

We continue to support fair trade practices, Equal Exchange small farmer growers, and raise funds for the UUAA and the UUSC.

We especially want to thank the Whitakers for all their hard work and dedication to keep this project going.

Sara Gibb