



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST MINISTRY FOR EARTH

Respect Life. Restore Earth. Renew Spirit



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

—CREATE— CLIMATE JUSTICE

Unitarian Universalism seeks world community with peace, liberty and justice for all & respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Climate chaos will cause the exact opposite. Thus, averting the climate crisis is critical to the vision and lived expression of Unitarian Universalism. To support this important ministry, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and UU Ministry the Earth built Create Climate Justice Net, an online platform that provides a powerful set of networking, resource-sharing and communication tools for Unitarian Universalists and coalition partners.

For many months, a small dedicated team of UU Ministry for Earth and Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) staff, contractors, and volunteer visionaries have been collaborating to build the new platform intended to radically catalyze and support our Climate and Environmental Justice ministries.

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Climate Action Month



For Climate Justice Month this year, UUMFE observed the importance of intergenerational equity as a component of the Unitarian Universalist Principles and a foundation for the manifestation of climate justice. Youth in the United States — and all over the world — are strong, prophetic leaders of the climate justice movement.

This year's sermon is now available: "Earth Based Salvation: Juliana v. the United States" by Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie, Minister, UU Congregation, Lewis Center, Ohio.

Rise for Climate Justice



All over the world — on every continent on the planet — people participated in the "Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice" mobilization on September 8, 2018. Unitarian Universalists participated in this historic day across the world, and UU Ministry for Earth joined the U.S. national march in San Francisco as a partner organization.

The Environmental Justice Practitioners Network (EJPN) is a community focused on learning about — and taking action at — the intersections of racial, class, and ecological justice. The EJPN hosts a webinar with a special guest speaker every month. Participants in 2018 included;



- As Long as Grass Grows, A Conversation with Dina Gilio-Whitaker
- A Conversation with Members of Lummi Nation & Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship
- St. James Parish Rising: Environmental Racism in Louisiana, with Sharon Lavigne
- The Formation of the Environmental Justice Movement, with Paula Coles Jones
- Water Unites Us, with The Reverends Rose Edington & Mel Hoover
- Colonization & Unitarian Universalism, with Rev. Clyde Grubbs
- Prophetic Imagination, with Pamela Sparr, Justice on Earth essay author
- Beautiful Solutions: a Conversation with Elandria Williams
- Launching Create Climate Justice Net
- Jan Booher, Project Director of the UU Justice Florida Climate Resilience Ministry
- Salote Soqo, UUSC Senior Program Manager for Climate Action & Environmental Justice

UUA General Assembly



The Unitarian Universalist Association passed an Action of Immediate Witness in Solidarity with Indigenous Water Protectors. Six Oceti Sakowin Camp elders and relatives came to Kansas City to attend UUA General Assembly in June, 2018, presenting a double-workshop on Saturday, and offering a public event of music and storytelling on Sunday evening. Funds were donated to a Faithify campaign to extend UU hospitality and support to these Elders and Friends through all of the UUA General Assembly.

UU Ministry for Earth hosted five workshops at UUA General Assembly focusing on Climate Justice. These workshops included "Risk-Taking & Law-Breaking: Faith-Inspired Civil Disobedience," "Holistic Management: Healing Systems, Spirits, and Society" (a philosophy and agricultural practice for regenerating healthy ecosystems), "Demanding Justice & Equity in Emergency Response," "Called to the Intersections of Justice," and others. Six Table Talks were offered that allowed people to participate in a small group session and an Environmental Justice Tour highlighted intersectional issue around Kansas City.

UUMFE Financial Summary

Fiscal Year 2018 (July 2017 – June 2018)

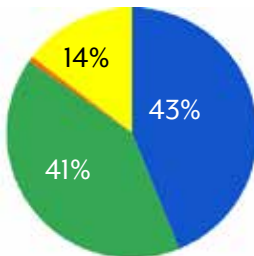
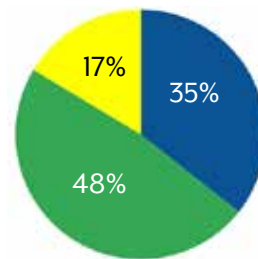
Finances: Through the generosity of individual and congregational supporters and grantors – recently including the UUA and Cedar Tree Foundation – UUMFE is in a good financial position.

FY 2017-18 income = \$133,133

(donations = \$47,444; program grants and targeted donations = \$63,906;

FY 2016-17 program grants balance carry-forward to FY 2017-18

budget = \$21,783)



FY 2017-18 expenses = \$124,590

(administration = \$54,620; programs = \$50,910;

fundraising = \$847; FY 2017-18 program grants

balance carry-forward to FY 2018-19 budget = \$18,213)

End of FY 2017-18 cash reserves = \$21,472 (in addition to FY 2018-19 program grants balance carry-forward)

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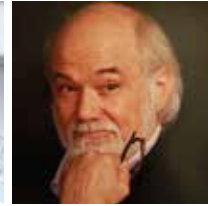
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