

FIRST U SOCIAL JUSTICE OFFERINGS

2017/2018 schedule	17/18			
	<i>Italics are committed each year in the budget</i>			
ORGANIZATION	INFO	PROPOSER	Date	Notes
Urban Bike Project	Urban Bike Project of Wilmington, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization based in Wilmington, Delaware. Our focus is education and mechanical self-reliance specifically relating to bicycle repair and maintenance. We provide educational programs and assistance to City of Wilmington residents and youth in need. Our mission is to support Wilmington communities by providing access to bicycling as a healthy, affordable and practical means of transportation and recreation. http://www.urbanbikeproject.com/	Windles	07/09/2017	
National Alliance on Mental Illness - DE	NAMI-DE is a 35 year old non-profit organization who have been helping to improve the lives of the Mentally Ill in Delaware. http://www.namidelaware.org/ We offer Education (free programs, seminars and presentations to increase the understanding of mental illness, causes and recovery. Focused educational programs for people living with mental illness, and their family members. We just started Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training to improve police response to people in mental health crisis, to divert people with mental illness from the criminal justice system and to improve outcomes of these encounters. We offer free Support Group meetings every month in all 3 counties of Delaware. Also, we provide HelpLine services that provide support, information, referrals, resources and recommendations via telephone, email and office walk-ins during business hours. We provide Advocacy for the Mentally Ill. By programs and presentations to erase stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness. Collaborations with others and policy makers to analyze and recommend policy changes. We provide Housing for over 250 chronic mentally ill persons in our 60 houses in all three Delaware counties.	Burley Melton	08/13/2017	
Movement for a Culture of Peace and Pacem in Terris	We are grateful for the very generous support from First Unitarian Church in 2016. With your contributions, Pacem in Terris (a 50-year old, local peace and justice organization) has been able to bolster our collaborations including the Palestine-Israel Human Rights Initiative and to support getting a pilot Kids4Peace program off the ground in Delaware. The Movement for a Culture of Peace (established in First Unitarian's own room 25) has been able to continue its series of monthly forums (this spring, the focus was on Delaware's correctional system) and continue its leadership role in Peace Week Delaware for this fall's concerts, spiritual vigils, and the fourth annual March for a Culture of Peace taking place Sept. 17-24, 2017. https://wilmingtonpeacemarch.wordpress.com/	Jeff Lott and Carolyn Bitzer	09/10/2017	
<i>Grant for Growth</i>	<i>Funds to support smaller UU congregations</i>	<i>Budgeted collection</i>	<i>10/08/2017</i>	
Southbridge Civic Association	Southbridge Civic Association has been working with members of First Unitarian to support environmental issues in that part of Wilmington. First U will donate funds from the special collection to the Mold Remediation Project	Environmental Task Force	11/12/2017	
Emmanuel Dining Room	Run by the <i>Ministry of Caring, Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)</i> , provides meals to people in need in the greater Wilmington area. First Unitarian Church is proud to have been a part of this effort for over 20 years, and currently provides a hot lunch on the 20th of every month at EDR's 2nd and Jackson location.	<i>Budgeted collection</i>	12/24/2017	2 Xmas eve
Lutheran Community Services	LCS has been serving low-income families in Wilmington and New Castle County, Delaware with emergency food, housing, and other services since 1959. Click here to volunteer or learn about other ways you can help. Originally founded to help senior citizens with their independent living needs, we have evolved into a multi-faceted social service agency with many different programs and locations for low-income people of all ages. Come to one of our Food For Thought Tours to learn more.	<i>Budgeted collection</i>	01/14/2018	
Independent Living for Young Adults	INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR YOUNG ADULTS (ILYA), a social justice project of First Unitarian Church, provides support for young people as they "age out" of the foster care system. ILYA works with social service agencies, helping to fill the gaps in supportive services that these young people need.	<i>Budgeted collection</i>	02/11/2018	
<i>Grant for Growth</i>	<i>Funds to support smaller UU congregations</i>	<i>Budgeted collection</i>	<i>03/11/2018</i>	
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	he primary focus of UUSC is human rights and social justice around the world. It supports programs and policies that address injustice, regardless of the type or cause of the injustice. UUSC is financially independent from the UUA and totally depends on Unitarian Universalist members for financial support.	<i>Budgeted collection</i>	04/08/2018	
Murray Grove Retreat Center	Murray Grove Retreat and Renewal Center in Lanoka Harbor, NJ is a purposefully-simple retreat facility for spiritual gatherings, congregational retreats, social and environmental justice projects, youth groups, family/school reunions, women's and men's groups, conferences, yoga/meditation groups, non-profit, personal, and spiritual retreats. http://www.murraygrove.org/	Janet Tillman	05/13/2018	
UUH Outreach Client Assistance Fund	Helps older residents in Philadelphia remain safely in their homes by identifying and accessing resources and strategies to age in place	Bill Hardham	06/10/2018	