

UCN FUND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE HISTORY

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The concept for the Unitarian Church North Fund for Social Justice was developed by UCN's Social Justice Committee and approved by the Leadership Board in 1999. The idea stemmed from the frustration that many in the congregation felt after then Governor Tommy Thompson and the legislature decided to issue \$700 million dollars in tax-rebate checks to Wisconsin taxpayers. The impact of taking these funds out of the State coffers was to greatly diminish support to social agencies that lacked the funds to adequately address issues of hunger, affordable housing, childcare and healthcare, as well as other social concerns in the Greater Milwaukee Area. UCN members donated a total of \$10,000 from their rebate checks to start up the Fund. Additional donations to the Fund can always be made.

It was then established as a Designated Component Fund within the Greater Milwaukee Foundation in February of 2000. Interest earned in this fund may be distributed on an annual basis to organizations in the Greater Milwaukee Area which were nominated by UCN's member congregation and then selected by the Social Justice Committee prior to UCN's Annual Meeting. The nomination must then be presented to the congregation members and voted on at the Annual Meeting to receive the funds.

Nominations can be made at any time by UCN members, but only those received by January 15 are eligible for consideration at the next Annual Meeting. The nomination forms can now be found in the yellow folder in the Social Justice rack on the table in the West Lobby or on UCN's website, on the Social Justice page.

**UCN FUND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
DISBURSEMENT GUIDELINES**

1. Any Unitarian Church North (UCN) member may nominate an organization for consideration for the annual disbursement from the UCN Fund for Social Justice, held at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. The nomination should be accompanied by a brief paragraph of rationale on this form and additional pages or supporting information, if needed, and returned to the Social Justice Committee by email (info@ucnorth.org) or placed in the Social Justice mailbox in the church office. **Nominations may be submitted at any time, but must be received by January 15 in order to be considered for that year's disbursement.**
2. The Social Justice Committee will recommend a recipient(s) for the interest income generated from the Fund for Social Justice during the previous calendar year. The congregation will vote on the recommendation at its annual meeting in May. The committee recommendation will be voted on as a package recommendation and will not be subject to amendment. The recommendation will require a simple majority in order to pass. If rejected or if there are no nominations, no disbursement would be made that year and the interest income would be left in the Fund for the following year.
3. Disbursements will be made in areas of human services and will be consistent with UCN's vision and mission, and the mission of the UUSC, as outlined in the "Structure and Responsibilities of the Social Justice Committee."
4. Disbursements, generally, will be made to 501c3 charitable organizations in the Greater Milwaukee Area, although the committee may wish to support efforts that may not be organized as a 501c3. The Social Justice Committee may seek guidance from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation on the credibility of potential recipients.
5. The Social Justice Committee will keep annual records of the disbursements. These will be part of the annual report of the Social Justice Committee to the congregation, and are made available to all members prior to the Annual Meeting.

**NOMINATION FORM
UCN FUND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
Award Year 2025
Nomination Deadline: January 15**

Name of Nominated Organization: _____

Nominated Organization's Address: _____

Nominator: _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____

Nominator's email address: _____

REASON FOR NOMINATION. ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED.