UU Partner Church Council Young Adult Grants for the ICUU Conference & Council Meeting 2018

The Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council (UUPCC) is planning to provide assistance for young adult participants (ages 18 – 35) to attend the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU) Conference and Council meeting in Shillong, India, from 11-15 February, 2018. It is our hope that these funds will make it possible for young adults to join in the important international work of our shared faith.

In the interests of open access and transparency, grants to attend the ICUU Council Meeting and Conference will be determined via an application process.

To be considered for such a grant, a completed application form must be returned to ICUU Young Adult Program leaders by email at office@uupcc.org. Applications must office@uupcc.org. Applications must office@uupcc.org. Office@uupcc.org. Applications must <a href="mailto:arrive no later than 01 September 2017. office@uupcc.org. <a href="mailto:arrive no later than 01 September 2017. office@uupcc.org. office@uupcc.org. <a href="mailto:Questions may be addressed to Melody Moberg@uuchurch.org.

Eligibility:

Each non-US/non-Canadian applicant must be approved by the governing body of their national or regional organization, and no more than two such recommendations will be considered from any country. A letter of recommendation from applicant's national or regional organization must be included with applications or sent separately to office@uupcc.org. Canadian and US applicants whose congregations function under congregational polity must submit a letter of recommendation from the minister or governing body of a congregation either with the application or separately to office@uupcc.org.

Subsidies are given only to people who cannot otherwise afford to attend. Applicants will be asked to provide financial and other information that the UUPCC Youth & Young Adult Initiative Team will need to consider applications and to allocate our limited resources.

Criteria:

The following factors will be among those considered in making grants:

- Priority is given to delegates and to persons who have not been funded to attend an ICUU event within the last three years
- Priority will be given to young adults who wish to or are developing leadership skills within their U/U faith communities.
- All grant recipients agree to participate fully in the Conference/Council meeting and the Young Adult Program.

Selection:

The applications will be considered by the UU Partner Church Youth & Young Adult

Initiative Team. Applications are due on 01 September 2017. The Youth & Young Adult Initiative Team will make aid decisions and plan to notify all applicants if they have received funding by 01 November 2017.

We likely will not be able to provide grants to applications for everyone who applies. Receipt by UUPCC Youth & Young Adult Initiative Team of an application should not be regarded as a commitment or promise to provide a grant.

Grants:

We hope to offer grants to cover most of the cost of airfare and conference costs for applicants from most of Africa and Asia outside of Northeast India. (The ICUU is running a separate funding program for Northeast Indian Unitarians, including young adults.) We hope to offer partial grants to contribute toward the cost of airfare and registration for applicants from elsewhere in the world. Applicants may want to explore other financing or fundraising options, in addition to applying for a UUPCC young adult grant.

Those whose are subsidized to attend the meeting are expected to arrange for and fund their own visas, if required, and to fund domestic transportation in their own country to and from the international airport. Grant recipients are also expected to contribute at least a little toward the cost of attending the conference; this will vary according to country and personal financial situations. The UUPCC working with the ICUU will arrange international air travel and on-site conference costs for the participant up to the amount of the grant for travel and conference costs only. Those who wish to extend their travel will be expected to pay the full costs of such travel extensions, including the post-conference extensions offered by the Unitarian Union of Northeast India.

We expect that the minimum grant amount will be \$500. We likely will not be able to provide grants to all who apply. Receipt by UU Partner Church Youth & Young Adult Initiative Team of an application should not be regarded as a commitment or promise to provide a grant.