

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT BY PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSALIST CONVENTION

Name of Church: Unitarian Universalist Church of the Restoration
Submitted by: Ron Soper, PUC Trustee (on behalf of the Board of Trustees)
Date: 2-26-2007 **TPUC Meeting Date:** 3/24/2007 **Amount requested:** \$1,500

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Project Name & Description: Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Multicultural Collaboration
Part of the mission of the PUC is to foster the exchange of program ideas with other congregations and to promote the importance of our Universalist Heritage. We would like to hold two events in partnership with our neighboring Philadelphia UU churches, Unitarian Society of Germantown and First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia in Center City. Both churches have expressed an interest in joining with us to become more anti-racist and more anti-oppressive. We propose to hold a Jubilee One training at UUCR and invite members and friends of USG and First Church. In conversation with former moderator Barbara Bunkle, Paula Cole Jones, a UUA diversity consultant, suggested that UUCR members and friends would benefit from a Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop. The UUA encourages congregations who are searching for a settled minister to hold this training for their members and their search committees. Ms. Cole Jones believes it would be a valuable way for people who have attended Jubilee workshops and Welcoming Congregation workshops to sharpen their understanding and extend their thinking about privilege and difference along the lines of race, gender, and sexuality. While we are completing our Welcoming Congregation efforts this year, Reverend McCall has stated many times that to be truly welcoming requires an ongoing conversation and continuing education about anti-oppression topics. Not many churches have incorporated these workshops about race and GLBTQ issues as points of continuing education and discussion within a congregation.

With funding from the PUC, we could demonstrate leadership in this area. We can invite workshops leaders trained by the UUA to present these two workshops to UUCR, USG, and First Church. A grant request of \$1,500, along with contributions from those attending, should cover the workshop fees, transportation costs, and some scholarship funds so that registration fees would not become a barrier.

Period covered: April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008

This is standard, as it conforms to the PUC fiscal year.

Dates(s) funds required: Half when the event is scheduled and balance after event

This is where we request how the grant money is to be sent to us. Some grants, like staff support and ministerial support, are requested in four quarterly payments. Since the Uncommon Denomination was to include regular advertising, we asked for four quarterly payments. Other grant requests, like the audio-visual request, ask for imbursement with receipt after the items have been purchased or the services contracted.

Membership count: 93
As reported to the UUA in January.

Cost per member per year: \$16.13

(\$1,500.00/93=\$16.13)

Expected results of project: Two events that would provide opportunities for adults to learn about diversity. An opportunity for members to share experiences with members from other churches.

Financing of project:

from the church	\$??????????
from this PUC request	<u>\$1,500</u>
total cost of project	\$1,500

If the church is funding part of the project and asking the PUC to supplement, the amount the church is spending in the first line. In such cases, the total cost of the project would be greater than the PUC request.

How is success of project to be measured? Attendance at these two events; improved and ongoing collaboration among the three UU churches in Philadelphia

What will happen if not funded by PUC? Funds will be reallocated from our operating budget if possible. Without grant funding, conducting these events will be very difficult.

Annual contribution level per pledging unit: \$1,496.89 based on 68 pledges as of 2/18/2007

Treasurer would have pledges and pledge units for the current fiscal year.

Percent of church total current budget from PUC: 10.8 percent

This figure should be available from the current treasurer's report.

Is church UUA certified? YES

Is church UUA contributing? YES

Who will report back to PUC? PUC Trustee, Patricia DeBrady starting Fall, 2007

When? 2007 Fall Meeting and 2008 Spring Meeting

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