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Policy on General Assembly Delegates

Policy adopted (unknown), amended May 19, 2004 and **April 16, 2008**

Purpose: To define how General Assembly delegates are selected and what expenses will be covered.

- At least two months before the registration deadline for the General Assembly, the Mission Council Director will give notice via the Reporter and other acceptable means of written or electronic communication, e.g., all-church e-mail or web site, on the opportunities available for General Assembly delegates.
- The Mission Council Director will be responsible for bringing a slate of delegates and alternates for General Assembly to the Board for approval.
- To the extent funding allows, St.John's will pay the registration fees for the non staff approved delegates. If budgetary constraints prevent St.John's from covering fees for all delegates in full, individuals may cover their own fees, or portion of fees, and still retain delegate standing.
- Some additional expenses may be covered depending on the availability of funds in the budget. The Board must approve of all covered expenses.

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Policy on Outreach Grant Allocation and the Outreach Grant Committee

Policy adopted August 16, 2000, amended May 19, 2004
November 17, 2004 and **January 16, 2008**

Purpose: To form guidelines for the awarding of grants and the submission of Outreach grant proposals

Guidelines for the allocation of funds:

- Outreach Grant monies will be allocated in the month following the close of the previous fiscal year after realized monies from pledges is known

Guidelines for the awarding of grants:

- Grants will be awarded to not-for-profit organizations that are involved in community action in the Greater Cincinnati area
- Grants will be between \$500 and \$2000
- The Outreach Grant Committee will be responsible for the gathering and review of proposals, and the awarding of grants
- The Mission Council Director will be responsible for bringing to the Board the slate of grant recipients selected by the Outreach Grant Committee. The Board must approve all recipients
- There can be no direct benefit of a grant to a member of St. John's
- All previous applicants and recipients are eligible

Guidelines for submission of grants:

- Each request for a grant must include the following:
 - Identification of the Unitarian Universalist sponsor. Ideally, the sponsor will have first hand knowledge of the project or organization
 - Identification of the organization (title, address, phone numbers)
 - Identification of the contact person (name, address, phone numbers, email address)
 - Identification of the UU sponsor (name, address, phone numbers and church)
 - A brief paragraph describing the organization
 - Description of the specific project for funding

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- Description of how volunteer hours by St. John's members might be used by the organization
 - Amount of funding being requested, as well as a minimum amount that would be helpful
- Application and supporting information may not total more than 4 pages

Guidelines for Outreach Grant Committee:

- The Mission Council Director will be responsible for bringing to the Board a slate of Outreach Grant Committee members. The Board must approve all members
- The Committee will be composed of 6 members of the congregation, each serving staggered three year terms. The Mission Council Director will serve in ex officio capacity.
- Members may not serve two consecutive 3-year terms.
- Members serving out a portion of an unexpired term may serve the 3-year term that follows.
- The Mission Council Director will convene the first meeting of the Outreach Grant Committee, at which time the committee will select its chairperson.

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Social Action Bulletin Board Policy

Adopted November, 2004 by the Social Action Coordinating Committee
Endorsed by the Board of Trustees **November 17, 2004**

Purpose: Guidelines for the posting of materials on the Social Action Bulletin Board

- The bulletin board is run by the Social Action Coordinating Committee and in no way represents the official or collective opinion of St. John's membership, its Board of Trustees, or the Social Action Coordinating Committee.
- The purpose of the bulletin board is to foster involvement and action by publicizing social justice events, volunteer opportunities and other information about social justice issues.
- Anyone may post an item on the bulletin board if it relates to social justice / political action.
- You must print your name and the current date on any item you put up.
- Any item may be removed to make room for something deemed more important or timely.
- We will remove any item that includes "fighting words" or obscenity or which violates IRS regulations about churches and political actions they may engage in.
- Complaints about anything on the bulletin board should be directed to the SACC chairperson. A complaint rejected or over-ruled by the chairperson may be appealed to the church Board of Trustees.
- While on appeal, the item will remain up or down, whichever reflects the chairperson's decision.
- Let us all respect the views of others while exercising our own freedom of expression.

UU Council Delegates

Policy adopted August 20, 2008

Purpose: To define how delegates to the UU Council will be selected.

The Denominational Affairs Committee will recruit three Delegates and one Alternate who may substitute for any one of the three regular Delegates.