

Social and Environmental Justice Team Abstract of FY 2020–21 Annual Report¹

For fiscal year 2020–21, UniLu budgeted \$6,255, including some carryover from the prior year, to address social and environmental justice concerns. The team tasked with overseeing expenditures relied on several principles in allocating these funds. The use of the funds should:

- reflect core values underlying our faith that call us to act compassionately and pursue justice;
- be distributed in a manner that maximizes the impact of our limited resources, which requires us to take account of the effectiveness of beneficiary organizations; and
- challenge us to act locally and globally.

The team members brought to the table a diverse yet frequently overlapping set of concerns that can be grouped as follows:

- Well-Being of the World's Poorest People
- Health Needs of Locally Underserved Populations
- Racial Justice & Support of Indigenous Peoples
- Climate Change & Our Impact on Earth's Creatures

Team members researched organizations that addressed these concerns and, based on the principles for allocating funds, approved 16 organizations to receive a modest financial contribution of \$300 each from UniLu. Prior to this process, the council had rolled over funds to be used mainly for the Heart and Home Collaborative women's shelter and also for a small initial gift to Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival as we began a practice of land acknowledgment. Throughout the year in response to requests by members of the congregation, we also reviewed and approved allocations of \$50 for the 2020 CROP Walk, Bright Stars of Bethlehem in support of Dar al-Kalima University, and South Bay Sanctuary Covenant in light of progress in financial reporting from our engagement. See Table 1 for a complete listing of beneficiaries and approved funds, some of which still need to be disbursed.

The team concluded that the remaining funds (approximately \$875) should be carried over for contribution to a local indigenous land trust in recognition that UniLu sits on unceded ancestral land of which indigenous neighbors have been unjustly dispossessed. We also encourage the congregation and council to consider an ongoing annual contribution to such a land trust in recognition of our ongoing benefit from use of this land. The team is currently investigating the most appropriate land trust (possibly yet to be established) for the site of this congregation.

We need to give more than just financial contributions if we are to be faithful to our commitment to social and environmental justice. In particular, it is essential for us to:

- gain a greater understanding of our role, individually and collectively, in the underlying issues that these organizations are addressing; and
- identify concrete actions that we can take to promote justice for all people and all of Creation.

To these ends, the team is looking forward to further incorporating engagement with social and environmental justice concerns in our congregational life at UniLu. We've started with education through the "Giving for Justice" presentation in Sunday Seminar on October 3, 2021.

¹ A full report of the Social and Environmental Justice Team is also available on request.

Table 1. Beneficiaries of FY20-21 Social & Environmental Justice Funds

#	CATEGORY and Organization	Amount
	WELL-BEING OF THE WORLD'S POOREST PEOPLE	
1	Malaria Consortium	\$300.00
2	Against Malaria Foundation	\$300.00
3	Helen Keller International Vitamin A Supplementation Program	\$300.00
4	New Incentives	\$300.00
5	Schistosomiasis Control Initiative	\$300.00
6	Sightsavers	\$300.00
7	Evidence Action's Deworm the World Initiative	\$300.00
8	Give Directly	\$300.00
	HEALTH NEEDS OF LOCALLY UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS	
9	Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley	\$300.00
10	Ravenswood Family Health Network	\$300.00
	RACIAL JUSTICE & SUPPORT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES	
11	Greenlining Institute	\$300.00
12	Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival *	\$350.00
13	Sogorea Te' Land Trust *	\$300.00
	CLIMATE CHANGE & OUR IMPACT ON EARTH'S CREATURES	
14	Earthjustice	\$300.00
15	Wild Animal Initiative	\$300.00
16	Solar Cookers International	\$300.00
	OTHER BENEFICIARIES	
17	Heart & Home Collaborative	\$379.79
18	CROP Walk (2020)	\$50.00
19	Bright Stars of Bethlehem (Dar al-Kalima University) *	\$50.00
20	South Bay Sanctuary Covenant *	\$50.00
	TOTAL	\$5,379.79
	* All or portion of funds to this organization are still to be distributed.	