

Judi Maurer Scholarship
A Program of the Social Justice Gift Fund of
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church

Introduction

In 1976, the family of Judi Maurer made a donation to CLUUC to be used for "youth assistance and other charitable social action programs." Interest from that initial investment has been used for a variety of such programs through the years through the Social Justice Council (formerly Board of Social Concerns). For several years, this money has provided funding for a full tuition scholarship for two semesters at Montgomery College for a needy Rockville High School student. The process for choosing the scholarship recipient has included input and evaluation from two current CLUUC (and former SJC) members, Kent Mason and Deborah Trent.

In the fall of 2002 the Financial Council recommended to the Board of Trustees the consolidation of several non-endowment, social action funds into a single Social Justice Gift Fund to be administered by the SJC. The Maurer Fund was included in this consolidation. The Board approved this action.

Present Program

Because there is still considerable interest among SJC members in maintaining the Montgomery College scholarship program, SJC has committed to continuing this program for, at minimum, the next two to three years, calling it the Judi Maurer Scholarship. At present both Mr. Mason and Ms. Trent will represent CLUUC in the process of selecting students for the scholarship. When the student is selected, Mr. Mason or Ms. Trent will notify the SJC treasurer, the prospective student will provide a copy of the Montgomery College tuition and fees invoice which will be passed on to the church bookkeeper for payment.

Other Issues

In the event Mr. Mason or Ms. Trent leaves the selection committee, another member of CLUUC will be recommended by the SJC to take his/her place so that at least two members of CLUUC will be involved in the selection process. At least \$5,000 will be left in the Social Justice Gift Fund from current funds to guarantee adequate funding for four semesters.

Continuance of the program will be reevaluated by the SJC after two years, i.e., after the first semester of the 2008-2009 academic year.