

# **Proposal for Funding**

*March 7, 2005*

For People of Color (POC) to attend the Mountain Desert District  
Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly  
October 7-9, 2005 in Grand Junction, Colorado

To: DRUUMM Steering Committee

The Mission of DRUUMM states that as POC, we unite to:

- Work for self-determination, justice and equal opportunity,
- Empower our various ministries,
- Celebrate our diverse heritages,
- Overcome racism through resistance,
- Transform and enrich Unitarian Universalism through our multicultural experiences.

We believe that greater participation of UUs of Colors in District and Continental events can help us fulfill this mission.

We thereby request funding from DRUUMM to sponsor UUs of Color to participate in the next Mountain Desert District's Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly to be held in Grand Junction, Colorado from October 7<sup>th</sup> through October 9<sup>th</sup> of 2005.

We propose to pay full registration fees (\$150 per person for Early Bird rate) for up to 10 UUs (a total amount of not more than \$1500) who self-identify as People of Color and who are members of an affiliated UU Congregation of Mountain Desert District. Furthermore, we propose to set aside a time during the conference for POCs to meet as a caucus, to network together and become organized. As an organized entity, UUs of Colors in our district can then begin to influence the programming at the District level by planning and offering programs for and by POCs at district events.

Respectfully Submitted:

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