UUCSC Hurdis Fund Awards $8,250 for Local Social Justice Projects

The Carolyn Steere Hurdis Fund for Social Justice will be funding three exciting projects in 2025.

The first grant award of $5,000 goes to the Kingston Congregational church and the Compass School working in partnership on the Witness Stones Project. Participants will learn about the lives of local enslaved people from the 18th and 19th centuries. Understanding their stories and history will help advance racial justice in our time. Watch for how you can engage in this community project.

Next the UUCSC Social and Racial Justice Group will again host Chrystal Mars Baker and Silver Moon LaRose from the Tomaquag Museum for two March evening presentations in the sanctuary of the church. The $750 grant from the Hurdis Fund will support this program about the rich culture of the Narragansetts and their strong relationship to nature. “Plant Stories” and “Water is Life” will be the focus of these programs which are open to the public.

A $2500 grant goes to the Davisville Middle School in North Kingstown to support the Silk Road Market, a months-long interdisciplinary study for all students. Dance, drama, drumming, and design and an elaborate market will enhance students’ understanding of Asian and African cultures.

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