

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS FOR ICUU SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Full and Provisional Members of the ICUU as well as recognized Emergent Groups and Associates may apply to the ICUU for short-term financial assistance for a limited range of specific purposes. Applications will only be considered if these are within the categories covered by the ICUU policy (See below).

Grant applications must be made using the attached form. If your request does not fall within one of the categories listed below then, do *not* use this form. Once completed, the form must arrive at the ICUU office by **February 28** for consideration at the Spring ICUU Executive Committee Meeting, or by **September 30** for consideration at the October ICUU Executive Committee Meeting. *If you are making an emergency application that requires immediate action, please indicate this on the application form.*

ICUU POLICY REGARDING FINANCIAL AID

- a.) It is the policy of ICUU not to make grants out of its operating budget to member or other groups for capital projects. That is, it will not fund in whole or in part any of the following: the purchase, rental or lease of land and real estate; the purchase, rental or lease of buildings; the construction of buildings; the extension, repair, renovation or improvement of buildings; any project deemed by EC and Council to be a capital project.
- b.) It is the policy of ICUU not to make grants to any member or other group for the normal remuneration of any person in that group's employ.
- c.) ICUU will consider making grants to member and other groups (i.e. full and provisional members, emerging groups and associates) for the purpose of buying or producing the following: worship and religious education materials; publicity and promotional materials; other materials and equipment necessary for a group's own administrative and communication needs. In certain emergency circumstances ICUU will consider grants towards the hire of space for worship, meetings and administration. Applications for such grants must be fully costed and their expenditure fully and properly accounted for. Misuse of all or part of a grant by the group or by any individual or individuals within it will result in demand for its repayment and will prejudice the consideration of any future application from that group. Grants will only be considered when EC is satisfied that there is a real need and that the applicant group is capable of administering it.
- d.) ICUU will offer advice and assistance as to where groups can seek the grant aid that ICUU is unable to give, and will undertake to bring this need to the attention of the full membership.
- e.) Except as provided for above, the ICUU cannot give grants in the event of natural and humanitarian disasters. In circumstances where one or more member or kindred groups are affected by them, however, it will bring this to the urgent attention of all its members so that they may respond as they see fit, whether through bilateral aid or through the organization of a coordinated response.

APPLICATION FORM FOR ICUU SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All of the information requested must be provided. Missing information could seriously delay the application being processed.

Name of your Group: Sociedade Unitária Brasileira (Brazilian Unitarian Society)

Your name and position: Bruno Oliveira Maroneze – Lay leader

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What is the money to be used for?

All the money requested will be used to cover or subsidize the expenses of participants of the 2008 gathering of UUs from Brazil and Bolivia to take place from January 17 to 20 in Cocalzinho, Goiás, Brazil. Costs for individual participants will be approximately \$125 for food and lodging, and transportation from the town out to the campsite. The leaders of the event expect around 20 participants, who will be expected to pay their own travel expenses to Cocalzinho. However, it is hoped that there will be some money to subsidize the travel of those who cannot afford it otherwise.

Give details and state your reasons for making this request.

In July of 2002, a small number of interested people met for a UU gathering at the campsite near Cocalzinho. Among the participants were Paulo Ereno, Greta Browne and Gaylord Smith. It was a successful gathering, strengthening the resolve of those three leaders to continue their efforts in developing a Brazilian UU group. All three were at the ICUU training conference in Argentina in 2005. Bruno Maroneze responded to the efforts of Paulo Ereno to promote UUism in Brazil, and he also attended the training in Argentina. Bruno has worked hard to develop a group of people interested in UU principles in the larger São Paulo area. They are eager to gather with other UUs to gain a deeper understanding and to discover new ways to promote UUism in Brazil. Olga Flores from Bolivia and Greta Browne from the US have given support to Bruno and the São Paulo group.

All of these leaders believe that a gathering would be a significant means to strengthen the work in Brazil. As Brazil is a very large country, the meeting also intends to be a space for gathering together UUs and sympathizers from other parts of Brazil, like Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte and Maceió. So far we have been mostly a virtual group and we feel the need to know each other in person to be able to forge ahead and become an 'emerging' group of the ICUU.

Since the group in São Paulo doesn't have access to a space for this kind of meeting, and since Greta is able to make the campsite on her son's farm in Goiás available for a very reasonable

price, the gathering is set to take place there. However, most of the participants are unable to cover the costs of the trip from São Paulo or elsewhere, and the stay at the farm. It is hoped that the ICUU would be able to assist with these costs.

Amount being requested from the ICUU (in estimated USD): \$2,500.00

Amount being raised locally in support of this project (in estimated USD):

Are you expecting money for this project to come from any other sources? If so, give details:

If this request is granted, you will be expected to submit a written report to the ICUU within one year itemizing how this money was spent. If there are left over funds or if the money could not be spent for the purpose for which it was approved, then you will be expected to return the unused funds to the ICUU unless specifically exempted from doing so.

Bruno O. Maroneze

Signature

São Paulo, December 5th, 2007

Date

Please submit completed application forms to:

Rev John Clifford, Executive Secretary
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Applications may also be submitted electronically to: clifford@universalist.ednet.co.uk