

**2021 Annual Report**  
**Khasi Hills Sponsor a Student (SAS) Committee**  
**Submitted by Cathy Doherty and Allen Duncan**

The Khasi Hills SAS Committee provides financial support for the Unitarian lower primary school in the village of Mawkisiyiem in the Khasi Hills of northeast India. This support helps to improve access to education in the region and makes possible personal connections between the students there and their sponsors in Ann Arbor by providing a conduit for written communication. Each sponsor provides support in the form of a \$50 contribution and is assigned to a particular student.

The committee also organizes occasional pilgrimages to the Khasi Hills. Such trips were made in 2006, 2011 and 2016. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our previously planned trip (autumn, 2021) has been cancelled. The next trip is tentatively scheduled for October of 2022.

The committee directs its work to support the following Unitarian Universalist principles:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
4. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are all a part.

***Program Highlights - May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021***

The committee continued its work in pairing sponsors and students, receiving letters from the school during the summer and distributing them to sponsors in the fall; and collecting letters from sponsors and returning them to the school. We also hosted a Sunday afternoon forum where we discussed the current status of the school, its faculty and students. Additionally, in this year's forum, we discussed the history of the Sponsor A Student Committee, and read a letter written by our founder, Rev. Eva Cameron.

***Committee members*** include Cathie Breidenbach, Hal Breidenbach, Cathy Doherty, Allen Duncan, Betty Fox, Deborah Golden, Gwen Guthrie, Peter Hochgraf, Rick Johnson, Hashen Sohtun, and Robert Treadway.

The committee plans to continue support of the Unitarian school at Mawkisiyiem through the sponsorship program during the 2021 school year.