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## **ANNUAL SOCIETY REPORT for MID-RIVERS**

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**2018**

Ethical Action:

- **Climate:** We continue to participate in Missouri's Adopt-a-Highway program, and invite speakers to deliver Platform addresses pertaining to climate issues whenever possible
- **Racial Justice:** We have merged our Ethical Action committee with a new Social Justice committee, in order to expand our reach beyond the few local charities we partner with in our area, particularly the Youth in Need emergency shelter where we provide dinner monthly and donate supplies year-round.

Our Society added a monthly Adult Learning Forum program this year, focusing on a broad variety of topics including local political issues around the mid-term elections and LGBTQ Equality.

We have also focused on our local homeless population, providing support on a monthly basis, partnering with the Atheist Alliance Helping the Homeless.

We are in the process of developing a program designed for the men in our Society, as well as a partnership with the NAACP's Energy Justice Roundtable.

**Ethical Education (children ages 2-13)** Our SEEK program has focused on World Cultures, learning about belief systems and traditions all around the world. Several guest teachers shared first hand experiences with our kids, representing Germany, Poland, India and China.  
**Youth of Ethical Societies (teens ages 14-18)** Our teens continue to attend the YES conference every year, and several younger students have been repeat participants at Camp Quest in Kansas City, courtesy of our Society.

**Membership:** We grew in membership by about 30% this year, welcoming 13 new members. This puts us at 50 members, as of this writing. As our numbers increase, so does our budget, our programming, and our strength. We hope to be able to purchase a building some day, and perhaps hire a leader.

Our goals for 2019 include continued growth in numbers and in outreach. We are partnering with the St. Louis Society more than ever before in our marketing efforts and programming. We have created a "Church Without God?" presentation to share regularly with interested people in both communities.