

UUFP POLICY

Name

“Share the Basket” Policy

Purpose

To establish parameters for the sharing of non-pledge contributions made during worship service offerings in order to be a life-affirming liberal religious force in our community.

Policy

1. The Fellowship will give half of the non-pledge portion of our collected offerings on first, second, third and fourth Sundays to other, independent charitable organizations.
2. Eligible organizations must:
 - a. be 501(c)(3) charities;
 - b. offer services compatible with Unitarian Universalist values;
 - c. provide opportunities to educate and/or engage the Fellowship in activities promoting social and/or environmental justice;
 - d. have no greater than 20% administrative overhead (unless a reasonable argument can be made for a higher overhead).
3. Programs of the Fellowship are not eligible.
4. The Social Justice Committee will accept nominations for such organizations and select a slate for final approval by the Policy Board before the end of each fiscal year.
5. Each approved organization will be a Share-the-Basket partner for an entire fiscal year and will receive its portion of the offering on a designated Sunday each month.
6. LINK will be the Share-the-Basket partner for third Sundays.

Rationale

In line with our mission and vision, and to promote greater community outreach, we will share our collection with outside organizations aligned with our values and purposes. Unitarian Universalism calls on us to work for justice and humanity: by reaching out into the community, we show who we are and for what we stand. In this, the Fellowship joins many other UU congregations that are using this process to make a difference in the world. In partnering with other organizations in the local community, we learn more about ourselves while also fostering generosity within our walls. Congregations that practice this kind of giving find that they are better able to empower and advocate for those in need.

History

Original policy approved: June 2010

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