

POLICY ON SHARE THE PLATE

Submitted by Social Action Committee, Linda McLeod, chair: 5/18/2016

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1.0 RATIONALE/PURPOSE

Share the Plate is a community outreach project that reflects the UUCB social justice philosophy. By donating part of the weekly non-pledge collection to a nonprofit group selected by the congregation, the UUCB gives back to the community in a meaningful and ongoing way.

2.0 DEFINITION

Share the Plate: A program to donate a defined portion of Sunday's non-pledge plate collection to a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that is selected by the congregation.

Plate Collection: The cash and checks donated to the UUCB and collected during the Sunday services.

3.0 POLICY

1. The Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia (UUCB) will develop and maintain an up-to-date procedures manual for the Share the Plate Program.
2. The recipients of Share the Plate will be nominated and voted on by the congregation annually. Recipients may include local, national, or international nonprofits. The Social Action Committee will define the roles and responsibilities of the different participants in the process for electing, nominating, and paying the recipients of Share the Plate.
3. The Chair of the Social Action Committee will maintain a record of any additions, amendments, revisions, or deletions to the policies and procedures.