## POLICY ON SHARE THE PLATE

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## 1.0 RATIONALE/PURPOSE

Share the Plate is a community outreach project that reflects the UUCC social justice philosophy. By donating part of the weekly non-pledge collection to a nonprofit group selected by the congregation, the UUCC 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 UUCC collected during the Sunday services.

## 3.0 POLICY

- 1. The Share the Plate Sub-committee is a sub-committee of the Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia (UUCC). The Sub-committee develops and maintains an up-to-date procedure 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 will include local 501(c)(3) nonprofits not affiliated with the UUA. The Share the Plate sub-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 Share the Plate Sub-committee will maintain a record of any additions, amendments, revisions, or deletions to the policies and procedures, and is accountable to the Chair of the Social Action Committee.