

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis**  
**MEMORIALS POLICY**

*Adopted by the Board of Trustees on October 10, 2016*

**Purpose**

Following the death of a Church member, families and friends often wish to honor their loved one's life and work in this Church community. This policy sets forth general principles relating to memorials honoring deceased Church members. This policy supersedes all prior policies, procedures, or practices relating to these matters.

**Memorial Gifts**

Families and friends seeking to memorialize deceased Church members may wish to consider the following memorial gifts:

- A contribution to an ongoing Church program of particular interest to the Church member being honored.
- A gift to the Church's Endowment Fund, which is managed by the Unitarian Universalist (UU) Common Endowment Fund and used to provide long-term support for the mission and work of the UU Church of Davis.
- A gift to the Church's Building Fund, used to pay down the principal on existing building loans or to fund construction of new buildings.
- Purchase of a memorial tile honoring the member in the Church's Memorial Grove.

Other proposals for memorials, including additions to the Church's grounds or buildings, may be submitted to the Operations Co-Chairs for review by Church staff or leaders or by the Church's Board of Trustees, as deemed appropriate.

Acceptance of memorial gifts shall be governed by the Church's Gift Acceptance Policy and Endowment Fund Policy. The Church cannot guarantee that any memorial addition to the Church's buildings, grounds, or hardscape will be replaced or maintained in perpetuity.

**Interment of Cremated Remains**

Interment of cremated remains is not permitted on Church grounds. However, the ceremonial sprinkling of a small handful of cremated remains is permitted. The control and use of the Church's grounds shall be completely unaffected by the presence of cremated remains.

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