

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis**  
**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS POLICY**

*Adopted by the Board of Trustees on October 9, 2017*

**Purpose**

This policy establishes share-the-plate Sunday collections. Each month, a different nonprofit organization will receive half of non-pledge contributions to the Sunday collections.

**Selection of Nonprofit Recipients**

Eleven recipients will be selected by a Board-appointed subcommittee. The subcommittee will solicit nominations from the congregation and staff, evaluate nominees, and recommend selected recipients to the Board for final approval. The Children's Religious Exploration Committee (CREC) will have the opportunity to select one additional recipient as a focus for a month of CREC activities.

These criteria shall be considered in selecting nominees:

- The nominee's goals should be in harmony with Unitarian Universalist values and with the Church's mission and vision statements.
- Preference shall be given to nominees whose activities benefit residents of counties in which our members reside.
- The nominee must be a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
- The nominee should have an advocate from our congregation and from its own leadership.
- If national or statewide organizations are considered, preference shall be given to Unitarian Universalist nonprofits (e.g., UU College of Social Justice, UU Justice Ministry of California, UU Ministry for Earth, UU Service Committee).

**Other Considerations**

- Up to three one-time special collections may be authorized by the Senior Minister. Recipients of these special collections shall receive 100 percent of the amounts collected.
- The Board shall choose the recipient of the Christmas Eve collection. The selected recipient shall receive 100 percent of the amount collected.
- Recipients of each special collection shall be publicized in advance, if possible, and amounts collected shall be reported to the congregation.
- Each nonprofit recipient may table in the Social Hall during the month that it shares the Sunday collection in order to publicize its work or seek volunteers.